

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – January 5, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

Bob Waldrep – District #1

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2

Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3

Tom Allen – District #4

Ron Wilson – District #6

M. Cindy Wilson – District #7

Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator


Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney

Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County   of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

EDDIE MOORE, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
TOMMY DUNN  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON



1 GRACIE FLOYD: ... with me as I go to my God  
2 and you go to yours.

3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD

4 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 3, the election  
5 of the chairman. And I'd like to have the distinct  
6 honor of making the first nomination for the chairman  
7 for the County Council. I'd like to nominate Mr. Tommy  
8 Dunn, District Five, for the chairman of County  
9 Council. And I have a second. Are there any other  
10 nominations for chairman?

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to nominate our  
14 vice chair, Mr. Tom Allen. It would give me a distinct  
15 pleasure to nominate Mr. Allen.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Allen. We have a  
17 second. And we have a second. Mr. Allen and Mr. Dunn.  
18 Any other nominations for chairman? Hearing none and  
19 seeing none, nominations for chairman are closed. We  
20 now vote on chairman. All in favor of Tom Allen, raise  
21 your right hand. Okay. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen and Ms.  
22 Floyd vote for Mr. Allen. All in favor of Tommy Dunn,  
23 raise your right hand. Let it be shown Mr. Dunn is now  
24 our new chairman. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Dunn  
25 and Mr. Moore. So with that said, I'm going to turn  
26 over the gavel to Mr. Dunn. You want me to go ahead  
27 and finish the election? Okay. We'll now go to the  
28 vice chairman.

29 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

31 BOB WALDREP: I'd like to nominate Mr. Eddie  
32 Moore as Vice Chairman of County Council.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have Eddie Moore  
34 nominated for vice chairman and we have a second. Any  
35 other nominations for vice chairman?

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to nominate  
39 someone who's never had a chance to be a leader of this  
40 council. I would like to nominate Ms. Cindy Wilson for  
41 vice chair.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Nomination for Ms.  
43 Cindy Wilson for vice chair. Okay. Anybody else?  
44 Okay. Nomination now closed for vice chair. All in  
45 favor of Eddie Moore for vice chair, raise your right  
46 hand. Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson.  
47 And all in favor of Ms. Wilson, raise your right hand.  
48 Mr. Moore. I guess I'll be vice chairman. I'll now  
49 turn over the chairmanship to Mr. Dunn.  
50 Congratulations, Mr. Dunn. I am very happy and honored

1 to pass the gavel to you.

2 APPLAUSE

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore and  
4 fellow council members. At this time I would just like  
5 to say a few brief words. I hope this coming year --  
6 this is a new year. And I hope we try to show  
7 restraint and at least -- we always don't agree with  
8 one another, but at least show one another respect.  
9 And give the appearance, at least, that we're going to  
10 try to get along and do what's best for Anderson  
11 County. And let's not forget what we come here for --  
12 I hope we all come here for, the betterment of Anderson  
13 County. And we have a lot of people looking at our --  
14 looking at the way we organize and jobs and people and  
15 we need to try to set a good, leading example. And I  
16 hope we'll do that. And I promise you I'll do my best  
17 to lead this council in that direction. Now we'll move  
18 on to ---

19 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Mr. Allen.

21 TOM ALLEN: If I could have just a second  
22 here. We have an award to present to Mr. Moore. I  
23 think we can do that standing here. Is that okay? I'm  
24 going to read from this. This is a plaque for Mr.  
25 Moore's tenure as chairman of the County Council. The  
26 citizens of Anderson County, County Council and  
27 administration gratefully acknowledge the services of  
28 Eddie Moore, Chairman, Anderson County Council, 2009.  
29 Your leadership ability has been effective and your  
30 insight and effort has contributed greatly in making  
31 Anderson County a more progressive county. We look  
32 forward to your continued service as a contributing  
33 member of council. January 2010. Bob Waldrep, Gracie  
34 S. Floyd, Thomas F. Allen, Tommy Dunn, Ron Wilson, M.  
35 Cindy Wilson and Rusty Burns.

36 APPLAUSE

37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a  
38 quick comment?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Wilson.

40 CINDY WILSON: I wanted to, of course, thank  
41 Ms. Floyd for her honor to me. And I also wanted to  
42 thank Mr. Moore for the hard work that he's done on  
43 behalf of our council, especially in the area of  
44 rebuilding frayed relationships with our surrounding  
45 counties. And I look forward to working with all of us  
46 again to try to continue to improve matters in our  
47 county.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Go ahead, Mr.  
49 Moore.

50 EDDIE MOORE: I'd just like to thank

1 everyone for supporting me in this last year. It's  
 2 been a challenge and I've really enjoyed serving  
 3 Anderson County as the chairman. And I appreciate the  
 4 confidence of all the council members. I appreciate  
 5 all your help. Because when you're sitting up there as  
 6 chairman, you really have to have a lot of help from  
 7 all the other council members. And I feel like that  
 8 I've had that. And I appreciate everything that y'all  
 9 have done for me. And I appreciate the opportunity to  
 10 be your chairman. And I appreciate it very much.  
 11 Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore, for a  
 13 good job done.

14 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

16 BOB WALDREP: I just had a comment I wanted  
 17 to make about chairmanship, was that I am pleased that  
 18 we were able to select a chairman in the manner that we  
 19 did. I'm sure that, although it was not unanimous in  
 20 the way that the election went, that there will be  
 21 unanimous support and respect to our chairman. The  
 22 last thing I wanted to say was it doesn't pay any more.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Amen.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep.

25 Anyone else? Moving on to approval of the minutes of  
 26 December the 1st meeting. Are there any corrections to  
 27 be made to the minutes of December the 1st? Hearing  
 28 none, we want to make a motion?

29 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion we accept.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
 31 accept. Do we have a second?

32 CINDY WILSON: Second.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Second, Ms. Wilson. All in  
 34 favor, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
 35 motion carries unanimously. Moving on. Item (b) is a  
 36 request from the clerk of council to amend the  
 37 September 1st, 2009 minutes. We all had a copy of that  
 38 in our packet. Are there any objections to this?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like to know what is the  
 42 purpose for amending the minutes?

43 TOMMY DUNN: I believe it's the correct  
 44 them. There was something -- something was left off is  
 45 my understanding and I think it was corrected. It's  
 46 sort of self-explanatory if you look in our thing, is  
 47 my understanding. We have a motion on the floor.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I'm not through.

49 TOMMY DUNN: We need a motion if we're  
 50 going to discuss this, Mr. Floyd.

1 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Do I  
3 have a second?  
4 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second. Ms. Floyd.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I failed to find that in my  
7 agenda. The fault was mine. But I did find my copy of  
8 it. So if I'm missing something, could the secretary  
9 please tell us what was left out and why we are  
10 amending the agenda.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Eddleman. I  
12 think this is nothing sinister here. It happens ---  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: It happens every once in a  
15 while and ---  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I have my copy of that, of  
19 that agenda, and it ends with Eddie Moore saying, I'd  
20 like for you to join us on the stage. I think that  
21 would be great if you would come. We would be honored  
22 to have you there. Anyone else? If not we are  
23 adjourned. So what was left out? What was the ---  
24 TOMMY DUNN: It's in your packet, Ms.  
25 Floyd. If you would look there, it's the sentence that  
26 was in it. It's about the appropriation of money, I  
27 think.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, it could be that the  
29 people out there would like to know too. But all I'm  
30 saying is that mine says, if not we are adjourned. And  
31 that's on page forty-one.  
32 LINDA EDDLEMAN: (Inaudible).  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now here he says line  
34 24. Any discussion? All in favor raise your right  
35 hand. Unanimous. Okay. Do you have anymore? Mr.  
36 Wilson. End of tape one, side two. Eddie Moore says,  
37 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. I have none.  
38 We will go on to the administrator's report. But what  
39 was said -- what was supposed to have been said?  
40 LINDA EDDLEMAN: (Inaudible).  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: All that was left out?  
42 LINDA EDDLEMAN: (Inaudible).  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, do you think we may have  
44 had some problems with other things being left off too  
45 that we have not found yet?  
46 LINDA EDDLEMAN: (Inaudible).  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Eddleman.  
48 Any more discussion on this? All in favor of amending  
49 the minutes to reflect this, show of hands. All  
50 opposed. Show Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.

1 Moore, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson votes in favor. Ms.  
2 Floyd votes against. Go on to approval of minutes of  
3 the December 30th called meeting. Any changes,  
4 corrections to be made? Hearing none ---  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion to accept.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
7 accept.  
8 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. All in  
10 favor. All opposed. Abstains. Show the motion  
11 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep,  
12 Ms. Wilson. No objections. Ms. Floyd abstains.  
13 Moving on to citizens comments. Before we get started  
14 now, if you would, when you address, please address the  
15 chair, state your name, please, and keep matters  
16 related to the agenda and your address, please.  
17 Appreciate it very much. Mr. Pitts.  
18 MIKE PITTS: Thank you, sir. Mr. Chairman,  
19 the first speaker signed up is Representative Bowen.  
20 DON BOWEN: Mr. Chairman, fellow council  
21 members, I haven't been here in about five or six  
22 years. So I don't come here very often with concerns  
23 or problems that I come to ask for help. And tonight  
24 I've come here to ask y'all to help me with a situation  
25 that I have out in the district. You know, there are  
26 two major areas that I work in. One is with water and  
27 one is with education. And all those tie in together  
28 to try to create jobs, much needed jobs for our state.  
29 And this is one thing that really concerns me. And  
30 I've worked on several different approaches to try to  
31 resolve this issue. It's the issue of the water rates  
32 being charged to people that aren't in the city and  
33 aren't in a special purpose district. Now, I went to  
34 Columbia and met with our legal council. And we were  
35 going to try to go something with local legislation,  
36 but that wasn't an option. And then we tried to  
37 correct this with state-wide legislation and it  
38 wouldn't work like that either. And as we dug, about  
39 six weeks ago we came across a possible way that y'all  
40 could help us resolve this issue once and for all.  
41 County Council has the ability to move the district  
42 lines of special purpose districts. They're the only  
43 people that can do that. And that's what I'm here to  
44 ask y'all to do tonight. Would y'all consider - and  
45 I'll put it in whatever form y'all feel necessary - to  
46 move the special purpose districts for West Anderson  
47 Water to coincide with the city limits; thereby making  
48 West Anderson Water the supplier of water to the people  
49 that live in that area. In Loblolly Pines, I have a  
50 huge number of constituents that are older, on social

1 security, meager retirements. One lady called me and  
2 her water bill was a hundred and thirty-seven dollars  
3 for one month. And I get water from West Anderson and  
4 all of our water comes from that intake out on Hartwell  
5 Lake and is redistributed and sold to the various  
6 special purpose districts. Now, if we can move that  
7 water -- that special purpose district boundary line to  
8 coincide with the city limits, then West Anderson can  
9 provide them water at a reasonable rate, which will be  
10 something like twenty to thirty dollars per month. The  
11 biggest problem is that those people -- you've got  
12 Anderson sitting like this and they can go before  
13 Anderson City Council if they have a problem. Then  
14 you've got the special purpose districts out here that  
15 can go before their board members. Then you've got  
16 these people that are caught in between that have no  
17 one to turn to. And we've got to treat people like we  
18 would want to be treated. And if we were in that  
19 position, we would like for someone to help us too. So  
20 I'm here tonight asking y'all to help us. I know we  
21 need to work shoulder to shoulder during these trying  
22 economic times. And I feel like that this would be a  
23 good start to try to make things work out in our  
24 community. I don't want to be governor or head of a  
25 committee. I just want to represent the people that  
26 elected me to office and give them a fair shake out  
27 there. And this is one thing that's been -- we've  
28 worked on and worked on and can't seem to get straight.  
29 And y'all have the ability to help us with this. And I  
30 certainly would appreciate it. I'll be glad to put it  
31 in any kind of form that y'all would like. If you need  
32 a letter to request that. And I'll be glad to answer  
33 any questions that y'all may have tonight if you have  
34 any.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. ---

36 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

37 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

38 CINDY WILSON: I think the other part of that  
39 -- and thank you for coming to us tonight, Mr. Bowen.  
40 I think the other part of that is that those  
41 communities must petition, get signatures, I think, is  
42 ---

43 DON BOWEN: Right.

44 CINDY WILSON: So I think there's several  
45 steps that we need to do. But I'll certainly pledge my  
46 support to moving this along.

47 DON BOWEN: Well, I've got several people  
48 that will put a petition together. And what -- I mean,  
49 we can probably get everyone in those individual  
50 neighborhoods to sign that petition. I'll be glad to

1 put that in order and put it in a written request form  
2 to present to y'all.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Floyd.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you talking about moving  
6 the line to include those people into the city  
7 district; right?

8 DON BOWEN: No. I'm talking about taking  
9 and moving those that are between the city limits and  
10 between the special purpose district. They're not  
11 wanting to be annexed into the city at this point. To  
12 move that special purpose district to coincide with the  
13 city limits line and thereby would give -- like if  
14 we're using West Anderson, it would give them the  
15 ability to serve them without having to engage in  
16 lawsuits.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. By them being in that  
18 special -- okay. First of all, explain to the folks  
19 why these people are in a special tax district?

20 DON BOWEN: I don't understand -- I'm not  
21 sure I quite understand that question.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: To be in a special tax  
23 district, you have to pay a special tax.

24 DON BOWEN: Right.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: That's why they call it  
26 special tax.

27 DON BOWEN: Okay. It's a special purpose  
28 district and they apply a fee to add to help pay for  
29 the water system in that district. And it functions  
30 real well, because it gives everybody that lives in  
31 that district the input into their representatives in  
32 that district. But we have a group of people outside  
33 the city limits and outside that special purpose  
34 district that don't have any real representation. And  
35 by moving that special purpose district line to  
36 coincide with the city limits, that would include them  
37 in that special purpose district. Of course, they  
38 would pay that tax when they moved into that district.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Do they realize that they  
40 would have to pay a tax when they move into that, into  
41 that district? Do they know this?

42 DON BOWEN: That tax won't be anywhere  
43 close to what the cost of their water is right now.  
44 And I'm sure that they won't have any problem with  
45 that. Because we've tried every approach that we could  
46 think of. And this is the first one that we've come  
47 ---

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

49 DON BOWEN: -- up with that would actually  
50 work.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Bowen, I know you said  
2 that they -- you're sure that they won't have any  
3 problem with it. But do they realize that they'll be  
4 paying a ---

5 DON BOWEN: I'll be sure that when we do  
6 that petition that's required that we have that listed  
7 on the petition and I'll go to the extent to find out  
8 exactly what they will be assessed when they do join  
9 into that special district.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. My next question is  
11 this. Could you explain to us, please, how far -- what  
12 this special tax district would encompass as far as --  
13 I mean, what area? I know you ---

14 DON BOWEN: Well, they're all around ---

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I know you  
16 mentioned Loblolly Pine.

17 DON BOWEN: Right.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: So that would be upon the  
19 Clemson Highway. But what other areas would go into  
20 that?

21 DON BOWEN: There's several areas.  
22 There's one up in Pendleton that has a similar problem.  
23 We would only try to deal with those people who would  
24 request this. And those people that live in Loblolly  
25 Pines, which would come under West Anderson Water, are  
26 the ones that, are the ones that are the most affected  
27 by this. There's a huge number of retired people. And  
28 they've come to me and they've come to me and they've  
29 come to me and they've come to me, and we finally come  
30 up with something that would bring this to a meaningful  
31 solution.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, what about the  
33 other people who live on the other end of town, who are  
34 going to ---

35 DON BOWEN: If they have -- if they're in  
36 my district, I'll be glad to help coordinate them. Or  
37 even if they're not in my district I'll be glad to help  
38 work with them on this too. Because this will work  
39 with any special purpose district that has that same  
40 problem with those people in between with no  
41 representation with regard to their water.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I am glad to see that  
43 you're finally getting in on this, because the previous  
44 council member, Michael Thompson, and I have been  
45 working on this problem for three, four years now.

46 DON BOWEN: Right. But it wasn't a  
47 solution that came real easy. I've been working on  
48 this since I've been in office because that was an  
49 issue that was an issue when I ran for office  
50 originally. And we just -- I call it my scratch and go



1 method, I scratch and go a little bit further. And if  
2 I run up a blind alley, I go scratch up another one.  
3 And we came up with something that will actually work.  
4 I met with legislative counsel and also the attorneys  
5 for the state water system.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I am -- like I said, I  
7 am surely glad that you did this. Because, you know,  
8 we were trying to get the legislature to work with us,  
9 Mr. Thompson and I, and we couldn't even get to first  
10 base on that one. But I'm glad that you did it. I  
11 hope it works. But I'd like to know more about it.  
12 I'd like to have my questions answered about the  
13 special tax district as compared to them just paying  
14 the bill outright. A hundred and thirty dollars is too  
15 much.

16 DON BOWEN: This was one lady for one  
17 month. And my water bill, the same water, I paid  
18 twenty-five dollars for.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, the same thing is  
20 happening in my district on the south end. I have old  
21 ladies paying a lot of money there too.

22 DON BOWEN: But we can -- if you want  
23 those districts include and people down there want to  
24 get in on a petition, we'll be glad to -- we could move  
25 them all to coincide with it.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I don't know if I want  
27 to go to that extent till you can, till you can bring  
28 me some figures.

29 DON BOWEN: I'll be glad to bring you that  
30 information and copy everybody on council.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you.

32 DON BOWEN: Does anybody else have any  
33 questions?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Bowen.

35 DON BOWEN: I certainly appreciate your  
36 time.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I appreciate you coming.  
38 First of all, I want to say this is something I've been  
39 working on too, and I'm glad we were able to come up  
40 with something. This is a -- I think this is something  
41 that's doable. The citizens need this. And I'm very,  
42 very fortunate we come up with this. Second, I'd just  
43 like to thank the people for indulging us a little bit  
44 on this right here. Something unusual. Mr. Bowen  
45 asked to come tonight. I think and signed up on this.  
46 ?? practice a little bit. He's got to be in Columbia  
47 coming up and we don't know when he might be able to  
48 get back up here. So hopefully, Mr. Bowen, if you'll  
49 get this letter to the administrator, we'll get working  
50 on this and do our part of it where you can get this

1 back to the citizens. Thank you very much. Mr. Pitts.

2 MIKE PITTS: Next is Elizabeth Peace.

3 ELIZABETH PEACE: Mr. Chairman, members of  
4 council, I'm Elizabeth M. Peace of the Hopewell  
5 Precinct, Council District number 4. I'm coming to you  
6 tonight with a request under agenda matter Item 10,  
7 Ordinance 2010-001. I should like to respectfully ask  
8 council person Cindy Wilson to amend her ordinance to  
9 include a certified parliamentarian for our county  
10 appointed by the council. While county code designates  
11 this as a duty of the county attorney, I believe this  
12 past year's meeting of not adhering strictly to  
13 Robert's Rules of Order as adopted by the county rule  
14 to follow this procedure leaves no doubt that a great  
15 need exists for a paid parliamentarian, for not all  
16 attorneys specialize in this area. Or either by  
17 personality do not assert to adhere to the rules in all  
18 meetings unless asked by a chairman. This should  
19 eliminate the disturbing late arrivals or early  
20 leavings of council members for no real legitimate  
21 reason and accord meetings to run smoother in a greater  
22 professional manner, thereby enhancing our Anderson  
23 County government. Thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

25 MIKE PITTS: Next is Steven Baker.

26 STEVAN BAKER: I'm Stevan Baker. I'm from  
27 Weddington, North Carolina. I appreciate your giving  
28 me an opportunity to speak with you. I represent a  
29 company called Security Forces. We're in the contract  
30 security guard business. And, oh gosh, six months ago,  
31 we were given an opportunity to bid on a specification  
32 for the county to provide security services to the  
33 county. It's a wonderful opportunity. We're very  
34 appreciative of the opportunity to submit. We put  
35 quite a bit of effort into it because it was such a  
36 great opportunity, expended a good bit of time and  
37 effort, expense. And we made the very best response  
38 that we could, but there was a lot of ambiguities in  
39 the bid specifications. Subsequent to submitting our  
40 bid, we did submit a list of questions which we felt  
41 that getting the answers to these questions would allow  
42 us to reduce even more the cost that we would propose  
43 to provide to the county. But unfortunately, we have  
44 not got the answers to those questions. And we would  
45 respectfully request that the -- you all give some  
46 consideration to relooking at that thing. I know that  
47 at a meeting back in September, you all indicated that  
48 you may look at redoing our RFP, but we haven't seen  
49 anything. And gosh, it's a great opportunity. We know  
50 we could bring a lot of value to the county. And we

1 know we can reduce your costs significantly. It's hard  
2 for us to do unless we have a clear understanding of  
3 what it is we're bidding on.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

5 MIKE PITTS: Next is Rocky Burgess.

6 ROCKY BURGESS: Mr. Chairman, members of  
7 council, thank you for having me here tonight. I  
8 represent Alltec, LLC. We're a small security firm  
9 located right here in Anderson County in Williamston.  
10 On May 12th, 2009, Anderson County Purchasing  
11 Department issued a request for proposal regarding  
12 armed security in various areas of the county. The  
13 proposal had a deadline of May 21st, 2009. That gave  
14 us nine days to prepare a proposal. That includes  
15 weekends. And the specification provided the security  
16 firm was required to provide twenty-nine officers  
17 weekly to cover approximately eleven hundred and  
18 fifteen hours per week. Request for proposals mandated  
19 the following man hours. At the Anderson County  
20 Library on McDuffie Street needed a total of four  
21 officers for a total of a hundred and fifty-one hours  
22 weekly. Anderson County Library in Powdersville was  
23 one and a half officers, forty-five hours weekly. The  
24 Animal Shelter, one and a half officers, fifty-eight  
25 hours weekly. At the historical courthouse it was a  
26 hundred -- excuse me -- one point five officers or  
27 forty-five hours weekly. The annex building included  
28 seven hours -- excuse me -- seven officers and two  
29 hundred and eighty hours weekly. The parks and  
30 surrounding facilities, which included the civic center  
31 and sports complex, DSS, Behavioral Science, the Health  
32 Department, the airport, Emergency Operations Center,  
33 fleet services, road maintenance, solid waste,  
34 historical courthouse, the economic building, county  
35 parking lot, old McCants school, farmers market, Art  
36 Center, Summary Court, Animal Shelter, thirty-six  
37 county parks, eighteen convenience and recycling  
38 centers and Broadway Lake with boat patrol -- but I'll  
39 come back to that in a minute -- six county libraries,  
40 a total of eight and a half officers or three hundred  
41 and thirty-six hours weekly. And five officers were to  
42 be used for roving in vehicles, a total of two hundred  
43 hours. Which gave that grand total of eleven hundred  
44 and fifteen hours, twenty-nine officers and five  
45 vehicles. In that specification there were several  
46 general requirements. Number one, all officers had to  
47 be armed and SLED certified. Also had to have blood  
48 borne pathogens test, CPR and AED certified, first aid  
49 hazardous materials awareness, as well as ?? lethal  
50 force training and chemical and taser. In addition,

1 they were to supervise county inmates working at animal  
2 shelter and transporting between the jail and the  
3 shelter. As my colleague discussed a while ago, we had  
4 quite a hard time in getting some answers to our  
5 questions in order to provide a real true number to be  
6 able to give y'all the information that you need in  
7 order to make an informed decision. We did have a  
8 written question and answer session. I'll read you the  
9 questions and the answers that were provided by the  
10 county. We had asked what type of radio system is  
11 currently being used. Do these security officers use  
12 the same system or frequency as law enforcement? The  
13 answer was yes, 800 megahertz radios. Are the systems  
14 provided by the county? The answer was no. Does the  
15 county provide a specialty vehicle for inmate  
16 transport? Answer, no. For the Civil Center and all  
17 other sites, does the county provide ---

18 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: You're welcome to speak back  
20 on this. This is going to be a public hearing when  
21 this comes back up. Speak at that time to finish your  
22 thing. Thank you.

23 MIKE PITTS: Doreen Montepara.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, wait a minute.  
25 I would like to make a motion that we extend this man's  
26 time.

27 ROCKY BURGESS: I'll be wrapping up very, very  
28 shortly. The main reason for me getting into these  
29 specific points, and there's very few left, is to show  
30 exactly what we're looking at and what -- the odds  
31 we're up against so that you guys can make an informed  
32 decision.

33 TOMMY DUNN: I believe, Ms. Floyd, the  
34 proper thing would be, if you want to suspend the  
35 rules, if you want to make that motion and it needs to  
36 be two-thirds vote to carry to suspend them, if you  
37 want to make that motion.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: It's not to suspend the rules.  
39 It was just to ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we've got to suspend the  
41 rules. I don't think we can extend the time the way  
42 our ordinance is wrote on this right here; can we?

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, we can if the ---

44 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, okay.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: -- if I can get a second to  
46 the motion and the council can vote on it.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead then.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: We've got to get a second to  
49 the motion.

50 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm asking for.

1 Second -- Ms. Floyd's motion is to extend the time.  
2 How much, Ms. Floyd?

3 GRACIE FLOYD: By five minutes.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Five minutes. Go a second?

5 EDDIE MOORE: I'll second it.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. All in  
7 favor of extending time by five minutes, show of hands.  
8 Show motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen ---

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Point of order. You have to  
10 call for those who are not in favor, as well.

11 TOMMY DUNN: I'm abstaining. All opposed?  
12 Mr. -- all in favor was Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms.  
13 Floyd, Mr. Moore, Ms. Wilson. Mr. Waldrep opposed.  
14 And I abstained. Five minutes, starting now.

15 ROCKY BURGESS: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Just in  
16 summary. I'm going to skip all that information for  
17 time's sake. When I first saw this request for  
18 proposal I thought the county was making an effort to  
19 save taxpayer dollars while still providing a necessary  
20 and valuable service to the community. After seven  
21 meetings and question and answer sessions, I determined  
22 fairly quickly that this proposal and the process had a  
23 lot of political significance.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Please don't go so fast.  
25 Okay?

26 ROCKY BURGESS: I'm sorry. There are several  
27 items that were brought up that led me to this  
28 conclusion. Number one, no one could give a clear and  
29 concise answer to our questions. Number two, the  
30 specifications were very vague and insinuated several  
31 things, such as boat patrol on Broadway Lake and the  
32 security firm is to provide vehicles. I'm inclined to  
33 believe that we may end up having to provide a boat to  
34 meet that specification. And the other is golf carts  
35 at the Civil Center. That type thing. The  
36 specifications, in my opinion, were excessively cost  
37 prohibitive. It appears that the specifications were  
38 written to artificially inflate the price of any  
39 private contractors. Example, the AED in all the  
40 vehicles, and all that good stuff. And it may be  
41 different now, but I know when I left the Sheriff's  
42 Office in 2005, road patrol deputies were not that well  
43 equipped, as to the same specifications. When I asked  
44 who wrote the specifications, I was told it was the  
45 Sheriff, along with the Director of Public Safety. I  
46 found it odd that the folks I'm in essence competing  
47 with are writing the specifications that I will be held  
48 to under contract. If the county is truly trying to  
49 get an accurate cost assessment for a private  
50 contractor such as my company versus retaining those

1 services in-house, you have to be able to compare  
2 apples to apples and oranges to oranges. I'm told to  
3 provide twenty-nine officers, and I'm looking back in  
4 other minutes, the Sheriff is looking at providing  
5 seventeen. That's a big difference in cost. If I were  
6 told in specifications that I needed seventeen  
7 officers, I could certainly bring my price way down in  
8 order to be competitive. There's a lot of -- just a  
9 whole bunch of questions in here. And in our proposal,  
10 what -- the price you see is the price you get.  
11 There's no cost overruns. There's no fleet services  
12 where you have to maintain the vehicles. There's no  
13 workmens' comp. All that's included in the private  
14 contractor's price. What you see is what you get. And  
15 those numbers are based on a two year contract.  
16 Council, only thing I ask is when you look and you cast  
17 your vote, make sure you're looking and comparing  
18 apples to apples and oranges to oranges. I kind of  
19 feel like we've been a pawn somewhat in this thing.  
20 You know, one person can hold it up and say we can do  
21 it for this. A private security company is held to a  
22 higher standard and obviously has a much more inflated  
23 price. Thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Pitts.

25 MIKE PITTS: Doreen Montepara.

26 DOREEN MONTEPARA: Good evening, Mr. Chairman,  
27 council. I hope everybody is having a good new year.  
28 It looks like we're off and running with the same stuff  
29 we had going from last year, unfortunately. A couple  
30 of things I wanted to talk about. One is the  
31 resurfacing of the tennis courts. Yes, we all know  
32 where this is going. Back to Wellington Park. When  
33 that money -- the bond money was taken and given over  
34 to District 1 to use for the ball fields out there at  
35 the Civil Center, there was the discussion, well, if  
36 there was anything left then we would work on the other  
37 parks. Now all of a sudden we're resurfacing tennis  
38 courts. Plus there's nothing anywhere, we don't see  
39 any prices of what this is going to cost to resurface  
40 these tennis courts. I think this is another stupid  
41 idea that you need to start looking at fixing the parks  
42 that have health and dangerous hazards first - and not  
43 just Wellington, there's tons of other ones in Anderson  
44 County - before we worry about resurfacing a tennis  
45 court. The other thing I wanted to talk about was the  
46 changing of the Home Rules. Now, you know, they're  
47 there for a reason. Rules is why they're called rules.  
48 There's a reason you need to follow those. You can't  
49 just sit up there and say, well, I don't want to follow  
50 it anymore, so let's do a resolution or ordinance and

1 get rid of it. They're there for a reason and they're  
2 there for everybody to abide. Just like there's  
3 traffic laws. There's laws against hurting other  
4 people. They're in a place for a reason. You really  
5 need to think about it before you go doing that. I  
6 think the county's had enough lawsuits. And the other  
7 one is on renaming Fred Foster Way. I've met Carl  
8 Anderson several times and I think he's a wonderful  
9 man. And yes, he does deserve to have something named  
10 after him. But this is just plain being vindictive and  
11 I don't care who sits up there and says, no, it's not.  
12 You know as well as I do and swear to God that it's  
13 not, you'll burn in hell for it. Have a good day.

14 MIKE PITTS: Candy Kern-Fuller.

15 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chair, District 4, and  
16 my microphone is only working part of the time. Wow.  
17 I'm speaking to you tonight regarding Item number 10 on  
18 your agenda. This county, and me as a member of the  
19 electorate of this county, voted years ago that we were  
20 a council administrator form of government. This is  
21 clearly encoded in Title 4 of our Code. It's clearly  
22 laid out in the cases of Wilson v. Preston, the  
23 Attorney General's opinion from April 4th of 2008  
24 regarding this county, and the lawsuit by our former  
25 sheriff, Gene Taylor, in the 1990s. This council is  
26 without legal authority to decide to violate Home Rule.  
27 If this council passes this, I have been instructed by  
28 clients to file suit to enforce this county  
29 electorate's rightly chosen government, which is  
30 council administrator form of government. Your  
31 legislative delegation that told you y'all could just  
32 pass a rule. There's something called the separation  
33 of powers. They're part of a legislative branch.  
34 They're not part of the judicial branch. They do not  
35 decide whether things are legal or not. And neither  
36 does this council. If you all pass this, you'll be  
37 making a grave mistake. With regard to Resolution 11  
38 (a). Mr. Anderson is a very fine man and so is Mr.  
39 Foster. And this council should find a way to honor  
40 Mr. Anderson that truly honors him and does not use him  
41 as an excuse for the vindictive actions of this  
42 council. And lastly, with regard to Item 11 (g), this  
43 council ought to think what might happen to the  
44 attorney/client privilege that it has taken advantage  
45 of for the past year. Because one year from now when a  
46 new council sits here, your privilege might be waived  
47 too.

48 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

49 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 2.  
50 I wasn't going to speak tonight, but I see that some

1 things never change. However, what a difference a year  
2 makes. You take the last -- it took three to four  
3 months of last year before the council was -- council  
4 meetings were viable. But now mostly civil. I  
5 thought. The state is looking at us, the whole USA is  
6 looking at South Carolina. Please be reminded that you  
7 are role models.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of order.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: What's your point of order,  
10 Ms. Floyd?

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, this is supposed  
12 to be citizen comments. The citizens who are coming up  
13 to speak should speak on agenda matters. Anything else  
14 can be taken -- should be waited to the end. Mr.  
15 Chairman, I know that this person is going to say that  
16 this person is speaking on the agenda matters. But at  
17 the end of this entire thing, you will find out that  
18 she is not. She needs -- she has to address what's on  
19 the agenda without going, without going all through  
20 this other thing. Mr. Chairman, that is my point of  
21 order.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd, well  
23 taken. Please, Ms. Fant, keep it on the agenda  
24 matters.

25 ELIZABETH FANT: I am. My point was being --  
26 where was I? Role models. We ought to honor those  
27 people who are role models. And I believe that Mr.  
28 Anderson is one of those, just like when we had Mr.  
29 Rice and we named -- honored him as well. I hope that  
30 all the decisions that are made on the agenda items  
31 tonight - there are some heavy discussions and I'm sure  
32 that there will be some differences of opinions. But  
33 again, we are role models. And even if we disagree on  
34 points, there is not any reason for people to get nasty  
35 or threaten or threaten to sue. Thank you.

36 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

37 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
38 Rick Freemantle from the White Plains Precinct. Before  
39 I get started, first of all I'd like to say thank you  
40 to Mr. Eddie Moore for your year's service. I've had  
41 the opportunity now over the years to sit here and  
42 watch four different chairmen and you're sitting next  
43 to the only other one that I ever saw deliver any honor  
44 and dignity from that seat. Thank you for your  
45 service. Mr. Dunn, you have a lot to live up to. I  
46 know you will. I'd like to speak on Resolution 2010-  
47 008. I've heard some rumblings about this in the wind.  
48 I'm in favor of this. I think what's going to come out  
49 of this is going to shock a lot of people. Hopefully  
50 it may open some eyes as to what's gone on in this



1 county for too long. Also, Resolution 2010-001. I  
2 know Mr. Anderson has served Anderson County. I know  
3 he's brought honor and dignity to this county. I wish  
4 I could say the same about the other individual. I  
5 don't feel that he has. At least with this resolution,  
6 the naming of this road under this council, this has  
7 come before the public for the public to hear the  
8 discussion and the debate. That never happened for the  
9 other individual. It was like many other little favors  
10 that was doled out. It was just given away. Who knows  
11 for what. But it was just given away. We never saw  
12 any special acts from this particular individual to  
13 have a road named after him. People can come up here  
14 and threaten us with lawsuits all they want. I see  
15 that as business as usual, in one ear and out the  
16 other. Don't shake in your boots over it. It's not  
17 worth it. Y'all have been doing a great job. Thank  
18 you.

19 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next item, Item 7,  
21 presentation by Ms. Smith, Registration and Elections  
22 Commission. Ms. Smith.

23 KATY SMITH: Thank you. Good evening, Mr.  
24 Chairman and council members. I'm here tonight on  
25 behalf of the County Election Commission which are  
26 seated in the back. And I was going to be speaking to  
27 you ...

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29 KATY SMITH: ... concept of the  
30 municipality project. And what this is, is that  
31 municipalities can transfer their authority to conduct  
32 elections to the County Election Commission. Many of  
33 our neighboring counties have already done this. And  
34 this concept is what we would like for your  
35 consideration tonight. What we did in preparation is  
36 we sent a survey to all of the nine municipalities  
37 within the county limits. And we asked them what type  
38 of assistance could we provide for them. And in that  
39 response we had four. Honea Path, Pelzer, Pendleton  
40 and West Pelzer who respond that they would like for us  
41 to consider taking on some of those responsibilities  
42 and having more authority in conducting their  
43 elections. Presently we already help and assist  
44 conduct Anderson city elections, the Clemson Municipal  
45 and the Easley city elections. What I did is I  
46 prepared a packet that I sent back to you during the  
47 summer and then again back in December. And in that  
48 packet I outlined the steps that we would need to take  
49 in order for this to take place. And the transferring  
50 of the authority, you'll see that the Municipal

1 Election Commission would have to meet with their town  
2 council and they would have to come up with what  
3 authorities and responsibilities they would like to see  
4 transferred to the County Election Commission.  
5 Secondly, the municipality, the County Council and the  
6 County Election Commission would need to meet and  
7 discuss and agree upon those specifications. The third  
8 step in this process is that the Council or the  
9 Municipality must pass an ordinance that would transfer  
10 those agreed upon responsibilities. Then County  
11 Council would need to pass an ordinance to accept those  
12 authorities. Finally, if it was agreed upon and all  
13 this took place, then what we would need to do is take  
14 those ordinances, working with the county attorney to  
15 form a letter to submit those ordinance and our intent  
16 to the U.S. Justice Department to ask for pre-clearance  
17 in order for all this to take place. In the South  
18 Carolina Code, 5-15-145, the statute sets forth these  
19 steps for the transfer of the authority from the  
20 Municipality to the County Election Commission. And  
21 what I would like for you to do is draw your attention  
22 to Section D of that ordinance. What we've asked for  
23 the municipalities is in transferring their authority  
24 is to transfer not all authority but a portion of those  
25 authorities. Which that would leave their Municipal  
26 Election Commission members. Which would have the  
27 ultimate responsibility for calling for their  
28 elections, certifying their election results, hearing  
29 any protests and then it would keep that election  
30 within the municipality. In your packet you'll recall  
31 that I outlined several of those agreed upon  
32 responsibilities -- there are eight total -- that the  
33 Municipal Election Commission would keep in each  
34 municipality, if this is agreed upon. Also in that  
35 packet you see that it was outlined that we would take  
36 on fourteen of these responsibilities. But what I  
37 would like to highlight for you tonight is the reason  
38 why and not take the time to read each one of those  
39 individual because I know that you've already had time  
40 to digest and review those. The reason why we're  
41 looking at the possibility of taking on these  
42 authorities, the major reason and the first reason, is  
43 that we are required - we being our County Election  
44 Commissioners and staff - are required by statute to be  
45 trained and certified in conducting elections. As it  
46 stands, the municipal election commissioners are not  
47 held to those same standards. They are not required  
48 under any statute or any other guidelines to be  
49 certified or trained in conducting elections. Second,  
50 under Section 7-15-410, that sets the absentee clerk

1 for every election in our county to be at our office.  
2 We have to conduct absentee precinct for all elections.  
3 So we are already working in conjunction with the  
4 municipalities that have no authority in regards to  
5 their election. So the Municipal Election Commission  
6 can't even conduct their own absentee precinct.  
7 Thirdly, what we were looking at is, the Voter  
8 Registration Board is also required by statute to be  
9 open on election day for all elections in the county,  
10 including municipal elections. We have to be there in  
11 staff from seven a.m. to seven p.m. on election day to  
12 answer any questions regarding voter registration. So  
13 we're already working on those election days for the  
14 municipalities. In addition to looking at this, we  
15 were looking to see, is it going to cost the county any  
16 more money. And it's not. All the costs will still  
17 fall to the municipalities. They're still responsible  
18 for conducting their election and the cost for  
19 conducting their election. We're just taking more  
20 authority in helping them. Because they're constantly  
21 calling us anyway and we have to be there serving as  
22 the absentee precinct and in the voter registration  
23 capacity. The other reason why we were looking at it  
24 is the one voting system. You will recall that the  
25 State Election Commission had passed that there's one  
26 state-wide voting system for the federal elections and  
27 state-wide elections. Presently in our county if you  
28 vote in a municipal election, you're going to be voting  
29 on paper. So what we ask is, if we can move forward  
30 and move their elections and allow County Council to  
31 look at this and say, yes, you know, we want to bring  
32 them on board, this is something we can do, then we can  
33 use our electronic voting system and move them away  
34 from paper. Right now they conduct their elections on  
35 paper and then they're also counted by hand. They're  
36 not tabulated other than by hand by individuals. So  
37 you can see that also the benefit would be that the  
38 election results are going to be done electronically.  
39 They're going to be done faster and more accurate. We  
40 can provide more statistics to them. And then finally,  
41 consistency. What we were looking at is being  
42 consistent. Because typically, right now, you have  
43 municipal elections ranging from several different  
44 months throughout the year in either odd or even years.  
45 And it's February, April, May, June, November. So  
46 these individuals that are in the municipalities do not  
47 benefit from that consistency know, okay, in November  
48 that first Tuesday after the first Monday, I'm going to  
49 be casting my ballot. You know, I'm going to be  
50 voting. We are constantly having the influx of phone

1 calls from our neighbors in the community saying, you  
2 know, Greenville is voting, why am I not voting? And  
3 you'll see that in the odd year, especially when it's  
4 national because there's a lot of national coverage  
5 because of the elections that are not on the general.  
6 In the even number years, that's when they're  
7 conducting their elections. So we see this as a plus  
8 in a way that we can also educate the voters on the  
9 system. Move away, get them on one system. Also, we  
10 hope that by having this consistency that it will  
11 encourage voter turnout for these municipal elections  
12 and they will not have any confusion. They'll know,  
13 I'm supposed to be voting, it's November, it's Tuesday,  
14 I should be voting. Again, I will reiterate, in the  
15 packet that I sent, I called to see if there was any  
16 questions or any comments or concerns. I have not  
17 received any. If you have any at this point, I will be  
18 glad to try to answer those for you or get the answers  
19 for you. Like I said, our commissioners are here. We  
20 tried to get several of the representatives from the  
21 town and we have a letter and I think Mr. Burns had  
22 actually talked with someone from one of the  
23 municipalities and the other two, they had emergencies  
24 come up and couldn't be here. But everyone that you  
25 have listed here, I have contact information if you  
26 need it if you would like to address any questions to  
27 those representatives. That's all I have.

28 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Smith. Mr.  
30 Waldrep.

31 BOB WALDREP: A question. Ms. Smith, what  
32 you outlined earlier were different communities that  
33 had requested these services. Is that correct?

34 KATY SMITH: They're the municipalities.  
35 The town -- the Honea Path city -- the town of Honea  
36 Path, Pelzer, Pendleton and West Pelzer are the four  
37 municipalities.

38 BOB WALDREP: They're all within Anderson  
39 County? I just ---

40 KATY SMITH: That's correct. All within  
41 Anderson County. Yes. Now, we do have Clemson and  
42 Easley municipalities that up in the Bishop Branch  
43 Precinct, there's a couple of roads that Clemson  
44 annexed in. They pay Anderson County taxes, but they  
45 are within the city limits of Clemson. So they have  
46 that right to vote in the city election.

47 BOB WALDREP: I guess I just wanted to make  
48 sure we weren't getting out of our county?

49 KATY SMITH: No, sir. Not going out of the  
50 jurisdiction. It will remain within Anderson County

1 totally.

2 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

3 KATY SMITH: You're welcome.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else for Ms. Smith? I  
5 want to say thank you, Ms. Smith, for coming. And I  
6 think it's a great idea. We need to do more  
7 consolidation. Look forward to it.

8 KATY SMITH: Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any  
10 objections to taking a ten minute break? Any objection  
11 at all? We'll convene back at five after seven. Thank  
12 you.

13 BREAK

14 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're back in  
15 session. Now we're going to Item 8. Agenda Item 8 (a)  
16 has been pulled from the agenda. I think there was  
17 some changes in Greenville's thing, so that's been  
18 pulled. So now we'll go to Item 8 ---

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, excuse me.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Can you please tell us why it  
22 was pulled off there? If this was the one for the  
23 Greenville Park and we've been voting on it for two  
24 terms now. What happened that it was ---

25 TOMMY DUNN: It's my understanding  
26 Greenville wanted to make some changes on it and didn't  
27 get them done in time tonight for our packet, so that's  
28 why it was pulled.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Now moving on to  
31 Item 8 (a), ordinance consolidating certain departments  
32 of the Anderson County Public Safety Division under the  
33 Office of the Sheriff of Anderson County and to amend  
34 Anderson County Code. This ordinance was brought forth  
35 by Mr. Tom Allen. This is a public hearing. No time  
36 limit on public hearings. Mr. Pitts. I'm sorry.  
37 Anyone for the public hearing, please step forward.

38 BROOKS BROWN: Brooks Brown, Mr. Chairman.  
39 Excuse me. Last year I remember, don't I, correctly,  
40 Mr. Allen, that you had a question about costs because  
41 four RFPs have been sent in, three came in out of line.  
42 They said they had questions. One seemed to have no  
43 questions. Then we were talking about maybe we aren't  
44 going to hire an outside security force. I'm speaking  
45 for a lot of people tonight - I've been on the phone  
46 all day. One, are we going to hire an outside security  
47 force for building security? If so, why does one RFP  
48 fall in line and the other three don't? If they're got  
49 questions that the one doesn't have, why can't we  
50 answer the questions and get four RFPs so we have a

1 competitive bidding system? That's all we're asking  
2 for tonight, is some information, so we can help, you  
3 know, either support you or not support you. But right  
4 now we're so confused we don't know what's going on.  
5 So any help you can give us in that regard would be  
6 appreciated. Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else? Yes,  
8 sir. Please state your name when you come up too,  
9 please.

10 ROCKY BURGESS: I'm sorry. I'm Rocky Burgess  
11 with Autec, Williamston, South Carolina. I apologize  
12 for coming back up here again. I didn't really get a  
13 chance to finish everything I had.

14 TOMMY DUNN: That's fine.

15 ROCKY BURGESS: Number one, I worked for  
16 Sheriff Skipper for quite a number of years. He's a  
17 fine, outstanding man, a very honorable man, no doubt  
18 about it. I just want to make sure that everybody is  
19 on the same sheet of music when it comes to sending out  
20 RFPs and trying to get information from private  
21 contractors and comparing those two things together.  
22 We had tons and tons and tons of questions that just  
23 made no -- the specifications almost were laughable as  
24 to what we were to provide. And in looking back  
25 through those minutes, I can look and see that there's  
26 no way we're comparing apples and apples and oranges to  
27 oranges. I was told the Director of Public Safety may  
28 take this park security over. I don't know who's  
29 taking over what, but when you hold the things up and  
30 try to get an accurate cost assessment, which is my  
31 understanding of what the county put out these requests  
32 for proposals to do, you have to be able to compare  
33 apples to apples and oranges to oranges. There's no  
34 way that you can train a deputy sheriff, send him to  
35 the academy or whatever kind of training that they need  
36 -- I know when I was a deputy sheriff, we were required  
37 to -- you had a patrol vehicle. So you're looking at  
38 seventeen officers. That's seventeen vehicles you're  
39 going to have to have those folks in. Now, I may be  
40 wrong on that. But a deputy sheriff is a deputy  
41 sheriff. He has to be able to answer a call, whether  
42 it be a domestic dispute a block down the road when  
43 he's at the annex building or that type of stuff. So  
44 folks, I just want y'all to understand. If you don't  
45 have a copy of that -- I'm sure y'all received the  
46 specifications that the private contractors got and  
47 what we would be held to by contract to provide those  
48 services. If you didn't, I do have a copy of it in the  
49 back. Like I said, we had at least two, maybe three  
50 meetings. We came here with the questions and the

1 three contractors that were involved. We got very  
2 little to no answers at all whatsoever. It was just  
3 stuff way out in left field. Like we had no idea  
4 whether we were providing golf carts, a boat for  
5 Broadway Lake. I mean, goodness, what do we need that  
6 for? So our prices reflect those -- the specifications  
7 that were provided to us. So I would ask that you guys  
8 delay this thing for a short period of time and at  
9 least look at the cost analysis and get a -- be  
10 involved in it. Get an accurate assessment of exactly  
11 what you're looking at. Folks, we can save the county  
12 dollars while still providing a very valuable service  
13 to the community. And that's all I've got. Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Yes, sir. Yes,  
15 ma'am.

16 BENNIE SUE WEST: Bennie Sue West, ward one,  
17 precinct two ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

19 BENNIE SUE WEST: -- district one. I just  
20 learned about the situation with our security too,  
21 today. And most of what I wanted to say has already  
22 been said. And it sounds like we need to go back to  
23 the drawing board and check this out again, because it  
24 seems to me like it would be a lot of savings there by  
25 privatizing our security. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Yes, sir.

27 MIKE LOFTIS: Mr. Chairman, Mike Loftis,  
28 District Five, resident of Anderson County, Fraternal  
29 Order of Police. We're here tonight to support this  
30 move to the sheriff's department. We feel that the  
31 most important issue here is safety to the employees  
32 who work in these government buildings and the citizens  
33 who visit these buildings. Work in building security  
34 is not just greeting someone as they enter the  
35 building, but it's being able to handle any situation  
36 that may come up during their shift. Under the sheriff  
37 these officers will continue to receive the mandatory  
38 training that is required by law, plus they will be  
39 receiving any other extra training pertaining to  
40 building security. From one day to the next, these  
41 officers never know what's going to come in that door.  
42 But being under the sheriff, we know that they'll  
43 receive the training and have the authority to handle  
44 any situation. We should never try to reduce the  
45 security for the employees and the citizens of Anderson  
46 County just to say we reduce the budget. Protection of  
47 all the citizens should be first priority. We hope you  
48 will support this issue. Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

50 STEVAN BAKER: Appreciate again getting the

1 opportunity to speak before the council. I'm Stevan  
2 Baker again, with Security Forces. In addition to some  
3 of the other issues that have been raised here, there  
4 are a number of specific advantages to outsourcing  
5 services in general. You escape the continuing  
6 obligation that you have with county employees. But  
7 what the last speaker -- to speak of what the last  
8 speaker -- some of the last speakers' points. These  
9 jobs are not the same -- not at the same level as  
10 required by a county deputy. They don't have the same  
11 domestic situations on an ongoing basis that a deputy  
12 would have to deal with. There's no process service  
13 and that sort of things. And obviously the county  
14 determined that it required a different level of person  
15 years ago when they initially put in the county  
16 security people; otherwise they would have had deputies  
17 back then. So to maintain that we need to have the  
18 same -- or you all need to have the same level of an  
19 individual as a deputy is kind of suggesting that we  
20 need a Cadillac in every situation where we may need a  
21 pickup truck or something along those lines. In these  
22 days when budgets are pressed and you need to get the  
23 best value from the dollar, you need to marry the right  
24 type of individual and the right type of worker to each  
25 position and not get a worker at a higher level than is  
26 needed for the position. Again, we appreciate the  
27 opportunity to submit and we look forward to the  
28 possibility of serving the county.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

30 ANDREA HEPNER: My name is Andrea Hepner and I  
31 work for Sonitrol Security Services USA. So we were  
32 one of the companies that submitted an RFP. Wanted to  
33 just reiterate what Mr. Baker and Mr. Burgess said. We  
34 experienced the same problems. Our initial set of  
35 questions were never answered, so we had to submit an  
36 RFP without those answers. Came for a walk-through  
37 after we told them we had not yet received one, to even  
38 look at what we were bidding on. Had the opportunity  
39 to submit a second set of questions. They have still  
40 not been answered. We've emailed. We've called. Not  
41 received any response for that. So I don't think  
42 you're comparing apples to apples. And I think we  
43 needed to make sure that that got out there. But I  
44 also wanted to address quickly a point made earlier  
45 about the training. That's what you specify and we can  
46 train to any level. We meet all South Carolina laws.  
47 You know, we have some that are EMT paramedics. We  
48 have structural firefighters. Just depends on what you  
49 ask us for. We can meet that requirement. So you're  
50 not going to have a lower caliber of training and a





1 lower caliber of officer with us. Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

3 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chair, Candy Kern-  
4 Fuller, District Four. Mr. Chair, when you hear people  
5 on both sides of the aisle say this isn't a good idea  
6 to do it now, you ought to listen. I'm on one side of  
7 the aisle and Ms. West is on the other side of the  
8 aisle. We both agree this should not happen. We agree  
9 for different reasons, but we both agree it should not  
10 happen. The council needs to go back and look at why  
11 the Public Safety Department was created in the first  
12 place. What were the reasons? The reasons were that  
13 park security, building security and the other things  
14 that this county needed were not being addressed  
15 adequately. That our sheriff's department needed to be  
16 out there to respond to the emergencies of the  
17 community and these things needed to be budgeted for,  
18 staffed and dealt with in a way that was consistent,  
19 that there was accountability, that there was  
20 accountability to the departments that were using those  
21 services. That there was a direct line of supervision  
22 and a direct line of accountability. I disagree with  
23 Ms. West that we should take these services out and  
24 privatize them. You can't privatize that kind of  
25 service. You can't give that arrest authority for  
26 animal control services and things of that nature to  
27 these private companies. That's where we disagree.  
28 But where we agree is the important thing, and that's  
29 the issue before you tonight. Where we agree is that  
30 these services and these million dollars worth of  
31 assets and personnel should not be transferred to the  
32 sheriff's department. The reasons why public safety  
33 were created still exists today. And we still need  
34 those services to stay in public safety. Thank you.

35 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
36 Rick Freemantle from the White Plains Precinct. Also,  
37 something I haven't done in quite sometime, as the  
38 secretary of the Anderson County Taxpayers Association,  
39 y'all made great strides last year. You created a  
40 regimented bid process. You gave us the opportunity as  
41 citizens of this county to be able to come here and  
42 watch a box be opened, the bids opened, the bids read  
43 aloud and then to watch the following procedures to see  
44 which one you picked. We've had a few problems over  
45 the years, which in my opinion didn't smell good. We  
46 had the Tri-County Landfill situation, where I  
47 understand the land was this close to being sold and  
48 then it was snatched away from whoever wanted to buy  
49 it. Well, now I've heard tonight three of the four  
50 individuals who Anderson County went out of their way

1 to seek RFPs from. They jumped through hula hoops from  
2 the sounds of things to try and satisfy Anderson  
3 County. They gave y'all proposals, or they gave  
4 Anderson County proposals. And from what I'm hearing,  
5 they were ignored. Totally ignored. I pray that  
6 that's not the kind of business that we're going to do  
7 in this county. I think the world out of five of you  
8 up there. I've seen you move this county in a very  
9 positive direction in a very short period of time. I  
10 would beg that you table this thing. I would beg that  
11 you revisit this thing. We may be on the same side of  
12 the fence on this issue about transferring power and  
13 public safety, but if we were honest about it, public  
14 safety would have been abolished the minute y'all took  
15 office. We saw the benefits of it. I used to watch an  
16 old man sit over there and have his jollies about  
17 throwing elderly citizens out of this building because  
18 they dared to voice their opinion in the United States  
19 of America. We saw the benefits of it. We know why it  
20 was put in place. They were henchmen. That's what  
21 they were, in my opinion. I'd like to know what  
22 happened to our bid process. Why weren't these people  
23 given better consideration for the efforts they put  
24 forward? What happened with the proposals that they  
25 submitted? How come we've heard nothing about them?  
26 Why am I hearing all the varied stories about what they  
27 were asked to produce to satisfy the obligation  
28 Anderson County was looking to have satisfied? Was  
29 there any consideration given to those folks at all?  
30 Why are we looking to consolidate the departments  
31 anyways? Is it to serve Anderson County better? Or is  
32 it to save the taxpayers money? Or worse, is it to  
33 feed that diabolical monster called government? You  
34 know, the ever-growing beast, the one that nobody ever  
35 seems to have any intentions of trimming. Now, I know  
36 you all know how to trim the government. You showed me  
37 that last year. And I'm counting on you to take a  
38 second look at this thing and if there's a way to  
39 provide these services, even though I think some of  
40 these things should have been abolished a year ago, if  
41 there's a way to provide some of them at a reduced rate  
42 with the same quality of people, then I say we do that,  
43 especially in this economy. We have people out there  
44 losing their jobs every day of the week. They don't  
45 have any golden parachutes. They don't got any help  
46 whatsoever. We owe it to the taxpayers of this county  
47 - I should say you all owe it to them, it's your  
48 fiduciary responsibility, and I know most of you up  
49 there take that serious - to make sure that you get the  
50 biggest bang for the buck. I don't see the benefit of

1 transferring all this over to one department. I don't  
2 see any fairness that took place here. That bothers  
3 me. I think the world of our sheriff. But this  
4 bothers me. This stinks to high heaven. And I would  
5 pray that you think about tabling this thing and  
6 investigate what we've heard here tonight from these  
7 folks that put their proposals forward. Give us some  
8 answers that we can digest. If it's a good thing, if  
9 we're going to save money by consolidating this, if we  
10 can save money by putting it under our sheriff, I'm all  
11 for it. But I have yet to see where a government  
12 entity can do anything better than the private sector.  
13 Some of us are private business people. We know, we  
14 know better. We know that we can produce a better  
15 product, much more efficient, than any government  
16 entity ever dreamed of doing. You know, I heard the  
17 deputies will be consistently retrained. Who's going  
18 to pay for that? At least with a contract with a  
19 private contractor, they're locked into a price.  
20 They're not going to come back next year and say, oh,  
21 we need a tax increase, we've got to pay for all this  
22 training. They're locked in to what they tell us. And  
23 they have to live by it. I beg you all to revisit this  
24 thing. This stinks to high heaven. And I don't want  
25 to see anything like this have to be part of your  
26 legacy. You all have worked too hard to move this  
27 county light years in the right direction. It won't  
28 hurt to take a step back and rehash this thing. Thank  
29 you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

31 PAUL WALKOWITZ (phonics): Mr. Chairman,  
32 members of council, my name is Paul Walkowitz (phonics)  
33 and I live on Centerville Road in District Four. And  
34 I'm in favor of this ordinance to be passed because it  
35 solves a serious problem with animal control that we  
36 have today where the animal control officers in public  
37 safety investigate dog and cat abuse, while the  
38 sheriff's department investigates all other animal  
39 abuse. This consolidation will allow the sheriff, who  
40 has the legal authority for state cruelty statutes to  
41 investigate and prosecute all cases of animal abuse,  
42 not just prosecute under county ordinance. But while I  
43 understand the frustration of these private security  
44 companies about submitting RFPs and not getting a  
45 response, an RFP doesn't guarantee you business. It's  
46 just a request to what does this cost to do this. And  
47 there's nothing in this transfer that prevents the  
48 sheriff from turning right around and outsourcing  
49 building security to either one of these firms if they  
50 give a better price than he can do it himself. Thank

1     you.

2             STEVEN POPE:     Steven Pope, District One,  
3     Bellview Estates. Mr. Chairman, listening to every  
4     comment here tonight, there's still a lot of questions  
5     that need to be answered. And I think, like other  
6     people have said, I think it's best we table this  
7     thing. If necessary go back to the drawing board and  
8     let's take what's good about it and work from there.  
9     But right now this one needs to be tabled. Thank you.

10            LESLIE WHITE:    Mr. Chair, I think it's  
11     actually -- I've talked to several people and I think  
12     it's a good idea to go ahead and put these guys  
13     underneath and ladies underneath Skipper for now. I'm  
14     sorry to the private firms, but I think outsourcing is  
15     a really bad idea. God forbid, this saying that we  
16     need to get rid of them altogether, we don't. We need  
17     security at these buildings. There's no doubt about  
18     it. There's a lot of money that goes through these tax  
19     buildings and everything else. If you want to pull  
20     security out of there completely, that's crazy. We  
21     need to make sure that the public is safe. Things are  
22     going crazy in this country nowadays. We've got people  
23     putting bombs in their underwear. I'm not saying  
24     that's going to happen here. I really hope it doesn't.  
25     But we need to think about the safety of everybody in  
26     Anderson County and people coming in from out of other  
27     countries to check things out, go in to check to see how  
28     taxes are or whatever or how the businesses run here in  
29     Anderson. We have to think about everybody's safety.  
30     And for the other three sitting over here, we love you  
31     too. Thank you.

32            MIKE MONTEPARA:   Mike Montepara, District  
33     Five. There's a couple of things I'd like to say.  
34     First of all, listening to these contractors, there  
35     seems to be some errors in the bidding process. I  
36     don't know -- I know you came up with a new plan and  
37     it's supposed to be wonderful, but obviously the  
38     information is not getting to the people you want bids  
39     from. They're across the map. The numbers are skewed.  
40     They're not getting the right information. I feel bad  
41     for these people, because they're trying to do you and  
42     us a service. They can't give you the correct  
43     information and the right numbers if they don't know  
44     what they're bidding for. So on that maybe y'all need  
45     to work harder on getting everything -- you've got an  
46     attorney here to help you nail down everything to a  
47     bid. Help these people do their jobs. Now, on the  
48     flip side of that. I'm a bid proponent of people with  
49     guns, along with the sheriff. I know John. Impeccable  
50     man. His captains, wonderful people to work for. His

1 staff, beyond reproach. I wish everybody in this  
2 county was the same. I believe that public safety  
3 belongs to the sheriff. That's what public safety is.  
4 No disrespect to these vendors. I'm sure they do  
5 admirable work. But I'm not a big fan of mall cops  
6 protecting my family. If my daughter is in the library  
7 and some crazy guy comes in there, I don't want him on  
8 his cell phone calling for instructions. I want him to  
9 know what to do. You just had, two days ago in Las  
10 Vegas, a guy in the courthouse. Do you think the mall  
11 cops would take full control of that situation or the  
12 sheriff who's trained in those situations would handle  
13 that appropriately? I would go with the sheriff. I  
14 would go with those men out in the hallway. Nothing --  
15 again, nothing against these people providing security.  
16 That's great for malls. It's great for whatever. Car  
17 lots. I don't know about putting your child, my child,  
18 these people's child's safety in their hands. But we  
19 need to think about that. Who assumes the liability if  
20 something goes wrong? Is that another lawsuit waiting  
21 to happen? Do they assume that risk or do we? Do  
22 these guys go on strike after two years if they don't  
23 get their money? We have no security. What about  
24 that? Is that of interest? I don't think the sheriff  
25 goes on strike. I haven't seen that happen. I take it  
26 John wouldn't do that. I don't think the boys under  
27 his command would ever put us at risk if the contract  
28 was up. Just think about what you're doing, people.  
29 This is an important step. Thank you.

30 JOHN SKIPPER: I'm John Skipper. You know  
31 who I am. I'm the sheriff. I just wanted to make  
32 sure, since is sort of a fact finding position here and  
33 make sure that everybody understands, make sure the  
34 council understands the comment made earlier by Mr.  
35 Burgess. And I believe what he said, you know, he had  
36 information too. But just understand that I was not  
37 part of the bid process or getting the information or  
38 writing the RFP. I was asked from the county folks at  
39 that time that was handling all this on what do we  
40 provide as the sheriff's office, what equipment do we  
41 have, what training we do. And I had them contact our  
42 training division to supply that information. So I  
43 mean, in a sense, I mean, we didn't sit down and help  
44 write the RFP. You know, we gave them information.  
45 And that's not about me being in competition with these  
46 folks. You know, I'm here to do law enforcement. And  
47 as we've talked before, you know, four of you came to  
48 me with this idea as of midnight tonight almost a year  
49 and two weeks ago. So it was proposed to me to look at  
50 doing this. And that's where this has come from. It's

1 come from the position of what could we the sheriff's  
2 office do about the park police, because that was  
3 everybody's issue, you know, the commissioning or non-  
4 commissioning, what authority does the park police  
5 have. And we discussed that and I gave you my opinion  
6 and what we could do. And I said at whatever time we  
7 would look at it, and that's where we've been looking  
8 at it a little more than a year now. Seriously looking  
9 at it probably since about February of this past year  
10 once we all got in office and got settled. And so  
11 that's kind of where we are. I do have some  
12 information on things that have happened through some  
13 of the process that we've talked. Spoke to several of  
14 you individually over the past months on my feelings on  
15 it, what we can do and what our position is and what we  
16 can provide. So with that I'm assuming you're getting  
17 ready to go into discussion, so I'm not going to speak  
18 more now, but I am here to answer any questions that  
19 you want me to answer. From there I'll give it back to  
20 you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

22 JACK GUERARD: Mr. Chairman and members of  
23 County Council, I'm eighty-eight years old. I spent  
24 eighteen years of my life here in this courthouse. And  
25 I think you're running the security in the ground.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. , if you would  
27 state your name just for the record. I know you and  
28 most people do, but some people don't. If you would,  
29 just state your name.

30 JACK GUERARD: My name is Jack Guerard.

31 TOMMY DUNN: District Five.

32 JACK GUERARD: I live at 1511 Guerard Road.  
33 Been there all my life.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead. I'm sorry. Go  
35 ahead.

36 JACK GUERARD: When we had a disturbance in  
37 the courthouse, I was on the sheriff's force at one  
38 time before I became a magistrate. If we had a  
39 disturbance in this courthouse, all they had to do was  
40 pick up the phone and either call the city or the  
41 sheriff's office downstairs. It was taken care of.  
42 They was put in jail -- if loitering, you put them in  
43 jail. We meant business. If I was scared of my job, I  
44 wouldn't take a job in the courthouse. We run out on  
45 security force. I think it's waste of taxpayer's money  
46 myself. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
48 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing no one, the public  
49 hearing will be closed. At this time I'm going to  
50 recognize myself to start out before anybody. I'm

1 going to say a few words.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of order.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: We have to get it on the  
5 floor. We have to vote. We have to make a motion.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry.  
7 You're so right. We have a motion to proceed with this  
8 on third reading? And this will be -- let me make sure  
9 I get this -- we ain't got a motion yet. You going to  
10 make a motion, Mr. Waldrep? No, I'm not making a  
11 motion. I'm just waiting to hear. Mr. Waldrep makes  
12 the motion to move on Ordinance 2009-21. Do I have a  
13 second?

14 CINDY WILSON: I'll second it.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it. At  
16 this time now I'll recognize myself. I want to address  
17 a couple of things. I am disturbed with what I've  
18 heard here tonight too by some of these security  
19 companies. I do want to say I'm a -- some of these  
20 folks have spoke tonight about comparing apples with  
21 apples and applies with oranges. I think it's hard to  
22 compare private security with true law enforcement. I  
23 think that is one of the positions government is  
24 supposed to do, is protect us. Public safety.  
25 Firefighting. Law enforcement. Going back to one of  
26 the other speakers said earlier tonight about why this  
27 was first organized and public safety and doing this  
28 and that. As it stands, indisputable fact, they don't  
29 have the authority to do their job as far as arresting  
30 nobody if push comes to shove. We all know that, be  
31 what you call it. We've been very lucky in Anderson  
32 County that nothing hasn't happened to come back to do  
33 us on this, as far as the system we've got now. And we  
34 need to do something about the system we have now. We  
35 had an incident here just within the last couple of  
36 weeks out at the Civic Center at the basketball  
37 tournament that could have been a very, very bad  
38 situation could have got into it because of the  
39 situation we've got running this thing. We definitely  
40 need to get this thing corrected. I'm under the  
41 mindset, and have been for sometime, the original ones,  
42 that all -- the earlier speaker said, all law  
43 enforcement ought to be under the sheriff's office and  
44 help animal control. But I'll relinquish the floor now  
45 to whoever. Mr. Wilson.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson called it first.  
48 I'm sorry, Ms. Floyd.

49 RON WILSON: The thing that concerns me is  
50 what the three companies said, that they submitted



1 questions and we didn't answer them. So I'm for  
2 tabling this until we get some answers and find out  
3 where we are. Because certain jobs can be done far  
4 more efficiently by the private sector than it can by  
5 government. And in fact one of these entities said  
6 that they submitted two different sets of questions and  
7 got neither of them answered. And then the other thing  
8 was they mentioned that they had submitted and were  
9 only given like nine days to respond, which to me seems  
10 a little bit tight, even for government. So I'm for  
11 tabling this, is where I am, at this time.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

13 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. When this thing first  
16 came up the night that we did this, I told you then  
17 that we needed to look at this thing carefully, because  
18 there was a lot of questions. I told you then that we  
19 needed to go back and go through this process. Let's  
20 answer those questions. In fact, I asked, were these  
21 questions answered of these people because I heard this  
22 way before now. Okay. This is not a I told you so.  
23 But then again, it is. This is not about the sheriff  
24 getting this contract. This is about the people of  
25 Anderson County not getting a fair chance. This is  
26 about small businesses trying to fight to stay afloat  
27 in this hard and economical time. This is not about  
28 the money being stolen or somebody getting shot up.  
29 This is bigger. This is about people wanting and  
30 needing a fair chance. Which hasn't happened here in  
31 Anderson County in a lot of situations. To go on with  
32 this knowing that these people who did what we asked  
33 them to do did not get the follow-up from it, is  
34 unfair. And let me tell you, this is not the first  
35 time this has happened when someone has called for more  
36 information and didn't get it on a contract. This is  
37 not the first time. But we need to stop now. I like  
38 the sheriff's plans that he presented to us and then to  
39 me. I sat down with him three or four times and talked  
40 to him. I liked his plans. But what I don't like is  
41 the way the situation was handled. All right. Now, I  
42 don't care who said what. A lot of y'all came up and  
43 you said this and you said that. I am basing my  
44 decision on me. If you know me, you know that nobody  
45 tells me what to say or what to do; don't you? Based  
46 on that, based on that, I think we need to stop it. We  
47 need to back it up. We need to give these taxpaying  
48 citizens of these businesses in Anderson County a fair  
49 change. Let me tell you, if you don't do it now, if we  
50 don't do this tonight, the next time we put out a bid

1 and nobody shows up, you're going to wonder why. Thank  
2 you, Mr. Chairman.

3 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. ...

5 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

6 CINDY WILSON: ... Animal control should  
7 either go to the sheriff where the state laws can be  
8 enforced pertaining to animal control, or the county  
9 must go ahead and revise ordinances, maybe add  
10 ordinances to make sure we can do that. The park  
11 police is the main bone of contention here. The park  
12 police were formed by -- the department was formed by  
13 our former administrator, which I warrant to you was an  
14 illegal establishment of a private police force. The  
15 other thing that we all seem to be agreeing on, it is  
16 very troubling to know that requests for proposals went  
17 out and vendors wishing to submit proposals recontacted  
18 our staff and submitted questions that they needed  
19 answering before they could really submit proposals.  
20 And I think that, along with the probably illegally  
21 formed park police, is the main bone of contention  
22 here. That's where we find the most trouble.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore. You through, Ms.  
24 Wilson.

25 CINDY WILSON: For the moment. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Last  
28 year when we began these discussions, you know, we  
29 talked with the sheriff. And I really think a lot of  
30 it should go under the sheriff. I've always thought  
31 that. But when we started the process back last spring  
32 talking about this, the statements that came out was  
33 that we were going to do a study and we were going to  
34 assess the needs that we actually needed for the  
35 county. And we were going to decide the number of  
36 people and everything and we was going to know exactly  
37 what was required. And in that discussion we decided  
38 that well maybe we would send out a proposal, a request  
39 for proposal and let some private firms help us out  
40 with that process, because they do this every day. And  
41 the sheriff is law enforcement every day. But a lot of  
42 county, including Greenville County and some of the  
43 other counties, I've talked to sheriffs and I've talked  
44 to a lot of different law enforcement individuals.  
45 They do privatize a lot of their forces even in  
46 courtroom and stuff in the state, right now. That  
47 happens. Having said that, we are skirting and we're  
48 throwing out our fiduciary responsibility not to make  
49 sure that we have the correct numbers from these firms  
50 on their proposals. These gentlemen come from

1 Charlotte, from Charleston, and they have a  
2 considerable amount of money they have invested, and  
3 time, coming to this county to try to help us out. If  
4 we just do not allow them to do their job, we have  
5 completely thrown away these strides that we have made  
6 when we redid our procurement procedure. We are no  
7 better than any other past administration. You have  
8 got to allow companies to at least do their proposals  
9 and give us the numbers. That's the only thing I have  
10 ever asked. Real numbers, real proposals, so that we  
11 can compare apples and apples and oranges and oranges  
12 and then we can make this decision and make it in a  
13 logical way for the citizens of Anderson County,  
14 because these are important issues. But for us not to  
15 allow these companies the information they need is just  
16 not right. And I will, I will for tabling this until  
17 we make sure these companies have all the questions  
18 answered that they asked for. There's nothing wrong  
19 with that. We table it for a week or two and let these  
20 gentlemen have the correct information they need so  
21 that we can properly make a decision on this matter.  
22 Rushing through this thing tonight just because, you  
23 know, maybe -- we all like the sheriff. I don't think  
24 there's a person up here on council that don't like the  
25 sheriff. But we would be skirting our fiduciary  
26 responsibility if we didn't follow this process that we  
27 have created and we have straightened out in this  
28 county, if we didn't do that. And I think it's wrong.  
29 And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of order.  
31 Is that in the form of a motion?

32 TOMMY DUNN: No. Mr. Waldrep wants the  
33 floor. Mr. Waldrep.

34 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
35 think we've had a good discussion here. When I came  
36 here tonight my initial belief was that we needed to go  
37 ahead and do something. And having an opportunity to  
38 listen to everybody -- well, everybody's concerns, the  
39 public as well as the council's concerns, has troubled  
40 me a lot, but it has certainly clarified, I think, a  
41 certain sense of this council as to what the vote would  
42 be on a motion to table. I wanted to say that one of  
43 the troubling things has been that this has been out  
44 there so long. This has been an issue that's been on  
45 the table for such a length of time. I have not  
46 personally investigated all the procedures, the  
47 complaints that have been made by all these folks and  
48 their concerns about the bidding process. But what  
49 I've heard today, really for the first time from the  
50 public, is that we've got some problems out there. I

1 guess the biggest problem I see is why it has taken us  
2 so long to get where we are. And I feel sure that  
3 we'll probably get some answers from -- in our process.  
4 We know that our council turns over this process to our  
5 staff and the staff looks at it and the staff goes  
6 through all these procedures. So maybe we do have a  
7 lot of questions to answer. In defense of where we are  
8 at this particular point, as I understand it, these  
9 requests for proposals are not bids in that in this  
10 information it specifically states that, you know,  
11 there's no obligation on the part of the county to do  
12 anything other than to receive this as information.  
13 Unfortunately, I think that probably is a misleading  
14 kind of procedure because it's interpreted by those who  
15 receive that information that this is a genuine, open  
16 opportunity for them to engage in an open bidding  
17 process. I guess we learn a little bit every day about  
18 our process and how we're doing things. It's for that  
19 reason that, and I guess everyone has expressed their  
20 affection for the sheriff. Let me express my affection  
21 for the sheriff and my apologies, Sheriff. And like  
22 they used to say in Columbia, love you, mean it. But  
23 we've still got to deal with this situation. And after  
24 listening to everything -- let me say this. And I  
25 don't mean to talk too long. But from day one, day  
26 one, I have always believed that the better way of  
27 handling our security has been through a professional  
28 system that would be under the sheriff. That was  
29 because of training, because of past abuses that we've  
30 had where we had people that couldn't arrest you but  
31 they could shoot you. You know, I've always thought  
32 that that was just too much irony for me to understand.  
33 For that reason I would submit at this point to table  
34 this amendment or this statute that we proposed here  
35 and that we come back at a later time after we have  
36 thoroughly investigated all of the complaints of these  
37 folks that have made about the bidding procedure and  
38 then move on with all deliberate speed. I think that's  
39 our charge, is to now move on this issue as soon as  
40 possible.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
42 BOB WALDREP: That's it.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Could I ask you to just hold  
44 that motion for a second?  
45 BOB WALDREP: Yes, sir.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: I think there's been some -- I  
47 don't want to say accusations, but some things spoken  
48 here tonight. And Mr. Carroll, I believe, wants to  
49 speak on some of these things just to clarify some  
50 things. And I think we owe him to grant him the

1 opportunity to say a few words. Mr. Carroll.

2 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Dunn. I was  
3 hoping someone was going to ask me what process that my  
4 office went through. I was directed to put out a  
5 request for proposals for security services. I was  
6 given the specifications, which we put out in good  
7 faith what was required of a security company. It was  
8 a short time frame. That was the time I was given.  
9 Vendors did ask for an extension. It was not given.  
10 Questions were answered -- excuse me. Questions were  
11 asked by some of the vendors. And I think if they go  
12 back and check their notes, and I can provide it if I  
13 knew all this was going to come up, there were  
14 questions answered before proposals were due.  
15 Proposals came in. We had four responses. Questions  
16 came in again after the proposals were due. Okay. If  
17 you would like for me to accept those questions, you  
18 need to change the procurement code which you voted on  
19 a few months ago. We followed correct procedures.  
20 Proposals came in. They had time to ask their  
21 questions. Maybe they didn't like the answers, but we  
22 gave the answers that we could give. And these came  
23 from the Public Safety Department. I forwarded them to  
24 the vendors. Now, when you get proposals, you're not  
25 only looking at price. Price is a factor. Okay. So  
26 we -- the normal procedure would be for staff under the  
27 direction of the administrator to evaluate the  
28 proposals and then make a recommendation through the  
29 administrator to council. We never got to that point.  
30 That is what happened. And I'll be glad to answer any  
31 questions from council.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Carroll, I had a whole  
35 stack of letters that I shared with Mr. Allen, Mr.  
36 Dunn, I put under your door, Mr. Waldrep, during this  
37 process. And the firms said that the questions were  
38 never answered. And this was during that process  
39 during that time.

40 ROBERT CARROLL: I just spoke with Mr. Burgess  
41 and he confirmed that they did receive. He didn't send  
42 responses for the questions. But I don't remember if  
43 it was the firm from Charlotte. There were questions  
44 asked. And we responded to the ones that we could  
45 respond before then. Now, like I said, several  
46 questions came in after the fact. That's not the way  
47 to handle the proposal, after the fact. You don't  
48 start going back and forth with all the vendors then.  
49 So that is my point. I mean, if you would like for me  
50 to, we can do that in the future. But you need to

1 change the code. I mean, requests for proposals come  
2 in. Those are confidential. There's a proper  
3 procedure to follow then.

4 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

6 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Carroll, I guess the  
7 problem is that we don't understand our own procedures.  
8 And so is there an explanation in the procedures as to  
9 what the procedures -- how they're to proceed so that  
10 people have some understanding? It just seems like  
11 that there's a -- these procedures obviously have some  
12 complexity in them. They've got some kind of rules.  
13 And is it stated in the procedures, we don't answer  
14 questions, you give this information? That's what I  
15 don't really understand.

16 ROBERT CARROLL: It's stated -- I think it's  
17 stated in the RFP. I mean, there's a time for  
18 questions. And like I said, we did attempt to answer  
19 the questions that we could answer. Now, once the time  
20 frame is closed, you want to keep some confidentiality  
21 of their numbers. Those don't need to get out to  
22 everyone. It's not that we're trying to hide anything.  
23 It's a fact there's a proper way to go about doing  
24 business with this. If we would have had a chance to  
25 evaluate them, then we would have ranked one, two and  
26 three, just like we've done other proposals presented  
27 to you. Then if you would approve that one, then we  
28 would have had a chance to go back and negotiate with  
29 vendor number one. Again, if there's some difference  
30 in opinion in what requirements are needed, I can  
31 apologize for that, but I didn't write the specs.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Carroll.

34 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what you told me too.  
36 When I questioned you about it, that's what you told  
37 me. I think that the committee who wrote the new  
38 guidelines should get together again and try to iron  
39 out these discrepancies. I know that's above your pay  
40 grade to have to take all of this in. I know that you  
41 were doing just what you were asked to do. And I don't  
42 have a problem with that. But there is something that  
43 needs to be straightened out here. We all know what  
44 RFP means. The people who submitted those RFPs know  
45 what they're doing. We aren't the only show in town  
46 that requires RFP. So I'm confident that they know  
47 what they were doing. But I'm confident too that we  
48 dropped the ball somewhere along in there. We need to,  
49 we need to go back and let's take another look at it,  
50 let's rewrite this whole thing so that we can do the

1 right thing. All right. Maybe they still will fall  
2 short of what we need or what we want. I don't know.  
3 But I am for, let's go back, take another look at it.  
4 And Mr. Chairman, I am putting this in the form of a  
5 motion that we table this entire conversation until we  
6 can get -- until we can talk with these people  
7 individually and let the committee get back to work.  
8 And then when we bring it all out again, we're hoping  
9 that we can bring it to the satisfaction of not  
10 everybody, but to the satisfaction of doing the right  
11 thing. And that's in the form of a motion.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, could I please ask  
13 you to hold that. Mr. Wilson's got a question he would  
14 like to ask and I would like to recognize him, if you  
15 would. Mr. Wilson.

16 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr.  
17 Carroll, you said -- I think you said that you answered  
18 all the questions that you could. When you say that,  
19 was it because of part of the regulations or something  
20 or was it information that you didn't have to where you  
21 couldn't answer them?

22 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't want to say --  
23 because this is from memory, from however many months  
24 back. I don't want to say I answered every question.  
25 That's why I said that that way. We answered -- I sent  
26 the questions, fact is, to the Public Safety  
27 Department. They forwarded me back the answers. Some  
28 of those questions that were asked - I wish I could  
29 give you an example of a comparison. There was nothing  
30 -- there was not an answer we could give them because  
31 it was being done in-house at that time. So we  
32 couldn't respond to every question. But I think we  
33 responded to all the questions that we could give an  
34 answer to, that we had that available information.

35 RON WILSON: So an example that would be,  
36 just like you said, a question that you didn't have a  
37 comparison for?

38 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen, before  
40 Ms. Floyd makes her -- have you got any questions? Do  
41 you want the floor? Anything you would like to say to  
42 give you a fair turn?

43 TOM ALLEN: Just a quick comment, because  
44 I haven't said anything yet. We've been debating this  
45 for about thirty minutes or so now, knowing that we're  
46 probably going to table it. So that's why I haven't  
47 said anything. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd, your  
49 motion.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, yeah, in the

1 interest of what the lady said when she stood up about  
2 parliamentary procedure, the lady over there, when a  
3 motion is made to table, parliamentary procedure  
4 dictates that you get a second for it and that you vote  
5 on it. You can vote to hold it or you can vote to do  
6 it. But I did not mind, on this particular instance I  
7 did not mind adhering to your request. But now I'll  
8 put in the form of a motion that we table this entire  
9 process until we get a chance to look at it, number  
10 one, until the committee gets a chance to reconvene,  
11 number one. And that we talk with these people who are  
12 here tonight.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: That's in the form of a  
15 motion.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. And the  
17 chairman's prerogative is before he repeats the motion  
18 or puts it on the floor, the person has the right to  
19 withdraw their motion. That's the reason I asked you  
20 to do that. Any second for -- are there a second for  
21 Ms. Floyd's motion?

22 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds Ms. Floyd's  
24 motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
25 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
26 unanimously. I would like to say one quick thing right  
27 quick. Mr. Burns, if you would instruct your staff  
28 please to get on this as soon as possible where they  
29 can get on this, because this has been going on for  
30 quite sometime. And I want to make sure everybody  
31 feels comfortable and gets the information they need.  
32 So we would appreciate that. Now, moving on to Item 9,  
33 ordinance's second reading, 9 (a), 2009-035, an  
34 ordinance amending Ordinance 99-004 of the Anderson  
35 County Zoning ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by  
36 amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to  
37 amend the Planned Development District for Meadowbrook  
38 Baptist Church that parcel of land consisting of plus  
39 or minus 10.4 acres in the Hopewell School Precinct on  
40 the corner of McGee Road and Hub Drive, Anderson, South  
41 Carolina the major amendment application prepared by  
42 Lonnie Watt & Associates dated October 6, 2009. The  
43 plan prepared by Lonnie Watt & Associates. The parcel  
44 is further identified as TMS #145-00-07-014. Motion.  
45 Ms. Wilson makes the motion to approve. Mr. Waldrep  
46 seconds. Any further discussion? Any discussion?

47 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, the only  
48 question I would ask Mr. West is has it gone through  
49 the usual procedures? Maybe we had asked that before.  
50 Gone through the ---



1 BILL WEST: Yes. At your last meeting in  
2 December you had a public hearing and it has been  
3 through the technical -- the advisory group,  
4 recommended for approval. It's been through the  
5 Planning Commission and recommended for approval.

6 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you, sir.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion? Hearing  
8 none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
9 opposed like sign. The motion carries unanimously.  
10 Moving on to Item 9 (b), 2009-037, ordinance amending  
11 Chapter 2 of the Anderson County Code in order to  
12 create the Anderson County Animal Shelter Advisory  
13 Committee, and matters related thereto. There's a  
14 public hearing. Public hearing is in session. Step  
15 forward to make any comment.

16 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
17 I know this is dealing with an advisory committee. I  
18 heard a lot of talk, not just tonight, but several  
19 times over the past few years about a problem with our  
20 animal control officers not being able to, I guess,  
21 arrest people. I would like to ask, if this committee  
22 is formed, that maybe they get their heads together and  
23 see if they don't think it's a good idea for our  
24 council to enact an ordinance giving those folks that  
25 power if that's possible. As I understand it, they go  
26 through regular law enforcement training. They don't  
27 have arrest powers, I guess. That's what I'm  
28 understanding from all this mess. If that's a  
29 stumbling block, maybe that's something that can be  
30 solved, you know, simply with an ordinance and our  
31 council. Hopefully I'd like to see them take a look at  
32 that if this committee is formed here. Thank you

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
34 Anyone else at all? Public hearing is now closed.  
35 Motion on the floor?

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion  
37 that we move this.

38 CINDY WILSON: Second.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion to  
40 move this. Ms. Wilson seconds it. Are there any  
41 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, show of hands.  
42 All opposed like sign.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Show the vote is unanimous.  
45 Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, should -- after  
47 the third reading will we be ready then to nominate  
48 members from this committee?

49 TOMMY DUNN: If y'all are ready, yes,  
50 ma'am, we'll do it then.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: After the third reading?  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. How many people  
4 are we to recommend?

5 TOMMY DUNN: One each.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: One each?

7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. At this time  
8 we'll be moving on to Item number 10, ordinance first  
9 reading, 2010-001, ordinance amending Chapter 43,  
10 Article 3 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances  
11 pertaining to the position of the Anderson attorney, an  
12 internal auditor and matters related thereto. Cindy  
13 Wilson.

14 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This  
15 is actually the third attempt to try to provide checks  
16 and balances in our council administrator form of  
17 government. In the previous regime, even our local  
18 newspaper kept defining our form of government here as  
19 the county administrator form of government. The first  
20 time that this was brought up I think was about three  
21 years ago. Our former county attorney said that it was  
22 illegal. The second time that we brought it up, same  
23 thing. But we have counties in the state that actually  
24 retain their internal auditor and their county  
25 attorneys under their councils, in the council  
26 administrator form of government. There are so many  
27 merits to doing this so that we can have the necessary  
28 checks and balances. But we've also been threatened  
29 with a lawsuit tonight. I'd like to open the floor on  
30 this for discussion. I think that there are merits to  
31 looking into this. I do know that we took this before  
32 our county delegation recently thinking that ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Wilson. We  
34 need to get it on the floor before discussion. I was  
35 thinking you was going to make a motion and I went into  
36 deep thought. We need to go through the thing of a  
37 motion and second.

38 CINDY WILSON: I'll make the motion and then  
39 if I can get a second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Second it.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds the motion.  
43 Ms. Wilson, I yield back the floor to you.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Gosh, I've lost my  
45 train of thought now. The concerns here are that this  
46 is what the County Council had under the council  
47 administrator form of government years ago until the  
48 most recent former county attorney and his staff, I  
49 believe, got it changed with the former administrator.  
50 We actually had the county attorney and the internal

1 auditor under the County Council. And then it was  
2 changed. There are so many problems here because, I  
3 mean, I've gone all the way to the State Supreme Court  
4 to try to open the records. And thank the good Lord  
5 there have been five of us council members who did try  
6 to make the government open and more accountable and  
7 more transparent here. But, gosh, heaven forbid, if  
8 when we go off this council, the next council ends up  
9 being stonewalled and stalemated as I've been. I just  
10 think we need to have checks and balances in the  
11 system, so I'm requesting that we open the floor for  
12 discussion tonight and hash this out and come to some  
13 type of understanding. Thank you.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I think that we've  
17 had two cases on this same thing. In year 2000 and  
18 something another, it went to the Supreme Court. It  
19 was Preston against Wilson or Wilson against Preston,  
20 one or the two, and it was ruled then. It was Wilson  
21 against Preston. I think, Ms. Wilson, you lost that  
22 case.

23 CINDY WILSON: No, ma'am, I didn't. It was  
24 ---

25 GRACIE FLOYD: It was also when Gene Taylor  
26 was county attorney -- I mean, when Gene Taylor -- when  
27 they tried to do this when Gene Taylor was on board, he  
28 took it to -- all the way up too, and they also, they  
29 also voted on behalf of Gene Taylor. Now, Mr. Pitts, I  
30 want to ask you just a yes or no questions, please,  
31 sir. Okay? Is this legal?

32 MIKE PITTS: I tell you what, that's  
33 getting into the province of giving legal advice. I'd  
34 be happy to answer that question in executive session.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But is -- I don't see  
36 why we have to go into executive session just so you  
37 can tell me whether it's legal or not.

38 MIKE PITTS: Well, I think that involves  
39 the giving of legal advice and that's the kind of thing  
40 that I respectfully submit should be done in an  
41 executive session. And I'll be happy to answer that  
42 question for you.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, have you been  
44 asked this question before by any other member up here?

45 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe so. No,  
46 ma'am. I was asked to prepare this particular  
47 ordinance. But I'd certainly be happy to answer any  
48 questions and provide any legal advice that y'all would  
49 like to have on this in executive session.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I'm not asking

1 you to provide any legal advice at this time. The only  
2 thing I'm asking you is to tell me as the county  
3 attorney if this is legal or not so I'll know how to  
4 vote. If not, if you can't answer that, then I don't  
5 know if I'm voting on something that's illegal or not  
6 illegal.

7 MIKE PITTS: I can certainly answer the  
8 question, but even giving you a yes or no answer to  
9 that is giving a legal opinion. Albeit a one sentence  
10 -- a one word one, rather, and I again, respectfully  
11 submit that should be done in executive session where  
12 I'm more than happy to do that.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, and that's -- you  
14 know, we're taking his advice. And that's, you know,  
15 the point of order. That's what he wants. If you feel  
16 like you really need that, we'll go into -- you can  
17 make a motion to go into executive session or whatnot.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, yes. In order for us to  
19 vote on this thing properly, and we'll know the  
20 decision that we need to make, I'm asking for an  
21 executive session. That's in the form of a motion.

22 TOMMY DUNN: I second. All in favor of the  
23 motion, show of hands. Show Mr. Wilson, Ms. Floyd, Mr.  
24 Dunn and Ms. Wilson is in favor. All opposed. Mr.  
25 Allen, Mr. Waldrep and Mr. Moore. We'll go into a  
26 brief session of executive session to get some legal  
27 advice from the attorney.

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29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

30 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, wait till Mr.  
31 Wilson gets back.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I'm sorry. I wouldn't do  
33 that to anybody. I'm awfully sorry. I thought he was  
34 back.

35 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be back in  
36 session. And I know Ms. Floyd just asked. But before  
37 that Ms. Wilson asked me coming in because she had the  
38 floor first. I'll turn it to you.

39 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, while ---

40 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, I think you need  
41 a motion to come out.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, we've got to get a  
43 motion to come out first. All right. Thank you. Mr.  
44 Wilson makes a motion to come out.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson

47 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, as we have a  
48 number of conflicting opinions and ideas and the  
49 history of this is somewhat questionable, I'm making a  
50 motion to table. And we will be getting more

1 information. So I put this in the form of a motion to  
2 table this measure and come back with more information.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
5 motion to table this -- Mr. Moore seconded it - show of  
6 hands. All opposed like sign. The motion carries  
7 unanimously. Moving on to Item number 11, resolutions.  
8 Resolution (a), number R-2010-001, a resolution  
9 renaming Fred Foster Way to Carl Anderson Way, and  
10 matters related thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore.

11 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
12 would like to put this in the form of a motion, this  
13 resolution. I would like to read it first.

14 Whereas, the Anderson County Council takes great  
15 price in acknowledging the accomplishments,  
16 contributions and success of residents who have made  
17 Anderson County a better place to live and work; and

18 Whereas, long time resident of Anderson County, Mr.  
19 Carl Anderson, deserves such recognition for his  
20 contribution to Anderson County law enforcement over a  
21 span of forty years; and

22 Whereas, Mr. Anderson has served under five county  
23 sheriffs, beginning in 1970, and in 1989 he began  
24 serving the county in a position of magistrate, where  
25 he became chief magistrate of the county through the  
26 year 2000; and

27 Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to change  
28 the name of Fred Foster Way to Carl Anderson Way in  
29 order to recognize Mr. Anderson's outstanding law  
30 enforcement leadership and service to the citizens of  
31 Anderson County.

32 Now, therefore, it is resolved by the Anderson  
33 County Council that the Anderson County Council hereby  
34 honors Mr. Carl Anderson for his selfless dedication  
35 and sacrifice for the safety and well-being of the  
36 citizens of Anderson County. Fred Foster Way is hereby  
37 renamed Carl Anderson Way. The Anderson County  
38 Transportation Department shall install the appropriate  
39 markers and signs containing the name Carl Anderson Way  
40 and make official notification to effect this  
41 resolution.

42 Resolution shall take effect and be in force  
43 immediately upon enactment. Put that in the form of a  
44 motion.

45 CINDY WILSON: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion and  
47 Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Ms. Floyd has the  
48 floor.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I think this is a  
50 wonderful thing that we're going to do to honor a man

1 who has done so much for Anderson. But I think that  
2 there's -- we need to look at it from another  
3 standpoint. And I went out there and I looked at all  
4 the buildings out there. There is a Lawrence Whitfield  
5 building. That's the county home building. There's a  
6 Doyle Kay Behavioral Science Service building. There's  
7 a Duck Cooley Law Enforcement building. There is a W.  
8 Clyde Stone Law Enforcement building. And there's a  
9 Henry Finley, South Carolina Vocational Rehab. And  
10 then there is a building out there that we have not yet  
11 named. It is the new sheriff center. Now, rather than  
12 give -- rather than change the name of a road that's  
13 located in the human resource park - Mr. Foster had  
14 served on the Anderson Memorial Hospital board for  
15 years. And that's why that particular road was named  
16 for him, because it's a Human Resource Park. It has  
17 nothing to do with law enforcement. I'd like to hand  
18 you a copy of this - thank you - of this -- I'm making  
19 an amendment -- I would like to make an amendment to  
20 Mr. Moore's amendment. And mine reads:

21 A resolution designating the new law enforcement  
22 center building the Carl Anderson Law Enforcement  
23 Center.

24 Whereas, Carl Anderson is a native of Pendleton,  
25 South Carolina.

26 Whereas, Carl Anderson is formerly a magistrate for  
27 Anderson County and was the first African-American to  
28 hold the position of Chief Magistrate in Anderson  
29 County.

30 Whereas, prior to becoming a magistrate for  
31 Anderson County, Carl Anderson was the first African-  
32 American to reach the position of captain with the  
33 Anderson County Sheriff's Department.

34 Whereas, Carl Anderson currently serves as a deputy  
35 chief of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department where  
36 he continues to serve with distinction as he has done  
37 in all his capacities of public service over the years.

38 Therefore, be it resolved that in honor of the  
39 contributions that Carl Anderson has made to the  
40 administration of justice in Anderson County and his  
41 commitment to serve and protect the people of Anderson  
42 County, that the new Anderson County Law Enforcement  
43 Center shall hereafter be named the Carl Anderson Law  
44 Enforcement Center from this day forward.

45 And it goes on with the regular things that our  
46 resolutions say. I think if we really wanted to honor  
47 a man who have done a lot for this county, rather than  
48 name a street after him that's already named and that's  
49 located in the Human Resource Park with vocational  
50 rehab and the health department and social services,

1 that we give this man the honor of having his name  
2 placed on the law environmental center, which will  
3 dictate the work in the law environment that he has  
4 done. And I put that in the form of a motion. And I  
5 thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. We've got a  
7 motion. Do we have a second?

8 RON WILSON: Second.

9 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson seconds that. Ms.  
11 Wilson.

12 CINDY WILSON: When was the resolution naming  
13 the Fred Foster Way ever passed by County Council?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: I can answer that.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I can't answer that,  
16 Ms. Wilson.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: I can answer that, having been  
18 on council for ten years. Anderson County Council has  
19 never, ever named any road after anybody. This was  
20 always done by the Planning Department as a suggestion  
21 to our administrator and from that it was done. With  
22 all of these names and stuff that I have just given you  
23 and the countless numbers of streets that we have named  
24 after people in Anderson County, it was never done by  
25 council. It was done through the Planning Department.  
26 But since we are going to do this, I think if we are  
27 going to honor a man, let's honor him.

28 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I finish?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: I know we've had other placed  
31 and probably even roads that just -- the names were  
32 done by the former administrator, so it would be  
33 question whether it was a proper approach. So that was  
34 my point. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

36 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I kind of like  
37 the idea that we would honor Carl Anderson in that way.  
38 I'd kind of like to double up on it and give him the  
39 road and the place as well.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we've got that -- that  
41 is a motion. We'll be getting to it ---

42 BOB WALDREP: That looks like it's a  
43 substitute motion.

44 TOMMY DUNN: No, this is an amendment.

45 BOB WALDREP: This is an amendment?

46 TOMMY DUNN: She amended this to his thing.

47 BOB WALDREP: It's headed substitute  
48 Anderson County Resolution at the top, so I ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I didn't see that.

50 BOB WALDREP: Anyway, I just -- but this is

1 one of the things that happens in this road naming.  
2 You know, road naming is a very controversial kind of  
3 things. You know, we've had situations in this county,  
4 and I can remember from prior service that -- where  
5 families would get involved where some family name  
6 would ... And you would go down and you would find out  
7 who lived on the road and you'd find it was kind of  
8 like the Hatfields and McCoys. The Hatfields wanted it  
9 named Hatfield Street and the McCoys wanted it named  
10 McCoy street, you know. And sometimes it creates a lot  
11 of problems. But, you know, one of the other things  
12 that we need to be mindful of when we think about  
13 naming things is that these people are still alive.  
14 And while we know that probably when you get to a  
15 certain stage in life you're probably not going to do  
16 anything to embarrass folks. But you remember the  
17 great instance out there of the Earl Morris Highway  
18 that we have now. I think that's kind of mindful. And  
19 so, you know, there's a lot of thought being given to  
20 the fact that maybe we should wait until that person is  
21 deceased or willing to become deceased before we name  
22 something. So I'd just like for that to be in our  
23 thought process as we go through this naming process.  
24 Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Just one point of order. I'm  
28 going to have to ask for some help here, clarification  
29 from Mr. Pitts on this. We've got a motion on the  
30 floor. I thought she was amending this, but this was a  
31 substitute. Can we do that without voting on the first  
32 one.

33 MIKE PITTS: I understood -- was it a  
34 substitute resolution?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, uh-huh.

36 TOMMY DUNN: That's what it is on the top,  
37 yeah.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: I said amended. But it was a  
39 substitute.

40 MIKE PITTS: I'm sorry. When I heard  
41 amendment, I thought it was a motion to amend.

42 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I -- I did too.  
43 And I apologize. We've already got a motion on the  
44 floor. We've got to dispose of it before we can --  
45 this don't dispose of that; does it?

46 MIKE PITTS: No, sir, I don't believe it  
47 does. And I think the proper thing to do would be vote  
48 on Mr. Waldrep's motion to amend the amendment, vote on  
49 that first and then take Ms. Floyd's motion to amend.

50 CINDY WILSON: And I'll second Mr. Waldrep's



1 motion.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Are -- we're in  
3 discussion on Mr. Waldrep's motion now; right?

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Waldrep's  
5 motion -- let me state his motion. Mr. Waldrep's  
6 motion is to name both the building and the road that  
7 name and Ms. Wilson seconds. Now we've in discussion  
8 and we'll vote on that. Ms. Floyd, you want the ---

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I think that the  
10 Fred Foster Road, as I said, is located in the Human  
11 Resource Park. Mr. Chairman, I'm going to ask you to  
12 please have the audience respect the fact that ---

13 TOMMY DUNN: I didn't hear ---

14 GRACIE FLOYD: -- I'm speaking.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Please show some  
16 respect for the council people that's speaking, please.  
17 Hold it down.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I think that to do  
19 both of them would not be the right thing to do. I  
20 think that we are putting this man in a position that  
21 he didn't ask to be put in. Now, we know why Mr. Fred  
22 Foster's name is being taken down. But why not let's  
23 let -- it's an honor that was bestowed on him. All  
24 right. If we go back and take away all of the honors  
25 ...

26 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE

27 GRACIE FLOYD: ... So in view that we have a  
28 better spot to put him in, in view that we have a more  
29 honorable spot to do for him, I think that we should,  
30 in all fairness, let's put aside our little petty  
31 things here and let's leave the Fred Foster Road alone.  
32 Fred has earned, Fred has earned what he has gotten  
33 from Anderson County, and more. He's earned it. And  
34 to take it away from him because somebody's mad at him  
35 or somebody doesn't like him, it just doesn't make any  
36 sense. Now, if y'all want to wait till you die, we  
37 will accommodate that. Mr. -- we can start naming a  
38 whole lot of stuff after y'all when y'all are dead.  
39 But I just think that we need to go ahead and have Fred  
40 -- leave Fred Foster Road alone. Just because you  
41 don't like him, there are a lot of people in Anderson  
42 County that love the man. And I'm one of them.  
43 There's a lot of people in Anderson County that love  
44 Mr. Carl Anderson. And I'm one of them. I think that  
45 he deserves more than just a little road. And to give  
46 him two things just because you want to get rid of one  
47 thing is not the right thing to do, folks.

48 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

50 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, if I might. I'd just

1 like to comment. I have a great deal of respect for  
2 Mr. Anderson. I talked to him earlier about this. And  
3 I said I'd like to name something better than a small  
4 short road after him. He's certainly deserving of a  
5 lot more. If we can name this building after him -- is  
6 there any reason why that building can't be named after  
7 him? There's nothing else in place, I don't believe.  
8 I think the little road over there becomes irrelevant  
9 at this point. I would much rather have the law  
10 enforcement center named after Mr. Anderson. I think  
11 that's certainly more fitting. That's all I had.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else.  
13 Okay. We're now voting on Mr. Waldrep's amendment to  
14 name the road and the building, to do them both. We're  
15 naming that first. All in favor of, show of hands.  
16 Show Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn voted  
17 in favor of. All opposed. Show Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen  
18 and Ms. Floyd. It carries. Now we go back to the  
19 original motion to name the road only. Would that be  
20 proper or we took care of both of them?

21 MIKE PITTS: No. You now need to vote on  
22 whether you want to name both the road and the building  
23 after Mr. Anderson.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

25 TOM ALLEN: We just did.

26 TOMMY DUNN: We just done that.

27 TOM ALLEN: We just did.

28 MIKE PITTS: Well, you amended Ms. Floyd --  
29 you voted on Mr. Waldrep's amendment to Ms. Floyd's  
30 motion. So yeah, I guess technically you have already  
31 done that.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. At this time we would  
33 ask Mr. Anderson and Mr. Moore step down to the thing  
34 and let him present this.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Carl, I'd appreciate it if you  
36 would come up front.

37 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, are there any  
38 other buildings we might name after Mr. Anderson?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Let's all step down there --  
40 when Mr. Moore gets through we'll all step down there.

41 APPLAUSE

42 CARL ANDERSON: I want to thank the council  
43 for this. I want to thank the people of Anderson  
44 County. I've given you forty years and I'm still  
45 going. And I think most of you know my philosophy, my  
46 objectives. I'm a personal servant. I'm here to serve  
47 the people. So that's what I have done and that's what  
48 I will continue to do. And I want to try to make sure  
49 everyone is treated equally. It doesn't matter who you  
50 are, where you come from, how much money you've got. I

1 have the one spoon philosophy. I try to feed everyone  
2 out of the same spoon and do the right thing. As long  
3 as you do the right thing, you don't have a problem.  
4 And again, I want to thank the council for what they're  
5 done and the job they do. Thank you

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

7 APPLAUSE

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, if you would, would  
9 you organize something on council night or either  
10 thing, a dedication about naming the building? I don't  
11 think it's proper tonight. We ain't got to send off on  
12 that and I think we need to do it right. Send off on  
13 that.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Send off on that. And we  
16 appreciate all what Mr. Anderson has done. And I just  
17 want to say all my life I've heard of Mr. Anderson,  
18 since I was a little boy and been around him. I've  
19 never, ever heard anybody say one unkind about Mr.  
20 Anderson. And I want to tell you, that says a lot. I  
21 mean, as far as different sheriffs. They might have  
22 talked about your past boss man, Mr. Anderson, but they  
23 never said an unkind word about you. And we appreciate  
24 what all you've done for Anderson. And if you would  
25 take care of that, Mr. Burns, setting something up, we  
26 would greatly appreciate it.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: With that I think that we need  
28 to do something at the facility would be really nice  
29 and have -- in fact, I would like to see a Carl  
30 Anderson day, the day that we do that. But that street  
31 sign ...

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. At this  
33 time moving on to Resolutions 11 (c), a resolution  
34 expressing County consent -- (b), I'm sorry, a  
35 resolution authorizing the resurfacing of tennis courts  
36 at the Anderson County Sports and Entertainment Center;  
37 and matters related thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore and Bob  
38 Waldrep. And I'm sorry, I misspoke. That is  
39 Resolution 11 (b).

40 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

42 BOB WALDREP: This is the tennis courts that  
43 are located at the sports center, as indicated. And my  
44 understanding is that we have been able to locate the  
45 funds to do that and they're in the neighborhood of  
46 thirty-seven thousand dollars. Is that correct, Mr.  
47 Burns?

48 RUSTY BURNS: We think that is an estimate  
49 that we have.

50 BOB WALDREP: The estimate that we have.

1 Now, let me give you a little bit of history about  
2 these tennis courts out there. They have not been  
3 resurfaced or taken care of probably, as I can  
4 understand, in the last eight to ten years. And they  
5 have cracked, the nets are bad. And they are greatly  
6 used by people in the city as well as I think in  
7 Belton, the community of Belton, the tennis club, uses  
8 this facility for their tennis tournaments or tennis  
9 practice, what have you. Because of that and to update  
10 our sports center like we are, putting in new fields,  
11 and I think we're spending a great deal of money out  
12 there otherwise, I think this is very consistent in  
13 what we're trying to do to upgrade our -- and maintain  
14 our facilities. So I'm hoping that we'll have the  
15 agreement of council on this. Mr. Moore might want to  
16 speak some more about this because he's got some tennis  
17 connections over there in Belton.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, last year when  
19 they had the Palmetto Championships in Belton Rex  
20 Maynard came to us, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson, we were  
21 all at the -- they had a banquet over there to kick off  
22 the Palmetto Championships. And they brought that to  
23 our attention about how bad of shape it was in, Mr.  
24 Maynard did. And we told him then that we would see if  
25 we could put our recreation accounts and things to try  
26 to help out, try to get that resurfaced. He also has  
27 told us that he has some funds available on a grant  
28 that's going to go towards this also. And over in  
29 Belton, the Palmetto Championships brings an awful lot  
30 of people in here from all over the state and they stay  
31 in our hotels. And most of the hotel owners and  
32 restaurant owners, they really like when it comes to  
33 town, because a lot of people come in and they eat and  
34 they stay in the hotels and everything. They spend a  
35 lot of money. And they could not use the facility out  
36 there at the Civic Center because it was in such bad  
37 array on the surface. And so now this will give them  
38 another court that when they do some of the playoffs  
39 for the championships, they'll be able to utilize it.  
40 So we're real excited and we hope council will support  
41 this because it really does bring a lot of tax dollars  
42 into the county and we really need that.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'm sorry. I  
45 missed something. I know it was said, but I just  
46 missed it. Where did you say this money was coming for  
47 -- from?

48 RUSTY BURNS: It will come from the 360  
49 account, which is used for maintenance, the primary  
50 consideration on this. Just about every large town in

1 South Carolina is trying to steal the Palmetto Tennis  
2 Championships. We just think this might be a way to  
3 assist them in ---  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: It's coming from what account?  
5 The 3 ...  
6 RUSTY BURNS: We call it the 360. It's  
7 primarily from that.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: I've heard of that. What kind  
9 of account -- what's the money for?  
10 RUSTY BURNS: For maintenance items and for  
11 things that we need fixed up around the county.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.  
13 RUSTY BURNS: It's not a new account. It's  
14 been around forever.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I'm sure it  
16 has been. But I could have used that money to fix up  
17 the parks that I've had to fix up?  
18 RUSTY BURNS: We have a little bit of money  
19 available. We were trying to squeeze this out to help  
20 this particular project.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: But ...  
22 RUSTY BURNS: And we have used some of this  
23 money on some of the parks that we have worked on.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Not mine. Because I have put  
25 that money there out of my rec fund.  
26 RUSTY BURNS: Well, if you have a need, Ms.  
27 Floyd, if you'll let us know, we'll try to address it.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you have anymore money left  
29 in that account?  
30 RUSTY BURNS: I think we might have a small  
31 amount of money left in that account.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have a need. I have  
33 a need for Susan Booker Street Park that I've had to go  
34 into -- see, these guys aren't going into their rec  
35 account for any of this. But I want to ask a question.  
36 Is there any more money left from District Five's  
37 contribution to the Civil Center to do something. I  
38 forgot what they were going to use it for. Any money  
39 left in that account?  
40 RUSTY BURNS: I would have to check, Ms.  
41 Floyd.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: The question was on -- what  
43 was the question again, Ms. Floyd? Maybe I can answer  
44 it.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I was asking if there  
46 was any money left over from fixing up the Civic  
47 Center?  
48 TOMMY DUNN: No. None of it's been spent.  
49 It hasn't been bid out yet, so don't know.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

1 TOMMY DUNN: There could be. Yes, ma'am.  
2 We have to get it bid out. Hopefully that'll be  
3 coming very soon.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Then I'll just wait for  
5 that. But please look in to see what you've got left  
6 so we can put it toward the people on -- in this park.  
7 Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of  
9 the motion to repave the tennis courts at the tennis  
10 center, please show of hands. All opposed, like sign.  
11 Show the motion carries unanimously. Now we'll go to  
12 Resolution 11 (c), a resolution expressing county  
13 consent to judicial abandonment and closure of an  
14 unnamed road designed C-01-0267; and other matters  
15 related thereof. Holt Hopkins.

16 HOLT HOPKINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
17 This road is up in the Powdersville area just -- it  
18 runs between Three Bridges and Highway 153. This is  
19 such a short little cut-through. And it's not the  
20 resolution that I handed you. That will be coming up  
21 in a little bit. This was requested by a different  
22 developer. They're wanting to develop this property as  
23 shown on this map here. They originally wanted to  
24 close the whole road. But there is still an owner of  
25 that little triangle piece that is wanting to continue  
26 to have access to the back side of that property. And  
27 in order to do that, the developer is okay with -- I  
28 mean, he'll put in a cul-de-sac and just stub it out.  
29 It'll be breaking the access basically right there at  
30 153, but the rest of the road will stay intact. As  
31 part of some of the concerns in opposition that's in  
32 your packet, he also is proposing a turning lane, which  
33 there was several comments from the people that called  
34 in about putting a turning lane on Three Bridges and  
35 then that road wouldn't be quite so important. So with  
36 that, they would like to proceed on to the next step,  
37 which is going to a judge and asking him for judicial  
38 abandonment. But they ask your permission tonight.  
39 I'll answer any question -- I was trying to keep it  
40 short and sweet, but I'll be happy to answer any other  
41 questions you have.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson, do you have any  
43 comments on this?

44 RON WILSON: No, other than I'm very  
45 familiar with this and the part I was unaware of was  
46 you wasn't going to ask for the whole thing.

47 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir, it's just the last  
48 ten, twenty feet on the 153 side.

49 RON WILSON: Right.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: And one reason that's

1 important, the DOT's rules have changed on access and  
2 they won't be able to get a driveway off of 153 as long  
3 as that access remains. It's almost -- it's limited  
4 very much on how many accesses you can have.

5 RON WILSON: And I'm certainly -- in this  
6 economic times, anything we can have developed, we  
7 certainly need it. But I thought we was going to  
8 abandon the whole thing. But if that's all we need,  
9 then I'm -- I mean, we're all for it.

10 HOLT HOPKINS: You're basically just closing  
11 one end of it.

12 RON WILSON: Right. I understand. The  
13 colored end here.

14 HOLT HOPKINS: Right.

15 RON WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anymore questions  
17 for Mr. Hopkins?

18 BOB WALDREP: The only question I had, Mr.  
19 Chairman, because, you know, closing a road is a  
20 serious thing. And you've gone through the whole  
21 process in the neighborhood out there and addressed  
22 everyone's concerns?

23 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. And we've got  
24 petitions that started the process. We put up the  
25 signs for public notice. We've got a list of all the  
26 comments in your packet. There was some opposition  
27 from people that don't own property there, they just  
28 use it as a cut-through.

29 BOB WALDREP: Oh.

30 HOLT HOPKINS: A significant number of them  
31 referenced that if you get rid of that, Three Bridges  
32 is so narrow that traffic is going to back up. Well,  
33 part of the proposal is to put a right turning lane  
34 there, eliminating, really, the need for this little  
35 cut-through.

36 BOB WALDREP: Okay. And is that ---

37 HOLT HOPKINS: Here's a picture of the road.

38 BOB WALDREP: That's the little part that  
39 will be cut off right there?

40 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

41 BOB WALDREP: So the only access -- can you  
42 go back to the original one? The only access to this  
43 place -- what about the -- you know, as the blue area  
44 gets up there and fronts on 153, is that access to that  
45 highway there, or is there a separate ---

46 HOLT HOPKINS: It's not -- well, the  
47 proposal is to shift -- or down where that little cut-  
48 out square is ...

49 BOB WALDREP: Right.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Right in that area will be a

1 -- is a proposed driveway ---

2 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

3 HOLT HOPKINS: -- into a shopping center  
4 area. But the DOT wouldn't be able to give them access  
5 there as long as that road is that close to it.

6 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So they close off the  
7 little red thing and then they can do the -- looks like  
8 a rectangle there that they can enter that way? Is  
9 that ...

10 HOLT HOPKINS: That's not the best drawing  
11 to show exactly. I've got a ---

12 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I'm sure they're  
13 satisfied with their access, if this works out.

14 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. The property owner  
15 early on, of the little triangle piece, it had some  
16 concerns. And that's why we backed off of the proposal  
17 of doing the whole road. But we have recently heard  
18 from one of the family members just as of, I think,  
19 last week. It wasn't Mr. Rhode, but his daughter, I  
20 think, called in just to get more information. She  
21 didn't necessarily say, yeah, go do it. But she said,  
22 good. I mean, she was fairly well okay with it, is the  
23 report I got back. I mean, they're not crazy about it,  
24 but they're not as opposed to it as they once were.  
25 And mainly because we're not closing the whole road.

26 BOB WALDREP: I don't mean to belabor this,  
27 but I've just been involved in this stuff too much, I  
28 guess. So if you're going to Three Bridges Road there,  
29 before any of this happened, you used this little blue  
30 thing with the red tip on it there, that was the way  
31 that you went to connect up with Three Bridges Road to  
32 153, that was just a cut-through?

33 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. Normally, though,  
34 the traffic that's mostly on this little road is coming  
35 down Powdersville main and turning on Three Bridges  
36 headed toward 153. And then they'll bear right, if  
37 they're making a right turn, they'll use this little  
38 cut-through. If they're going straight or taking a  
39 left, they don't use it. And very seldom does traffic  
40 come off of 153 onto this road. It's mostly going the  
41 other way that this road is used. And that's why the  
42 turning lane is so important here.

43 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you. That's all  
44 I need.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask  
46 Mr. Wilson something. Mr. Wilson, there's a lot of  
47 names here that was opposed to it. I just want to make  
48 sure that you was okay with this. This is your  
49 constituents.

50 RON WILSON: No. I'm absolutely okay with



1 it.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Any other questions from Mr.  
3 Hopkins? At this time I'll entertain -- do you have  
4 something, Ms. Wilson?

5 CINDY WILSON: No. I just had looked at the  
6 packet and saw the oppositions and most of them were  
7 narrowed down to the concern of the turning lane. And  
8 if Mr. Wilson says that he's okay with that, his  
9 constituents ---

10 RON WILSON: If I can just say one thing.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

12 RON WILSON: Three Bridges Road, that's a  
13 normal road. But like in the morning, I mean the  
14 traffic is all jammed up on 153 all the way to the  
15 interstate. And some people use that. Certainly it's  
16 what was described by Mr. Hopkins. If they're going  
17 right, they'll just run straight down that little strip  
18 and turn right. But if we can put in a right turning  
19 lane there on Three Bridges Road, that'll greatly  
20 relieve and change the whole set-up, which should have  
21 been done a long time ago. This should be done.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Can we get a motion? Mr.  
23 Wilson makes a motion to adopt. Second? Mr. Moore  
24 seconds it. Any discussion, further discussion?  
25 Hearing none, all in favor of the resolution, show of  
26 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
27 unanimously. Now we're moving on to Resolution 11 (d),  
28 number R2010-005, a resolution authorizing the  
29 Appalachian Council of Governments to pursue the  
30 marketing and sale of the Tri-County Landfill site; and  
31 matters related thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Over  
33 the past year we've been meeting with the -- I have  
34 been meeting with council chairmans from Pickens County  
35 and Oconee County trying to establish a better  
36 relationship with them. And this matter here was  
37 something that they were really upset about, because  
38 they had agreed to sell this property and then Anderson  
39 County at the last minute decided not to. So Chairman  
40 Neal Smith and Chairman Reggie Dexter and their entire  
41 council endorsed them to ask me to come tonight and  
42 propose this resolution to bring this matter back up  
43 before the County Council to sell this property.  
44 They're in -- of course, they're strapped for cash just  
45 like every other county is now. And they would like  
46 for us to explore the possibility and to pass this to  
47 allow the Appalachian Council of Government to assist  
48 us in trying to sell this and see if they can get the  
49 same or close to the same amount of money for this  
50 property. And having said that, I would like to go

1 ahead and read this resolution now.

2 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a body  
3 politic and corporate and political subdivision of the  
4 State of South Carolina jointly owns with Pickens and  
5 Oconee Counties a tract of land making up the Tri-  
6 County Landfill, as more fully described in Exhibit A.

7 Whereas, Pickens and Oconee Counties have expressed  
8 their desire to sell the property and Anderson County  
9 Council believes it would be in the best interest of  
10 the county to pursue the sale of the property.

11 Whereas, given the joint ownership of the property,  
12 the Appalachian Council of Governments, ACOG, should be  
13 the entity designated to lead the sales effort on  
14 behalf of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties.

15 And therefore, the County Council wishes to  
16 authorize ACOG to market and solicit offers for the  
17 purchase of the property.

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the County  
19 Council in meeting duly assembled that, Anderson County  
20 desires to join with the Oconee and Pickens County to  
21 jointly market the property. ACOG is hereby designated  
22 as the entity to lead the sales effort, solicit offers  
23 for sale, bring them to County Council for action.  
24 Before accepting any offer for the property, ACOG must  
25 first obtain the requisite approvals from the governing  
26 bodies of Anderson, Pickens and Oconee Counties. The  
27 real estate transaction contemplated under the  
28 agreement is hereby exempted from the provisions of  
29 Section 2-653. This resolution shall take effect and  
30 be in full force immediately upon enactment. And I put  
31 this in the form of a motion.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes that in the  
33 form of a motion. Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Are  
34 there any discussion? Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Yes. First of all, how  
36 much money are they -- will be get a third of the money  
37 back from this sale?

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Pitts, I think -- Mr.  
39 Chairman, if I may ask ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, yes, if you need to  
41 get some legal advice from Mr. Pitts, go ahead.

42 MIKE PITTS: I'll be honest with you, I'm  
43 not sure who -- I know it's jointly owned by the three  
44 counties. One county may own a bigger piece of it than  
45 the other, assuming we all have -- all three counties  
46 have an undivided one-third interest in the property,  
47 then I would certainly think that the county would get  
48 a third of the sales proceeds.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know, that's  
50 assuming and that's thinking that we might. We haven't

1 done any research on this? You haven't looked into  
2 this to see how it would benefit the county?

3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, if I may get your  
4 question answered, I believe Mr. Carroll can answer it.  
5 He's dealt with this, I think, numerous times. I think  
6 he can maybe help us out on this.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, he's not our attorney.  
8 Let's keep that in mind.

9 TOMMY DUNN: But he knows -- but he does  
10 know about who owns what.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

12 TOMMY DUNN: This ain't the first time this  
13 has happened.

14 ROBERT CARROLL: It is jointly owned by all  
15 three equally. Now, Anderson County invested more up  
16 front, so our return on investment is not going to be  
17 as much as the other two. I think we had the most  
18 invested. Pickens was second. And Oconee had the  
19 least amount invested. But as far as the sale, it  
20 would be split one-third, is the way it was stated.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Carroll, why? If we  
22 put more in than the others did, because we're a larger  
23 county than the others, and I think it was done on the  
24 size of the counties - the same thing we do with Tri-  
25 County Tech. But why can't we get our full money --  
26 Anderson County will be losing money.

27 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't think we'll be losing  
28 money. We'll get a third of whatever the sale price  
29 is.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, but we put more than a  
31 third. If we put in -- if everybody else put in four  
32 dollars and we had to put in six dollars and everybody  
33 is going to get five dollars back apiece, that's not  
34 fair. So why?

35 ROBERT CARROLL: I can't state, but that's the  
36 way it was drawn up originally by the powers that be at  
37 that time. I can get the backup documentation. I  
38 don't have it with me tonight.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you know -- I can't  
40 remember why we dropped out of that. I was told, but I  
41 just cannot remember it.

42 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman.

43 TOMMY DUNN: She's asking a question, if  
44 you can answer it, go ahead.

45 ROBERT CARROLL: ACOG did take -- they handled  
46 the bid process before at the direction of the three  
47 County Councils. Bids were received in Greenville. I  
48 went over and attended that bid opening and we had an  
49 offer of 2.8 million dollars, which was approximately a  
50 million over the appraisal, if I remember correctly.

1 Anderson -- excuse me. Oconee County and Pickens  
2 County voted to accept the proposal. Anderson County  
3 Council voted not to accept it. They felt -- the  
4 understanding was, and some of you may correct me, but  
5 I believe they felt like there may have been another  
6 party out there that was interested that did not --  
7 supposedly there was an offer that came in thirty  
8 minutes late and he was going to offer more. No one  
9 ever saw that. So that's hearsay. But it may have  
10 been higher. It may have been lower. But based on  
11 that information, they felt that it wasn't properly - I  
12 won't say advertised - but maybe enough time or  
13 whatever information given out about it, and council  
14 chose to not accept. And the stipulation was that all  
15 three County Councils had to ---

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Had to accept.

17 ROBERT CARROLL: -- accept.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: I remember that.

19 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

21 BOB WALDREP: This is my favorite  
22 resolution. You know, the history of this was very  
23 interesting because, once again, there were so many  
24 objections that council had on this issue because of  
25 valuations. There were people on council at that time  
26 that said it wasn't nearly enough money out there, that  
27 this property was worth kazillions worth of money. I  
28 mean, it was just the most extraordinary piece of  
29 property I've ever seen, although it came back in as a  
30 million dollars more than what the appraisal that we  
31 paid for, and we've always felt like this appraisal  
32 company was just jam up. It's the one we used for, I  
33 think, the Kroger building. I mean all these things.  
34 These people were just wonderful. But then they were  
35 just absolutely put down on the valuation that they  
36 came up with. So it got a little bit -- and I don't  
37 mean to make it personal. But I voted to go through  
38 with the process and the sale because I knew that the  
39 Council of Governments, after contacting them, had been  
40 so scrupulous and following all the rules, putting  
41 everything out there, but for some reason that I could  
42 never really fully appreciate, the council voted  
43 against it. And I was out-voted six to one, you know,  
44 at that particular time. So now we're back in the  
45 posture of what is that property going to be worth. So  
46 as I see it, COG is going to have to go back and get  
47 another reappraisal. But before we get into this and  
48 bring this back to council, we need to decide whether  
49 or not we are going to believe our own appraisers or  
50 not, whether they have any credibility. In this

1 particular case, you know, in the past they absolutely  
2 had no credibility, apparently, although the property  
3 was going to bring in a million dollars more than what  
4 their appraisal said. So I just felt like the council  
5 needed to know a little bit. We just don't need to  
6 keep going through this, putting COG back into that  
7 situation, putting these other two counties back into  
8 the situation. We all know that real estate values  
9 have changed dramatically in the last couple of years.  
10 And so we're not going to be able to expect probably  
11 the million dollars or so that we were going to get  
12 extra in that last deal. I don't know what the values  
13 are, but I'm just hoping that we will be able to come  
14 out of this thing okay. Just had to say that. Sorry.

15 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Waldrep, I was wrong on  
18 that vote. I would warrant that right now an appraiser  
19 -- an appraisal is probably not necessary. Any land is  
20 worth only what you can get for it in this market. But  
21 anyway, I'll support this resolution. Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Wilson.  
23 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do  
24 we, do we know what we gave for it?

25 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. I don't know that  
26 number right now, but I'll be glad to ---  
27 RON WILSON: But we paid -- it's safe to  
28 say we paid a larger percentage of that than the other  
29 counties?

30 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. I want to say our  
31 percentage -- I'm scared to say anything. But I  
32 believe it was forty-nine percent. I'm doing this from  
33 memory now. But there's an information sheet, that  
34 when this came up before, I'm pretty sure I distributed  
35 kind of a time line with all the information to each of  
36 you. And I'll be glad to do that again.

37 RON WILSON: I just have this question,  
38 since Mr. Moore brought this up. I mean, I would like  
39 to see us get forty-nine percent or whatever it was,  
40 the sale price is, if that's what we put in. Whatever  
41 that is, whatever that figure is. If it's thirty-seven  
42 or whatever. I mean, I'd like to see us get that back.  
43 That's the only remark I'll have about it. Thank you.

44 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, go ahead.  
46 TOM ALLEN: A real quick question, too, so  
47 I understand this. Let's say this goes out for bid and  
48 the other two counties are very satisfied with the bid.  
49 Do we have unilateral right to decline?

50 ROBERT CARROLL: Uh-huh (affirmative).

1 TOM ALLEN: We do? We can do that?

2 ROBERT CARROLL: That's what happened the  
3 first time around.

4 TOM ALLEN: All right. I just wanted to  
5 be sure we still did. Okay.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, it's my  
7 understanding the way this was drawn up before,  
8 originally whenever it was purchased or whatnot, the  
9 past council, for whatever reason, the deal was already  
10 made as far as -- if it's ever sold it'll be split  
11 evenly in third, so we'd have to go back and get them  
12 to change this if we wanted it like Mr. Wilson  
13 suggests, to get whatever our percentage was? Is that  
14 my understanding?

15 ROBERT CARROLL: That's my understanding. I  
16 don't want to speak to the legal of that, but I'm  
17 pretty sure that's the way it was set up.

18 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I think that  
19 there's a court order out there which sets the  
20 boundaries and the specifications about how -- who is  
21 entitled to what. Actually Anderson County came within  
22 a gnat of losing this interest at one time and it was  
23 because of good advice from an attorney that Anderson  
24 County continued to struggle to come back and get their  
25 portion, whatever that is. But that should be pretty  
26 well defined in a court order someplace. So I think  
27 that's readily available information.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'll be brief. Mr.  
30 Chairman, I'm going to ask, please, for our attorney,  
31 please look into this. And Mr. Pitts, I would  
32 appreciate it if stuff like this that's on the agenda,  
33 if you could find just a little bit of time to go back  
34 through these items to see what information we're going  
35 to need from you in order to make a good decision. And  
36 I thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. I  
38 believe -- anyone have anything else? I'd just like to  
39 comment. I believe if it is, and it's going to be a  
40 very tough market, as we all know, but if it does come  
41 back and somebody's willing to buy it or make an offer,  
42 we've still got to vote to accept it or not, so keep  
43 that in mind. So hearing no other discussion, we'll  
44 now vote on Mr. Moore's resolution. All in favor, show  
45 of hands. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
46 Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson. All opposed. Abstain. Ms.  
47 Floyd abstains. No opposition. Thank you. Now we'll  
48 be moving on to 11 (e) ...

49 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE TWO

50 TOMMY DUNN: ... Mr. Eddie Moore. Mr.

1 Moore.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
3 would like to read this resolution. What this is, the  
4 Glenns were so gracious in their donation on the  
5 property. And when it came down, they were going to  
6 ask -- they asked to pay the legal fees. And what this  
7 resolution is, is to pay the legal fees. I mean,  
8 they're giving the land for the animal shelter. And I  
9 think that's the least we can do, is to pay the legal  
10 fees for the transfer of this land. And I think  
11 fifteen hundred dollars is what it was. And having  
12 said that, I would like to now read this.

13 Whereas, Michael B. Glenn generously donated  
14 property to Anderson County for use of the site for the  
15 new Anderson County Animal Shelter; and

16 Whereas, at the county's request, Mr. Glenn  
17 retained legal counsel to represent his interest in  
18 connection with the closing on the property and as a  
19 result Mr. Glenn incurred fifteen hundred dollars in  
20 legal fees; and

21 Whereas, the Anderson County Council believes it is  
22 appropriate to reimburse Mr. Glenn for the  
23 aforementioned legal fees in light of his generosity.

24 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
25 Anderson County Council that Anderson County shall  
26 reimburse the legal fees incurred by Michael B. Glenn  
27 in connection with the closing on the animal shelter  
28 property in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars.

29 This resolution shall take effect and be in force  
30 immediately upon reenactment.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Ms.  
32 Wilson. Show Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Any  
33 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Moore's  
34 resolution, show of hands, please. Show Mr. Wilson,  
35 Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms.  
36 Wilson. All opposed. Any abstention? Show Ms. Floyd  
37 abstains. Moving on to 11 (f), a resolution concerning  
38 the abandonment of a portion of McNeely Road. Mr.  
39 Hopkins. And I do understand -- and I'll let him -- I  
40 know he wants to touch on this. We just got handed  
41 this. This will be the packet we got handed to us. I  
42 think these people didn't have it ready in time and  
43 they really wanted to try to get this done. And they  
44 was scared the deal -- they might lose the deal. Not  
45 us, but they might lose the deal. And I'll let Mr. --  
46 I'll turn it over to Mr. Hopkins now.

47 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. This is not new to  
48 you. You've seen this McNeely Road issue before. I  
49 came to you back in May and asked you for permission to  
50 ask the state to give it to us so that we could get to

1 this point of abandoning a piece of McNeely Road. And  
2 let me show you the piece of it. All right. These are  
3 the plans that's in the works right now.  
4 Unfortunately, the wet weather and the contractor  
5 hitting some rock has slowed the progress way down on  
6 building the new road. And it is threatening the time  
7 line with some of their tenants that they've got lined  
8 up to go in their new shopping centers that they've got  
9 planned for this area. So they've asked us -- normally  
10 we would wait till we have a new road, okay, to move  
11 traffic from the old road to the new road. But in this  
12 case they've asked us what could they do to get council  
13 to go ahead and allow them to abandon it. What they've  
14 done as part of this agreement, they have -- there's an  
15 agreement to escrow three hundred and twenty-five  
16 thousand dollars, which is -- our engineers has  
17 reviewed the estimate, should be plenty of money to  
18 finish the road in case they go bankrupt tomorrow. The  
19 road will still get built. Also, part of the agreement  
20 deals with the transfer of title once the road is  
21 built. It's kind of like a subdivision. They're  
22 putting up security money to make sure what they  
23 promise gets done. That was the only way we, as staff,  
24 would bring it to your attention once they had that set  
25 up. So anyway, the road's been -- that section of  
26 road, they were going ahead and closing it and doing  
27 some stuff anyway under permit. We've got no  
28 complaints. The signs have been up notifying what  
29 we're doing here. Everything is in order. But they  
30 would like to go and go to the judge to get permission  
31 to abandon it before they start spending too much money  
32 on that piece of property.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: So they have not abandoned the  
36 road yet?

37 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: So it's like a win-win  
39 situation for us. We don't have any liability going  
40 into this thing. The three hundred and twenty-five  
41 thousand dollars would be enough for us to repair that  
42 road. Okay. Who's holding the money? Do we have the  
43 money in escrow in a bank somewhere?

44 HOLT HOPKINS: Not yet. Not until we have  
45 permission to execute the escrow agreement that's in  
46 this package. Mr. Burns -- I mean, Mike Pitts has  
47 reviewed all this and they've had to go back and do,  
48 what, three revisions to make sure it was one-sided  
49 toward the county, you know, to protect the county.  
50 But they've been working on it and we got the last



1 draft of it, I think, three, four o'clock this  
2 afternoon.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So if we decide to do  
4 this, the escrow money will be paid first?

5 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Pitts, will you explain  
6 that part of it?

7 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. The escrow  
8 agreement requires the money to be paid to the escrow  
9 agent immediately upon the enactment of this resolution  
10 and the execution of the contracts.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And there's no  
12 change of them taking the money from us if they can't  
13 finish this project; right?

14 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am, the escrow agent is  
15 bound by the escrow agreement. And it very precisely  
16 defined when and how this money can be reached.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. See, what's  
18 bothering me is rushing this thing here through, number  
19 one. Number two, not having had a chance to read all  
20 this, because this was in my seat when I got here.  
21 That's kind of bothering me too. But I don't trust  
22 anybody but the good Lord. But we'll see how it goes.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Any more questions for Mr.  
24 Hopkins?

25 RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

27 RON WILSON: Let me just say -- make a  
28 comment. This is the other side of 153 at the  
29 intersection of 81 and 153. And there is a rather  
30 large development going in there, commercial, and so I  
31 think the county is certainly adequately protected  
32 here, no matter what happens to the contractor. And I  
33 hope that we'll pass this because we've already voted  
34 to do this thing. It's just a matter of the weather  
35 has sort of put us in a bind. So I hope that we'll  
36 proceed with this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, Mr. Chairman, excuse me.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand now. This is  
40 that second road -- the second part of this road over  
41 here. Okay. It's too bad we didn't get this a little  
42 earlier so you can kind of understand what's happening  
43 here. But we just voted a few minutes ago to give them  
44 the extension and this is to actually do the -- and  
45 this is in your district? All right. So I'll hold you  
46 responsible for it if it fails. Okay? That's all  
47 right with you?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone got any more questions?

49 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, just one quick  
50 question of Mr. Pitts. You feel like this is a pretty

1 tight agreement and you're comfortable with it?

2 MIKE PITTS: I do, yes, sir.

3 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you. That's all.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Any more questions for Mr.

5 Hopkins? Hearing none, do we have a motion? Do we  
6 have a motion?

7 RON WILSON: I make a motion.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson makes the motion.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds the motion.

11 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of  
12 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
13 carries unanimously. At this time we'll be going to 11  
14 (g), number R2010-808, a resolution authorizing the  
15 limited waiver of the attorney privilege as to  
16 communications taking place on April 19, 2001 between  
17 the county attorney at the time and the county  
18 administrator at the time regarding the alleged misuse  
19 of phone records from the Anderson Regional Airport;  
20 and matters related thereto. Ms. Cindy Wilson. And  
21 before I recognize Ms. Wilson, there's going to be  
22 questions. I have some and Mr. Pitts has already asked  
23 his. He's not going to answer no questions in public,  
24 and I'm going to ask at this time, to speed the process  
25 up, that we go into executive session to get some legal  
26 questions on this matter so we can do it in a timely  
27 fashion, not put him on the spot. I know we'll have  
28 some. Do I have a second?

29 CINDY WILSON: Second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion and a  
31 second from Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion,  
32 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Motion  
33 carries. We'll have a short brief executive session.

34 EXECUTIVE SESSION

35 TOMMY DUNN: Let's gather back in and be  
36 seated and get on, get back in session.

37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I read ---

38 TOMMY DUNN: If we could, let's get  
39 everybody back in here. First of all we're going to  
40 need a motion at the proper time to go back. Mr.  
41 Wilson makes the motion to come out of executive  
42 session.

43 TOM ALLEN: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds. All in  
45 favor, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
46 motion carries. And Ms. Wilson, Ms. Floyd had ask for  
47 the floor first. So Ms. Floyd ---

48 CINDY WILSON: Don't we need to read the  
49 resolution first?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, I'm sorry. Let her get

1 her motion on the floor. We do need to get a motion.  
2 We don't have a motion on the floor.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, are ---

4 CINDY WILSON: Whereas, during the course of  
5 an investigation undertaken by the Anderson County  
6 Council, a set of notebooks was discovered in the  
7 county's possession and referenced in the report of Bob  
8 Daniel.

9 Whereas, Anderson County Council received a Freedom  
10 of Information Act request for the notebooks, to which  
11 the county properly responded by making available all  
12 information not exempt from disclosure under FOIA.  
13 However, the county properly withheld materials  
14 constituting attorney/client privileges -- excuse me,  
15 attorney/client communications pursuant to the South  
16 Carolina Code, Section 34-40-7.

17 Whereas, the Anderson County Council desires to  
18 make a limited waiver of the attorney/client privilege  
19 in order to allow for the disclosure of communications  
20 taking place on April 19, 2001 between the county  
21 attorney at the time and the county administrator at  
22 the time regarding the alleged misuse of Anderson  
23 County Regional Airport telephone records by a member  
24 of County Council.

25 Whereas, the Anderson County Council recognizes the  
26 important protections afforded by the attorney/client  
27 privilege and desires to make it clear that the  
28 attorney/client privilege is not waived as to any other  
29 communication or work product by any attorney engaged  
30 by Anderson County except for the extremely limited and  
31 narrow waiver provided for herein.

32 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by Anderson  
33 County Council that:

34 (1) Anderson County hereby makes the limited waiver  
35 of the attorney/client privilege as to certain  
36 communications taking place on April 19th, 2001 between  
37 the county attorney and the county administrator  
38 regarding the alleged misuse of Anderson County  
39 Regional Airport telephone records by a member of  
40 Anderson County Council.

41 (2) The attorney/client privilege is not waived as  
42 to any other communication or work product by any  
43 attorney engaged by Anderson County except for the  
44 extremely limited narrow waiver provided for herein.

45 Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

47 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds Ms. Wilson's

49 motion. Now, Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I don't understand

1 how this information can be used or how it would be  
2 used for us to do something as extreme as to limit the  
3 attorney/client privileges. If we did this, then  
4 please keep in mind that next year after the election,  
5 the sitting council at that time could do the same  
6 thing. I heard one of the speakers got up today and  
7 this is what she said. And it sounds like something we  
8 need to be, we need to be cognizant of. Also, please  
9 let me bring up again that last year about this time we  
10 were told by the then attorney in an executive session  
11 that we need to be very careful of this. I will not  
12 reveal the dialogue in that session, but we were told  
13 that we need to be very careful. Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

15 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

17 CINDY WILSON: I personally think that all  
18 attorney/client privilege should be waived. I mean  
19 it's my personal opinion except for matters impending  
20 legal action. I think that the attorney/client  
21 correspondence that took place years ago should be made  
22 public. But I'm requesting at least this item be made  
23 public. I was accused of ...

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

26 EDDIE MOORE: I think that we should waive  
27 this. Personally I don't think of anything we've done  
28 in the last year since we've taken office that I'm  
29 asked of. I wouldn't mind anything being released to  
30 let the people understand what's going on, personally.  
31 And if you've got pending litigation, I can understand  
32 waiving -- not waiving that. But as far as things that  
33 went on in the past, in order for the public to  
34 understand what has transpired over the last ten years,  
35 I think it's crucial to waive and allow that  
36 information -- let the people in this county understand  
37 what took place. And without letting that information  
38 out, they'll never know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Wilson.

40 RON WILSON: I think passing this is a  
41 horrible mistake. I think anyone -- you have  
42 attorney/client privilege for a reason, that you can  
43 speak freely with your attorney on matters. And  
44 there's a reason for it. And until we dropped the  
45 whole thing a year ago for two weeks and then we had  
46 enough sanity to bring it back, I've never heard of  
47 this being done. And I hope that we do not do it.  
48 Thank you.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, may I?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd. Thank you. And

1 I'll be brief at this. Things have been done in the  
2 past year that if we went back and looked at it through  
3 the -- if we went back and repealed the attorney/client  
4 privileges, I think that it would be a big surprise to  
5 some folks. There's still a matter of the list that  
6 was out there. We went to court about that and the  
7 judge at that time gave us a period of time to sign an  
8 affidavit saying there was no list. And till this date  
9 that affidavit has not been signed. So, you know,  
10 there are things -- you're not hiding things. But  
11 there are some things that we -- that we just need to  
12 move on. Ms. Wilson said that some things were said  
13 about her. Well, if she knows that, well, why bother  
14 by going through the facts again.

15 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

17 CINDY WILSON: There was absolutely a  
18 strategy and a plan to destroy me. There were  
19 allegations that were made about me that were  
20 completely false. And I want the people of this county  
21 to see what was going on. They need to know how this  
22 project was taking place and at what cost. Thank you.

23 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

25 BOB WALDREP: I guess what concerns me, I  
26 guess, is that the concept of attorney/client privilege  
27 has been used in this county as a subterfuge and as a  
28 guise for so much activity that many of the council  
29 people never knew what was going on. Sometime the  
30 question was, who was the attorney and who was the  
31 client. And in this case, I was never quite sure,  
32 because I always felt like that the administrator had  
33 an attorney, but the council never did. So this has  
34 got to be such a convoluted situation where I can  
35 assure you that I was never privy to any of this  
36 special information of this attorney/client privilege  
37 deal. I always felt like that I, as a member of this  
38 council, was the client and that the attorney for the  
39 county was my attorney. But that wasn't the way it  
40 worked. So it's a quirky kind of situation where the  
41 concept of client/attorney privilege I think has been  
42 very, very much misused. I hate the fact that there's  
43 danger in any of this. But I tell you what, it gets a  
44 little bit tiresome when about every thirty minutes  
45 throughout a minute that you get threatened with some  
46 kind of lawsuit in someway. If we're going to live our  
47 lives under the umbrella or the threat of being sued,  
48 then so be it. But if we're going to be paralyzed by  
49 these threats, that just concerns me very much. So as  
50 for me, in this particular instance, I'm willing to

1 take the chance to just let people see just a little  
2 bit about what's been going on in this county. Thank  
3 you.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not willing to take the  
5 chance ---

6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: -- with taxpayers' dollars.  
8 Thank you. I'm not willing to take the chance on  
9 another lawsuit with taxpayers' dollars. It's too much  
10 now and Mr. -- I know how you feel, because I've felt  
11 like that now for a whole year. So you know, that's  
12 the nature of the beast.

13 CINDY WILSON: And I've felt like ---

14 BOB WALDREP: Quit suing us then, Ms. Floyd.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd's got the floor.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I think we're going to, I  
17 think we're going to be all right. If this meeting is  
18 any indication of what's the come, I think we're going  
19 to, we're going to be all right. We've got a new chair  
20 and he's not, he's not for any particular person. He's  
21 for doing the right thing. And with that, I call for  
22 the vote.

23 TOMMY DUNN: You make that in a motion?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Got a second? Mr. Wilson  
26 seconds. All in favor of calling for the question,  
27 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
28 passes unanimously. The call for the question. Now  
29 we'll be voting on Ms. Wilson's resolution. All in  
30 favor, show of hands. Show Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep,  
31 Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen. All opposed. Mr.  
32 Wilson and Ms. Floyd.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: If that information is  
36 released, I would like to have a copy of it. I would  
37 like for each member of this body to get a copy of it.  
38 I would like for all newspapers, even that one, to get  
39 a copy of it.

40 MALE: Thank you. Appreciate it.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Please have some decorum and  
42 quiet, please, in the gallery. Ms. Floyd's got the  
43 floor.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. And if the  
45 information is not there that you seek ... Thank you,  
46 Mr. Chair.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Now  
48 moving on to Item 12, approval of lease or contract  
49 with Tri-County Soccer for the Hurricane Springs Park.  
50 Mr. Rusty Burns.

1 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Schell is going to address  
2 that.

3 MATT SCHELL: Mr. Chairman, member of  
4 council, thank you for this opportunity to present a  
5 preferred scheduling agreement that Anderson County  
6 would like to entertain with Tri-County Soccer Club.  
7 We were approached approximately a year ago to -- a  
8 very nice opportunity to offer preferred scheduling  
9 times for Tri-County Soccer Club at Hurricane Springs  
10 Park in District Six in exchange for their ten thousand  
11 dollar investment of an irrigation system to better the  
12 facilities that the county does maintain up there.  
13 Currently Tri-County Soccer has invested over fifteen  
14 thousand dollars of assets to the park, as well as  
15 yearly fees of lighting and the impending water that  
16 the irrigation system would require. Additional  
17 improvements to include goals and over-seeding, as well  
18 as turf treatments. So with that, I would just seek  
19 your approval of the lease that you have to entertain a  
20 five year revolving lease if both parties do agree.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Any council  
22 member have any questions for Mr. Schell?

23 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, if I could just  
24 clarify something. This is actually not a lease. It's  
25 a preferred scheduling agreement giving this soccer  
26 club use of the fields at certain times. It's  
27 predicated upon the current state of things, that  
28 there's no conflict with anybody else wanting to use  
29 the fields. If a scheduling conflict arises in the  
30 future, then the county has the absolute ability and  
31 discretion to revisit this.

32 TOMMY DUNN: And I believe we can get out  
33 of it with notice and so can they too, reading that  
34 thing.

35 MIKE PITTS: This is not a lease.

36 MR. SCHELL: Mr. Chairman, he is correct.  
37 That's my mis-speaking. And we did communicate with  
38 three entities to make sure that there weren't any  
39 conflicting schedules with the current scheduling as  
40 outlined in the agreement.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Anyone have  
42 any questions?

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, if this is not a  
46 lease then we need to change the caption of it so it  
47 won't read one way and then the other thing will read  
48 another way. Because this says approval of a lease  
49 contract. Is this a contract, Mr. Pitts?

50 MIKE PITTS: It is.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: It's a contract.

2 MIKE PITTS: Yes.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: But it's not a lease contract?

4 MIKE PITTS: Correct.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Well, then I make  
6 a motion that we strike the word lease from the agenda  
7 heading to show that this is just a contract.

8 TOMMY DUNN: We got a second. Any  
9 discussion on that? All in favor of Ms. Floyd's  
10 motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
11 the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Ms. Floyd.  
12 Anyone have any other questions for Mr. Schell?  
13 Hearing none, all in favor of the resolution, show of  
14 hands, please. All opposed, like sign. Show the  
15 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Schell, thank you.  
16 And I just want to say while you're here, appreciate  
17 the job the Recreation Department is doing and you're  
18 doing.

19 MR. SCHELL: Thanks.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks. Appreciate it. At  
21 this time we'll move on to Item number 13, sewer  
22 capability of town of Williamston. Cindy Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At  
24 the time that this was requested there wasn't complete  
25 information. But I'm just going to read to you the  
26 basis of this. And then we'll move on. Anderson  
27 County has currently allocated three hundred thousand  
28 gallons per day of capacity at the city of Williamston  
29 sewer treatment plant per a 1987 agreement. Anderson  
30 County has currently allocated thirty-two thousand  
31 gallons per day to ?? Utilities at the Williamston  
32 waste water treatment plant. There are currently two  
33 hundred and sixty-eight thousand gallons of capacity  
34 per day available to Anderson County. Anderson County  
35 does not have use of this additional capacity at this  
36 time. The Anderson County Waste Water Department does  
37 not receive any operational funds from the three  
38 hundred thousand gallons per day of allocated capacity  
39 at the city of Williamston waste water treatment plant.  
40 And this came to us from our Environmental Services  
41 Director. I'm just requesting that we take this as  
42 information and have further information before we come  
43 to a vote on this perhaps by the next meeting.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Moving  
45 on to Item number 14, approval of 2010 meeting  
46 schedule. Mr. Pitts.

47 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the county code  
48 just requires council at this first meeting of the year  
49 just to set its normally regularly scheduled meetings.  
50 And that schedule is behind your -- behind tab 14.



1 This requires council approval. It's just a  
2 housekeeping item.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Thank you. Do we  
4 have a motion?  
5 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion.  
7 Do we have a second?  
8 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds. Any  
10 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
11 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the  
12 motion carries unanimously. At this time, moving on to  
13 Item 15, appointments. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.  
14 TOM ALLEN: I have one. I have -- Mr.  
15 Chairman, I have one for the Broadway Lake Commission.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.  
17 TOM ALLEN: Mikal Ramsey who lives on  
18 Broadway Lake. I'd like to nominate her for that  
19 position.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
21 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Any  
23 discussion? All in favor, show of hands. All opposed,  
24 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
25 Anymore, Mr. Allen?  
26 TOM ALLEN: No, sir.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I would like to nominate  
29 Mr. Michael Cunningham to the Census Committee, serving  
30 along with Eric Bradshaw. That's in the form of a  
31 motion.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
33 RON WILSON: Second.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson seconds. Any  
35 discussion? All in favor, show of hands. Show Mr.  
36 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd and Mr. Dunn in favor.  
37 Opposed. Abstain. Show no opposition. Ms. Wilson,  
38 Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep abstains from voting. Ms.  
39 Floyd, any further?  
40 GRACIE FLOYD: No. That's all I have. Thank  
41 you.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore, any  
43 appointments?  
44 EDDIE MOORE: No appointments at this time.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
46 BOB WALDREP: I understand as far as  
47 appointments are concerned that, according to the code,  
48 isn't it the next meeting that the chairman makes  
49 appointments for the committees?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: If there are going to be any,

1 yes, sir. My understanding the way the code reads, it  
2 has to be done at the next meeting.

3 BOB WALDREP: And now I do understand that  
4 the committees that have been appointed, the ad hoc  
5 committees, would now be dissolved this year as of this  
6 time; is that correct?

7 TOMMY DUNN: That would be the way I would  
8 interpret it.

9 BOB WALDREP: So being in a state of  
10 dissolution, I just wanted to make sure that that was  
11 the case, that the status of the present committees and  
12 that we would be appointment -- you would be appointing  
13 ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: Next meeting.

15 BOB WALDREP: -- committees for -- the next  
16 meeting.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

18 BOB WALDREP: Thank you. I have no other  
19 comments.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

21 CINDY WILSON: Yes. Thank you. I have two  
22 reappointments. One is Mr. David J. Brousseau to the  
23 Board of Assessment Appeals. And I have another one,  
24 so I'll put them both up. And then Mr. Greg Baylog for  
25 the Planning Commission. These are reappointments.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

27 TOM ALLEN: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds. Any  
29 discussion? All in favor, show of hands. All opposed,  
30 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
31 Request from council members, Item 16. Ms. Wilson, you  
32 have any requests?

33 CINDY WILSON: I guess I'm borrowing money  
34 from Mr. Waldrep's recreation account because District  
35 Seven's is totally depleted. And I'll have to repay  
36 when we get our next funding.

37 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Ms. Wilson, let  
38 me go to Mr. Waldrep and let him give you the money. I  
39 believe that would be the proper thing to do. Mr.  
40 Waldrep.

41 BOB WALDREP: ?? Is that what we get? Then  
42 it would be four thousand dollars from my account that  
43 I would ask council to appropriate to be loaned and  
44 then returned.

45 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Waldrep,  
46 just go ahead and say you're going to do it.  
47 Theoretically you're just going to let the money go --  
48 where is it going, Ms. Wilson?

49 CINDY WILSON: To the Caroline Community  
50 Center in Williamston.

1 TOMMY DUNN: If you would just donate the  
2 money straight there and we can cut a step out, Mr.  
3 Waldrep, if you would. You'll get it back. Donating  
4 four thousand dollars, is your motion, to the Caroline  
5 ---  
6 BOB WALDREP: Well, I'm loaning ---  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Loaning four thousand dollars  
8 for Ms. Wilson to pay back. I understand.  
9 BOB WALDREP: Pay back, you know, and is  
10 that within six months, our next budget?  
11 CINDY WILSON: It would be July 1st.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: And that would be to the  
13 Carolina ---  
14 CINDY WILSON: Caroline Community Center.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Caroline Community Center in  
16 Honea Path.  
17 CINDY WILSON: In Williamston.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: In Williamston. I'm sorry.  
19 In Williamston. That's Mr. Waldrep's motion.  
20 BOB WALDREP: That's correct.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, do you want to  
22 second that? Any discussion? All in favor, show of  
23 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
24 carries. Now we'll go back to Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson,  
25 do you have any ---  
26 CINDY WILSON: That's all. Thank you, Mr.  
27 Waldrep.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
29 BOB WALDREP: Yes, sir. I would donate one  
30 thousand dollars to the Sunshine House.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
32 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
33 BOB WALDREP: That's out of my recreation  
34 fund. The golf tournament.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to take one  
36 thousand dollars out of Mr. Waldrep's recreational  
37 account to the Sunshine House and that was seconded by  
38 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor, show of  
39 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
40 carries unanimously. Mr. Waldrep, ---  
41 BOB WALDREP: That's all. Thank you.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
43 EDDIE MOORE: I do have one. I think I had  
44 made it before, but somehow another I think it got left  
45 out somehow another. I want to make it again. It was  
46 seven hundred and fifty dollars to the VFW in Belton.  
47 And I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
49 donate seven hundred and fifty dollars out of his rec  
50 account to the VFW of Belton. Do we have a second?

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any  
3 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, show of hands.  
4 All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
5 unanimously. I have none at this time. Ms. Floyd.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to  
7 appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars of  
8 District Two's recreation fund to the Anderson  
9 International Festival to be held in Anderson January  
10 the 15th through the 30th. That's in the form of a  
11 motion.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
13 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds the motion.  
15 Any discussion? All in favor, show of hands. All  
16 opposed, like sign. Anyone else -- anything else, Ms.  
17 Floyd?  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: That's all. Thank you.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
20 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like  
21 to take a thousand dollars out of the recreation  
22 account for Double Springs Park. They've got some  
23 trees out there that are a danger. They're about to  
24 fall over on the track and we need to have someone come  
25 out there and take those down. So I'd like to give  
26 them a thousand dollars. That was the lowest bid they  
27 had to take care of that.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
29 second?  
30 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds that. Any  
32 discussion? All in favor, show of hands. All opposed,  
33 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
34 Anything else, Mr. Allen?  
35 TOM ALLEN: That's all.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson, any  
37 appropriations?  
38 RON WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like  
39 to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars to the  
40 Anderson International Festival this month.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
42 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds the motion.  
44 Any discussion?  
45 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just wondered,  
46 what is the International Festival? Is it something --  
47 what is that? Do you know?  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: You received information at  
49 your desk about it.  
50 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion? All in  
2 favor, show of hands. Mr. Wilson, do you have any  
3 further?  
4 RON WILSON: No, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time we'll  
6 have the administrator's report.  
7 RUSTY BURNS: Accept questions, Mr.  
8 Chairman.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions for  
10 Mr. Burns?  
11 BOB WALDREP: I do, Mr. Chairman. One thing  
12 that we had discussed in the past was the retreat that  
13 we were going to try to have as soon as possible. And  
14 I just wondered if we could somehow another establish a  
15 time and place for a retreat where council members  
16 could come in and try to establish what their  
17 priorities would be for the coming year and perhaps  
18 beyond. Who knows. But for us to try to see if we  
19 have some goals that we can meet by concensus?? in the  
20 coming year and find some things that we can agree  
21 upon. Possibly unanimously, who knows. That's just  
22 something I thought would be a good idea.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any ---  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, I saw a  
27 lot of -- I saw not a lot, but there were several  
28 transfers from the indigent fund, May 2 on the  
29 attorney's budget. I asked the hospital, Mr. Miller,  
30 sometime ago about that fund and he said that the -- I  
31 think that he told me now that Anderson County doesn't  
32 send any money to the hospital for indigent care.  
33 Would you please explain this to me or just talk about  
34 that for a little bit?  
35 RUSTY BURNS: I'll be happy to get you that  
36 information personally tomorrow and provide it to the  
37 council at the next meeting.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you can't talk about it  
39 tonight?  
40 RUSTY BURNS: I am not an expert in talking  
41 about it tonight.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: I was asking you did you have  
45 anything else, I was just going to ask you.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. You  
47 can't tell me how much is in there now, what it's been  
48 used for, where the money has been going, or nothing  
49 like that now?  
50 RUSTY BURNS: I can assure you that we have

1 not deprived any indigent person of any care. I can  
2 assure you of that. And I can supply the other  
3 information at the next meeting.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

5 RUSTY BURNS: You're welcome.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything else?

7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

9 CINDY WILSON: I don't know -- remember  
10 specifically, but it seems like I've asked the question  
11 about the indigent care funding in our budget for many,  
12 many years, and it seems like it's a state mandated  
13 formula. Anyway, it's not something that's arbitrarily  
14 ours to do, I didn't think. Anyway ---

15 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

16 CINDY WILSON: -- we'll await the answer.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Now at this time we'll go to  
18 citizens comments. If we would, please, again, I know  
19 some of you have already talked. But if you would,  
20 again, please state your name and district. And again,  
21 I just want to remind everyone if they would, let's  
22 keep it civil and respectful and please address your  
23 comments to the chair. And that's not me saying that.  
24 This is our ordinance. And please, Mr. Pitts, if you  
25 would, our first speaker tonight, please.

26 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. Bennie Sue West.

27 BENNIE SUE WEST: I'm Bennie Sue West. I live  
28 in District One, Ward One, Precinct Two. I just wanted  
29 to ask again, at the end of -- well, starting with your  
30 first term in office, I asked about how much we had in  
31 our bond indebtedness, how much do we owe? Has anybody  
32 had a chance to find out that information? It would be  
33 good to know, because I've been told by various  
34 sources, and I don't know if it's correct, and I'd like  
35 to know the exact amount of our debt for the county.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. We can get that  
37 information. It should be in our audit coming forward,  
38 I'm sure, a report and everything. So we'll make sure  
39 that's available. Yes, ma'am. Thank you. Next,  
40 please.

41 MIKE PITTS: Stan Welch.

42 STAN WELCH: Mr. Chairman, council, thank  
43 you. I don't normally do that, but I guess if  
44 attorneys can, reporters can. Information has been  
45 published and as far as I know it's still accurate and  
46 current that the District Two representative has a cell  
47 phone paid for by the county. She may have turned it  
48 in by now. I don't know. She moved to six, eight  
49 weeks ago. If she has not, first I would ask that she  
50 turn it in. And if she fails to do so, I would ask

1 that the county administrator ceases to pay the bill  
2 for that phone. In the absence of any policy by this  
3 county or any vote by any council authorizing the use  
4 of that phone and the payment for that phone by the  
5 county, I would ask that that practice be stopped. In  
6 the absence of the ability to stop that practice, I  
7 would encourage all of you to send your cell phone  
8 bills to P.O. Box 8002, Anderson, South Carolina 29622.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Welch, ---  
10 STAN WELCH: Because you have just as much  
11 right to have your phone bill paid as the  
12 representative from District Two does.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Welch, please address the  
14 chairman.  
15 STAN WELCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And  
16 I'm through.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
18 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.  
19 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
20 I'd like to go back to 2010-001 dealing with the  
21 internal auditor and county attorney. As I remember  
22 the outcome of the Supreme Court decision was that  
23 Preston prevailed because a majority of the previous  
24 council gave him their blessing to be a secretive,  
25 closed and unaccountable official to the people of this  
26 county. Of course, bear in mind, I'm not a legal  
27 heavyweight, so I might misunderstand what I heard that  
28 day. I understand also that there are several counties  
29 in the state who have accomplished this. Maybe we need  
30 to speak with those people to see how they prevailed.  
31 You know, were they told to do the same thing by their  
32 respective delegations. And if so, then maybe there is  
33 some legal avenue for you guys to proceed in that same  
34 fashion as you were told by our delegation. That is  
35 that you could enact this through an ordinance as a  
36 County Council as the governing body of Anderson  
37 County. It makes sense to me. I do understand the  
38 separation of powers thing, and I trust that you all  
39 will be very cautious and investigate that to make sure  
40 that, you know, our delegation hasn't overlooked  
41 something and led you astray. County attorney. I'm  
42 talking about the previous county attorney. Who did  
43 that attorney represent? Was it we the people? After  
44 all, we the people are the very basic foundation of our  
45 government. I sat through many, many, many meetings  
46 and it was obvious to me that that attorney never  
47 represented we the people. He represented one  
48 individual. And that will come to light, I'm sure,  
49 with this motion you made tonight and voted on, 2010-  
50 008. People of this county are about to get a real

1 clear understanding about what we had sitting over here  
2 in this chair for quite some time. Mr. Chairman, as  
3 for the representative's remark from District Two about  
4 knowing how Mrs. Wilson was treated over the years, the  
5 representative from District Two doesn't have a clue  
6 how the representative from District Seven was  
7 represented -- or persecuted her terms in office,  
8 because no one on this body has treated the  
9 representative from District Two in such a fashion. No  
10 one ever blocked this representative's expenditures or  
11 spent her money against her will. No one ever bullied  
12 her like her and her cohorts so freely did to the  
13 representative from District Seven. To make such a  
14 remark after sitting here and myself personally  
15 witnessing the behavior out of this individual for  
16 years now ---

17 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

18 RICK FREEMANTLE: --- joke.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Is that it? At this time  
20 we'll have remarks from council. Mr. Wilson. Mr.  
21 Allen.

22 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yes. Thank you. Thank  
25 you. About my phone. I was prepared to turn the phone  
26 in. Then I started looking at some expenditures made  
27 by other members on this council. We've had one member  
28 who has spent over thirty-six thousand dollars in  
29 insurance fees or insurance that was paid by the  
30 county. My phone bill every month is about twenty-five  
31 or forty dollars. Anderson County doesn't pay anything  
32 for my insurance. Everybody up here get an insurance  
33 paid for except Mr. Waldrep and me. You suspend my  
34 phone, that's fine. That's fine. But I'm not paying  
35 for county calls on my phone. You suspend my phone,  
36 then you're going to have to suspend every phone in  
37 this county that's being paid for by the county.  
38 That's Mr. Burns, if his is being paid. That's Mr.  
39 Carroll's, if his is being paid. That Mike over there  
40 if his is being paid. Believe me, I think, I think  
41 that you would rather pay my little forty dollar bill a  
42 month. I do my job. I've been here for ten years. I  
43 do my work. I work. I don't charge the county  
44 anything for long distance calls made from my home, nor  
45 do I charge the county anything for telephone calls  
46 from my home. But if you are -- if you can take the  
47 phone, try it. If you are telling people to send their  
48 phone bills to the county, do it. But just know that I  
49 am not giving up the phone. Also, also, I told Mr. ---  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Dunn.



1 GRACIE FLOYD: -- Dunn. Thank you. I told  
2 Mr. Dunn that usually this is the part where I usually  
3 get up and leave and let you folks just talk. All  
4 right. But I wanted to give it a chance this year.  
5 Thinking that we -- I mean, knowing that we had a new  
6 chairman and knowing thus far the meeting has been so  
7 pleasant, I was going to give it a chance and just stay  
8 to see what happened and see what can happen. I'm not  
9 going to let two people, maybe three, four or five,  
10 ruin that. I'm going to give Mr. Dunn a chance. No,  
11 we have not always -- well, you know me, I tell it like  
12 it is. No, I have not always wanted to talk to him, be  
13 around him or see him. But he is the chairman now.  
14 And so far I have been treated with respect tonight.  
15 And I ...

16 END OF TAPE THREE, SIDE ONE

17 GRACIE FLOYD: ... But just know that what  
18 you dish out when you come up here to talk in citizens  
19 meeting, you're going to get back. Now, you can get up  
20 and leave when it's my turn to talk, but you'll hear  
21 it. I'm not taking anymore of y'all. Y'all say some  
22 -- you talking about Ms. Wilson's ??, oh, please. One  
23 thing about me, I can take it. I don't go cry on the  
24 radio or cry to my constituents. I'm here by myself,  
25 folks. Look around. I'm here by myself. I can take  
26 it. But from now on, please know that when you come up  
27 to this microphone, whatever you dish out to me is what  
28 you're going to get back. Not only here, but in the  
29 streets. I will be calling your name. I will be  
30 talking about you in the streets. Now, we can all get  
31 along. If you want to let's take 2010 and let's just  
32 get along, I think that we may can get some work done  
33 this year. There's so much here to do this year. And  
34 I'm willing. But just know, you don't really know the  
35 real Gracie Floyd. You better ask somebody. And with  
36 that, Mr. Chair, thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: And I hope I won't have to go  
39 through this again, Mr. Chair.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

41 EDDIE MOORE: First of all I'd just like to  
42 thank you and congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on being  
43 the new chairman. I think you're going to do an  
44 outstanding job. I appreciate everybody allowing me to  
45 serve as chairman for last year. And look forward to  
46 this new council doing a lot of good things this year.  
47 And that's all I have to say tonight.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
49 Waldrep.

50 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Burns, I -- and council,

1 once again, see if we can get some definition at this  
2 time and place of our -- and I hope council wants to  
3 have this retreat to get together. I don't think it  
4 would take too long. And try to put some things out  
5 there that we can look forward to the next year. There  
6 are a lot of issues that I personally am interested in.  
7 And that is in our budget process looking at these  
8 departments and going back and trying to cut some costs  
9 as well as trying to put some incentives out there to  
10 employees who are willing to help us cut costs. We're  
11 in a tight spot in the economy. I think everybody  
12 recognizes that the state's going to be cutting their  
13 aid to subdivisions by a good bit of money. We've got  
14 to find that money. And so I'm asking that everybody  
15 put on their best thinking cap when we get together and  
16 see how we can improve and be as lean as we possibly  
17 can in 2010. Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Ms.  
19 Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just  
21 to clarify, the State Supreme Court ruled that the  
22 attorney/client privilege could only be waived by the  
23 majority of County Council in relation to my request to  
24 being provided access to the legal expenses. And  
25 second, they also require that the administrator at  
26 that time provide me with access to or copies of the  
27 financial records, but it was at his convenience. The  
28 issue of what I've requested, and I thank you for  
29 waiving tonight, for the April 19th correspondence.  
30 I'm asking that those pieces of correspondence relating  
31 to that date, and in relation to those notebooks, be  
32 made public immediately. And I want the statement to  
33 be made public that I was never, ever given any phone  
34 records for Anderson County Airport except a general  
35 list of cell phones and pages, and it was a list of the  
36 numbers per cells and per pagers per department. And I  
37 would request that that be done as soon as we can. And  
38 also to support Mr. Waldrep's request that we  
39 immediately do a retreat and also our budget. We've  
40 been told that there's a one billion shortage in the  
41 state and I'm sure it's going to impact us mightily.  
42 Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
44 Keeping it short. Mr. Moore, I want to thank you for  
45 the job you've done and appreciate your support the  
46 past year. Mr. Burns, I also would like, if you would,  
47 you and your staff try to arrange with other council  
48 members -- I know we've gotten a schedule of the budget  
49 and that's greatly appreciated this early and getting  
50 -- what your time line is. But this would be a goal

1 thing like Mr. Waldrep's talking about, try to go ahead  
2 and let's get something -- and that way we can give  
3 y'all some direction which y'all can be thinking about  
4 maybe. That would be greatly appreciated. Get with  
5 other council members and seeing if we can work  
6 something out, you know, one morning or one afternoon,  
7 whatever is agreeable to people. I also asked, I think  
8 last -- a couple of meetings ago, we tabled a thing on  
9 the turn lanes, the road things and all. And I would  
10 like to ask you, if you would, get -- put some people  
11 from Mr. West and road maintenance department. Ask for  
12 Mr. Owens. He's knowledgeable in these things. And  
13 some developers or whatnot and put together a committee  
14 and let them work, set up a date and time when they can  
15 get something together and come up with some ideas.  
16 Once that date is set, if you would, please, let the  
17 council know, in case any council member would like to  
18 come. And make sure, if you would, if you don't have  
19 nobody, maybe Mr. Wilson can give you -- we want to  
20 make sure somebody from the Powdersville area is  
21 involved in this and everything. I know several people  
22 up there that's developers and do -- and that's a  
23 growing area. They definitely should have some input  
24 in this and some say. And last, but not least, I'd  
25 just like to -- well, two things. First of all, just  
26 to touch on a quick thing about the park police.  
27 Realize, you know, some things, there's been some mis-  
28 statements and rumors going around for quite sometime  
29 about this thing. Hope we got some of it cleared up  
30 tonight. And I want to know -- Mr. Carroll, I think  
31 your department has done nothing, nothing but  
32 aboveboard and people needs to understand some things  
33 has got to be kept -- there's nothing wrong with our  
34 policy, unless you want to open it up and do different  
35 things. And if not bids, requests for proposals has  
36 got to be handled then to keep from another company to  
37 know what this company is doing. But I do want this to  
38 move on. And I truly hope, and I truly hope and pray  
39 this is a thing because of just some miscommunications  
40 and this ain't another delay, delay, delay tactic.  
41 Because I'm expecting -- they've already got this,  
42 let's get these questions answered, get started on it  
43 tomorrow and the next council meeting we should be able  
44 to vote on this thing. And like I said, I know it's  
45 some different things. I just want to state one time,  
46 I don't think you can put a price on public safety and  
47 people's safety. And we've just had some things. And  
48 I do want to appreciate the confidence council showed  
49 in me and I want everyone to know that this is their  
50 council and I'm the same Tommy Dunn I was as a council

1 person that I am as chairman. I try to get along with  
2 everybody and will open up in Anderson County and hope  
3 we have a great year. We've got some good things in  
4 the works. Job opportunities. And we want jobs, jobs,  
5 jobs and Anderson County is a great place to live. We  
6 got a motion to adjourn?  
7 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion to adjourn, Mr.  
8 Chairman.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Second. All in favor, get up  
10 and leave. Thank you.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – January 19, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

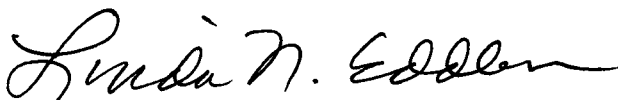
### ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina )

County of Anderson )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON

*Absent*  
*Ron Wilson*

1 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a  
2 motion to amend the agenda?

3 TOMMY DUNN: Well, wait just a minute. I  
4 ain't called us in order yet. Just one second, if you  
5 will, please. At this time I'd like to call the  
6 January 19th, 2010 meeting to order. And I'd like to  
7 welcome everyone here tonight. At this time I would  
8 like to ask Mr. Waldrep to please give the Invocation  
9 and Pledge of Allegiance please. And let's stand.

10 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BOB WALDREP

11 TOMMY DUNN: At this time if there's no  
12 objections, I'd like to rearrange something on the  
13 agenda due to some health concerns. If we could move  
14 up Item Number 5, Resolutions (a) recognizing Mr. and  
15 Mrs. Cole. We need to get that over with, my  
16 understanding is, as soon as possible and get them back  
17 situated where they -- their health can be took care  
18 of. Is there -- are there any objections in doing  
19 that? Hearing none, so moved. At this time, at this  
20 time we'll move into Resolution Number 5 -- Item Number  
21 5, resolutions (a), a resolution recognizing and  
22 honoring Keith and Doris Cole. Ms. Cindy Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
24 I'm going to read this into the record and then ask the  
25 Drs. Cole to join us up front. This is a resolution  
26 recognizing Williamston residents, Keith and Doris  
27 Cole, for significant civic and professional  
28 contributions to the quality of life and economic  
29 development in the Town of Williamston in honoring  
30 their lifetime achievements that played a vital role in  
31 transforming Williamston into a thriving community, and  
32 other matters related thereto.

33 Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes  
34 that strong leaders set the vision for their  
35 communities, pave the way for successful economic  
36 development and are vital to enhancing the overall  
37 quality of life in Anderson County; and

38 Whereas, Williamston natives, Keith Cole, born  
39 on November 14, 1949 and Doris Daniel born on June 30,  
40 1951, grew into fine young adults and attended Palmetto  
41 High School together; and

42 Whereas, after Doris Daniel accepted the  
43 invitation to go on her first date with Keith Cole, the  
44 two became high school sweethearts and on August 8,  
45 1971 were married in the Grace United Methodist in  
46 Williamston, South Carolina; and

47 Whereas, Keith and Doris continued to pursue  
48 their educations, graduating with Bachelors Degrees in  
49 1972 - Keith from the University of South Carolina with  
50 a degree in pharmacy and Doris from Columbia College

1 with a degree in education; and

2 Whereas, Keith had several job offers from  
3 various places across the country, but after he and  
4 Doris evaluated and weighed all the options, they  
5 followed their hearts and decided to stay in their home  
6 town of Williamston where Keith accepted a position  
7 with Wellmont Rexall Pharmacy, which he and Doris  
8 purchased a few years later; and

9 Whereas, the Cole Family Pharmacy served the  
10 Williamston and Pelzer communities, the purchase of an  
11 additional pharmacy in Pelzer expanded the Coles'  
12 family business which Doris and Keith renamed the Cole  
13 Family Pharmacy; and

14 Whereas, steadfastly pursuing excellence in  
15 every area of their lives for the purpose of making  
16 things better, Keith and Doris continued their  
17 education earning Ph.D.s - Keith from USC and Doris  
18 from Clemson University; and

19 Whereas, in 1975 Doris gave birth to their  
20 only child, daughter Casey, who became the center of  
21 their world and another reason to redouble their  
22 efforts to solidify Williamston's reputation as a  
23 thriving community with a higher quality of life and  
24 conducive the raising a family; and

25 Whereas, Keith Cole served as chairman of the  
26 Anderson County Board of Education for six consecutive  
27 years, 2000 through 2005. During his tenure on the  
28 board, 1991 to 2006, was honored by the Anderson County  
29 Taxpayers Association as 2002 Educator of the Year, was  
30 a founding member of the Williamston Sertoma Club, was  
31 chosen as the Pelzer Lions Club Man of the Year, and  
32 has the distinction of serving on the Economic  
33 Development Advisory Board, responsible for bringing  
34 industry such as Bosch to Anderson; and

35 Whereas, Doris Cole has served in many  
36 capacities during her career as an educator, including  
37 teacher, principal, and child development center  
38 director and continued her service to Anderson County  
39 education as an outreach worker and liaison to Anderson  
40 County School District One for the strong communities  
41 initiative; and

42 Whereas, Doris Cole's endeavors as a community  
43 leader include initiating a literacy program, raising  
44 funds for the renovation of Williamston's Caroline  
45 Community Center, championing the idea to bring the  
46 Anderson County Senior Citizens program to the Caroline  
47 Community Center to continue activities for seniors in  
48 the community, obtaining the Strong Families and Strong  
49 Communities Keeping Kids Safe grant, to renovate a room  
50 dedicated to mothers and children. And her work as a



1 research assistant professor at the Institute on Family  
2 and Neighborhood Life, a public service organization a  
3 Clemson -- at Clemson University that promotes a model  
4 for positive change that begins with local involvement;  
5 and

6 Whereas, the Coles are members of Calvary  
7 Baptist Church in Williamston where they have served in  
8 various capacities of leadership; and

9 Whereas, the Coles have also served the  
10 community through organizations such as Sertoma, United  
11 Way, and the Greater Williamston Business Association,  
12 and co-chaired the Spring Water Festival Committee for  
13 three consecutive years in the early 1980s; and

14 Whereas, the Cole family has deep roots in  
15 community healthcare that originated with Doris'  
16 mother, Margaret Daniel, an RN, and continued with  
17 daughter Casey who graduated from USC as a family  
18 practice MD and now puts into practice the lessons and  
19 values she learned while working with her father at  
20 their family pharmacy of one on one care as a house  
21 call only physician; and

22 Whereas, Keith and Doris now have a beautiful  
23 five year old granddaughter, Annie Lee, daughter of  
24 Casey and husband Craig Tangeman, who is the absolute  
25 delight of her Deedee and Papa; and

26 Whereas, Anderson County, a body politic and  
27 corporate and a political subdivision of the State of  
28 South Carolina, acting by and through the County  
29 Council desires to honor and recognize Keith and Doris  
30 Cole for their passionate commitment to the Williamston  
31 community and their extensive contributions to enhance  
32 the quality of life for the residents of Williamston,  
33 as well as Anderson County.

34 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by  
35 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that  
36 Anderson County, acting by and through its County  
37 Council, hereby honors and recognizes Keith and Doris  
38 Cole for outstanding citizenship, commitment to the  
39 residents of Anderson County and significant  
40 contributions to the educational and economic  
41 development of Williamston, South Carolina and  
42 surrounding communities.

43 Doris and Keith, through your continuous  
44 efforts to improve your community and your steadfast  
45 servant leadership, you have brought positive  
46 recognition to Anderson County. Your lifelong  
47 commitment to your community has impacted and  
48 benefitted everyone around you. You have created a  
49 legacy that is forever intertwined with the bright  
50 future of Williamston and your successes will be an

1 inspiration to future generations.

2 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
3 force immediately upon enactment.

4 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 19th  
5 day of January, 2010.

6 And Mr. Chairman, I would like to make -- put  
7 this in the form of a motion.

8 EDDIE MOORE: I second it.

9 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion and a  
10 second. Any discussion? All in favor, a show of  
11 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
12 unanimous.

13 CINDY WILSON: If the Drs. Cole and their  
14 family and other friends would join me down front, we'd  
15 like to make this presentation.

16 APPLAUSE

17 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're going to  
18 take about a three minute pause and let them -- give  
19 them time to get out of the room. Thank you.

20 Okay. At this time, we'll get started back.  
21 And I want to thank Council again for letting us do  
22 this in this manner. Thank you very much. Ms.  
23 Eddleman, at this time would you please let the record  
24 show that Mr. Wilson's out of town and was unable to  
25 make it tonight. At this time we'll ask for approval  
26 of the minutes of the December 21st, 2009 special  
27 called meeting. Are there any changes or any  
28 corrections to be made to the minutes? Hearing none,  
29 do I have a motion?

30 EDDIE MOORE: Have a motion to adopt.

31 CINDY WILSON: Second.

32 TOM ALLEN: Second.

33 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion to adopt.

34 Do I -- Mr. Allen seconds. Mr. Moore made the motion.

35 Mr. Allen seconds. All in favor, show of hands.

36 Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
37 unanimously. At this time are there any changes or any  
38 corrections to be made to the January 5th, 2010 regular  
39 council meeting? Changes or corrections?

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
41 motion to adopt.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
43 to adopt.

44 CINDY WILSON: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. All in  
46 favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed, like  
47 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this  
48 time, Mr. Pitts, if you would this would be Citizens  
49 Comments.

50 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first

1 citizen signed up tonight is Brooks Brown, IV.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Please state  
3 your name and address and also please address the chair  
4 and keep matters on subject on the agenda tonight.  
5 Thank you.

6 BROOKS BROWN: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
7 Brooks Brown, 700 Wood Lake Road, District One. I want  
8 to talk about Item 7 tonight, the Employee Incentive.  
9 I think this is a great idea, but there's some  
10 technical problems with it. The way I read it, an  
11 employee would go to a supervisor who would then  
12 recommend the suggestion up the chain. Back in the  
13 early sixties, Sears had a similar program and a  
14 gentleman invented an item, took it to his supervisor,  
15 who told him it wasn't worth a dime, and promptly went  
16 to management. The resulting lawsuit took over thirty  
17 years. It was the Craftsman adjustable wrench. We've  
18 had problems with the AT&T where they took an answering  
19 machine that a gentleman had invented and simply  
20 reversed the blueprints and the judge said that was  
21 significantly different. I think the best thing to do  
22 is to have a lock box in charge of the county  
23 administrator and then he can go -- like a suggestion  
24 box -- and he can go at his discretion and pull these  
25 things out. Going through a chain of command leaves  
26 too much room for someone to say, oh no, that was my  
27 idea, that employee didn't come up with that. Or take  
28 retribution for an employee they don't like and just  
29 simply not pass along a perfectly good suggestion. So  
30 that was the only change I would make is to have a  
31 separate box, lock box, as a suggestion type box and  
32 completely under the control of the administrator at  
33 his discretion. Thank you, sir.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Brown.

35 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Fant.

37 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, Chairman,  
38 Members of council. Elizabeth Fant, District Three.  
39 I'm talking on the Ordinance 8 about purchasing. I was  
40 a little bit embarrassed the last meeting when we had  
41 the issue of the vendors coming and it seemed like a  
42 lot of questions weren't answered and it looked like  
43 there were three people responsible for giving them  
44 information on the bids, the purchasing director,  
45 Robert Carroll, and the Sheriff who said he delegated  
46 that to one of his people, Taylor Jones. And whatever  
47 there was, misunderstanding or whatever, we have done  
48 so well in the last year to gain credibility as a  
49 council and it was very embarrassing to see that these  
50 vendors spent so much time to try to give a realistic

1 bid on something that was obviously not apples to  
2 apples. So I'm glad to see that this agenda is on the  
3 item tonight to re-look at to see if we can make sure  
4 that things like that don't happen. It's embarrassing  
5 to us as a county. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

7 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

8 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, Williamston,  
9 District Seven. Wasn't here last time.

10 Congratulations, Mr. Chairman, appointment. I just  
11 want to speak on the incentive. I hope, and I know I  
12 say it about every time I'm up here, that part of that  
13 will be -- I've watched the guys around me and they  
14 don't do nothing, they don't work eight hours, there's  
15 not enough -- there's too many people within our  
16 department. I have begged you guys to have enough  
17 gumption. Some people would say I have no heart for  
18 people. I want you to cut some of this employment.  
19 Our whole nation has had to cut. Every company that I  
20 have known in my past, every company that I'm calling  
21 on presently in my job, they've all had layoffs.  
22 They've all had cutbacks. It's admirable that you guys  
23 don't want to lay anybody off. You guys don't want to  
24 cut this county's employment. But guess what? The  
25 state is going to hit you with another cut on how much  
26 money you're going to get, and I'll say it again, at  
27 fifty thousand dollars total package, and that's a low  
28 average probably, every ten people that you cut will be  
29 a half a million bucks. If we have approximately nine  
30 hundred employees in this county at an average of fifty  
31 thousand total costs per each. And I'd really love to  
32 know the real number. That's about forty-five million  
33 dollars that we spend on salary for employees. Our  
34 county ran twelve years ago -- well thirteen now -- ran  
35 thirteen years ago on about thirty-two, thirty-eight  
36 million bucks total. We're spending fifty percent more  
37 in salary twelve years -- well thirteen years later  
38 than we did back then. Hopefully part of this  
39 incentive will -- employees will look at each other.  
40 They will be honest to us, the taxpayers, and if  
41 there's people who aren't doing anything, yes, a lock  
42 box. Drop it in something. Say hey, you need to watch  
43 employee XYZ. And if they aren't having -- if they  
44 don't have enough work to do to keep them busy eight  
45 hours a day, five days a week, if there's a department  
46 you can switch them to who needs help, whatever. But  
47 do me, a taxpayer, and the other citizens a favor and  
48 do what everyone else is doing in this nation during  
49 these hard times. Get rid of some overhead. Cell  
50 phones would be a good thing to get rid of also. Thank

1       you.

2                   MIKE PITTS:               That's it, Mr. Chairman.

3                   TOMMY DUNN:              Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At  
4 this time we'll move on to Item Number 5, Resolutions.  
5 It'll be Resolution (b). Proclamation to honor the Boy  
6 Scouts of America on their one hundredth anniversary,  
7 to express gratitude to the volunteers who commit  
8 countless hours to inspire and prepare future  
9 generations of leaders, to celebrate one hundred years,  
10 a legacy of 'Doing a Good Turn' and 'Being Prepared,'  
11 and proclaim February 7th through 14th as Boy Scouts of  
12 America One Hundred Years of Scouting Week in Anderson  
13 County, and all matters related to there. Mr. Eddie  
14 Moore.

15                   EDDIE MOORE:            Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
16 This proclamation is very near and dear to my heart  
17 since I was a former scout master and also an Eagle  
18 Scout. My whole life I loved scouting and I've been  
19 around a lot of great scout leaders and a lot of people  
20 that was in scouts and enjoyed it, so I'm very thrilled  
21 to be able to do this tonight.

22                   Whereas, in 1909 a Chicago publisher named  
23 William Boyce became lost in a London fog and found his  
24 way out of it with the aid of a young boy. And when he  
25 tried to pay the boy a shilling for his help, the boy  
26 replied that a scout doesn't take payment for doing a  
27 good turn; and

28                   Whereas, Boyce, who had never heard of scouts  
29 was so intrigued that he learned all about the British  
30 program and upon returning to America helped to  
31 establish the Boy Scouts of America; and

32                   Whereas, Boy Scouts of America incorporated on  
33 February the 8th, 1910 and recognized by federal  
34 charter on June the 15th, 1916, provides an educational  
35 program for boys and young men teaching patriotism,  
36 courage, self reliance and kindred values and preparing  
37 them to make ethical and moral choices throughout their  
38 lifetimes by instilling the values of the Scout oath  
39 and law; and

40                   Whereas, founded on trustworthiness, loyalty,  
41 bravery, and values that put community and family  
42 first, the Boy Scout law and oath teach duty to God,  
43 country and self; and

44                   Whereas, the twelve points of the Scout law -  
45 trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,  
46 obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent  
47 describe for the scout how to live a life of honor and  
48 are the epitome of scout volunteer; and

49                   Whereas, faithfully filling the scout slogan  
50 'Do a Good Turn Daily' each scout commits to perform at

1 least twelve hours of community service yearly totaling  
2 more than thirty million community service hours each  
3 year across the nation; and

4 Whereas, steadfastly serving the Anderson  
5 County and upstate region, the Blue Ridge Council  
6 selects community service projects that positively  
7 impact Anderson County, which include annual Scouting  
8 for Food and Angel Tree projects and have also  
9 undertaking projects with far reaching benefits such as  
10 the 2005 Special Relief Effort to collect items for  
11 Hurricane Katrina victims; and

12 Whereas, the more than one million adult  
13 volunteer leaders who selflessly serve young people in  
14 their communities through organizations chartered by  
15 the Boy Scouts of America build the character and  
16 integrity of America's youth and prepare them to become  
17 responsible adults who are leaders and who participate  
18 in society according to the Scout oath and law; and

19 Whereas, today the Boy Scouts of America is  
20 the largest youth service organization in America with  
21 nearly three million members learning responsible  
22 citizenship, character development and self reliance  
23 through participation in a wide range of outdoor  
24 activities, educational programs and career oriented  
25 programs in partnership with community organizations;  
26 and

27 Whereas, today more than ever America needs  
28 inspiration from role models who demonstrate a strong  
29 sense of personal mission and purpose, cling to the  
30 values described in the Scout oath and law, and embody  
31 the Boy Scout motto 'Be Prepared' with a steadfast  
32 commitment to God, country and self; and

33 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
34 Anderson County Council, on behalf of the residents of  
35 Anderson County, the Anderson County Council recognizes  
36 the legacy of this great organization and the  
37 importance of its one hundred years of service to the  
38 citizens of the community and communities across  
39 America by proclaiming this week, February the 7th to  
40 February the 14th, as Boy Scouts of America One Hundred  
41 Years of Scouting Week. Anderson County Council and  
42 residents acknowledge that by promoting and fostering  
43 timeless values and character traits which form the  
44 strong foundation of this nation, the Boy Scouts of  
45 America has made a contribution of immeasurable value  
46 to the welfare of Anderson County, the state of South  
47 Carolina, and the entire nation. Anderson County  
48 recognizes that one hundredth anniversary celebration  
49 of the Boy Scouts of America is a once in a lifetime  
50 opportunity to raise awareness of the value of scouting

1 and engage more youth and volunteers in scouting  
2 activities. Anderson County Council and residents  
3 recognize one hundredth anniversary of the Boy Scouts  
4 of America and express appreciation for the service and  
5 character building that the organization has provided  
6 through its dedication to the youth of Anderson County  
7 through the Boy Scouts Blue Ridge Council. Anderson  
8 County also wishes to express gratitude to the  
9 volunteers who have made a lasting, positive impact on  
10 the future of Anderson County youths which will reap  
11 results for years to come. We honor you and the youth  
12 under your charge. Thank you. Ernie Trammell is the  
13 District Chairman. Barry Cox, former scout master;  
14 Robert Rainey, past president; B. C. McDonald --  
15 McConnell, friends and scouting fund raiser founder;  
16 Beechard McConnell, friends of scouting fund raising  
17 chairman; Steve McCarriger, advancement committee  
18 chairman; Ron Cromer, Cub Scout activities director;  
19 Dave Ruben, Troop 215 Scout Master; Jonathan Runge,  
20 district executive serving for six years; as well as  
21 other scout masters, leaders, den mothers, and various  
22 volunteers. This proclamation shall take effect and be  
23 in force immediately upon enactment.

24 I make that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
25 Chairman.

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion on the floor  
28 from Mr. Moore. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?  
29 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
30 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
31 unanimous.

32 EDDIE MOORE: And I liked to missed. Mr.  
33 Robert Rainey, is he here? And Jonathan Runge, I  
34 think. If y'all would come up, I'd appreciate it.

35 APPLAUSE

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time we  
37 move on to Item 6, Ordinance's third reading, Item  
38 Number (a), 2009-035, Ordinance amending Ordinance  
39 Number 99-004 of the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance  
40 as adopted July 20th, 1999 by amending the Anderson  
41 County Official Zoning Map to amend the planned  
42 development district for Meadowbrook Baptist Church  
43 that parcel of land consisting of 10.4 acres of the  
44 Hopewell -- in the Hopewell School Precinct on the  
45 corner of McGee Road and Hub Drive, Anderson, South  
46 Carolina the Major Amendment Application prepared by  
47 Lonnie Watt and Associates dated October 6, 2009. The  
48 plan prepared by Lonnie Watt and Associates. The  
49 parcel is further identified as TMS Number 145-007-07-  
50 014. Bill West. Mr. West, do you have anything to add

1 or anything? We have a motion on the floor.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Make your motions and pass.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson made the motion

4 and Mr. Moore seconds the motion. Any discussion?

5 Hearing none, a show of hands. All opposed, like sign.

6 Show the motion carries unanimous. Moving on at this

7 time. Item number 6, number (b), Ordinance amending

8 Chapter 2 of the Anderson County Code in order to

9 create the Anderson County Animal Shelter Advisory

10 Committee and matters related thereto. Mr. Eddie

11 Moore.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I

13 would like to make a motion that we pass this on so

14 that we can have our Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

15 to assist in our new animal shelter.

16 BOB WALDREP: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Motion on the floor by Mr.

18 Moore. Seconded by Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion?

19 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I thought that

20 we would be appointing those members tonight when we

21 get back to our appointments.

22 TOMMY DUNN: If council members are

23 prepared to appoint, yes sir.

24 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Appoint tonight. Any more

26 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion a

27 show of hands please. Opposed, like sign. Show the

28 motion carries unanimously. At this time we'll be

29 moving to Item number 7, Employee Incentives. Mr. Bob

30 Waldrep.

31 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If

32 you'll look at Item 7. Mr. Pitts was kind enough to

33 assist me in trying to put this together in a format an

34 idea that I've been putting forward to County Council

35 the last couple of years. And if you'll just kind of

36 follow me along. The statement that it's our policy to

37 recognize and reward employees for their outstanding

38 ideas in improving the efficiency of the county

39 operations which would result in measurable savings to

40 the county and that candidates for efficiency must have

41 performed work or suggested implemented ideas that

42 result in cost savings or improves the efficiency in a

43 tangible or measurable way and that eligibility would

44 be all non-management employees are eligible for

45 efficiency awards and supervised managers can nominate

46 these employees or work teams within their departments

47 they believe have made significant contributions.

48 Employees are eligible for no more than two efficiency

49 awards during a calendar year and the selection would

50 be nominations must be accompanied by their



1 supervisor's or manager's brief written description of  
2 why particular performances should be considered  
3 outstanding for purposes of this efficiency incentive  
4 program. The committee on employment -- employee  
5 excellence compromising one manager from each of the  
6 county's divisions evaluates all nominations and is  
7 responsible for selecting from among the pool of  
8 candidates. The committee's recommendations are  
9 subject to the final approval of the county  
10 administrator. The committee would meet - and I've got  
11 there a blank - but I would say at least two times a  
12 year for the purpose of recommending awards. And the  
13 amounts, the county would set aside a pool of funds of  
14 cash awards commiserate with the value of the  
15 performance achievement being recognized and the  
16 committee on employment excellence is responsible for  
17 assigning dollar amounts to awards. The committee  
18 recommendations for award amounts is subject to the  
19 final approval of county administrator. And of course,  
20 the person receiving a cash award would be responsible  
21 for the taxes. And the efficiency awards program is  
22 managed by the personnel department and would contact  
23 Ms. McAlister for additional information. And of  
24 course, the county reserves the right to amend or  
25 terminate the performance awards program at any time.  
26 Members of council, I had this idea probably some time  
27 back. Of course it's not an original idea. There are  
28 many cities that have a program like this. City  
29 governments. But as we have checked out we don't know  
30 that any county government in the state has that  
31 particular idea. And one reason I felt very strongly  
32 that this would be helpful is because in my experience  
33 in government working with folks over the last forty,  
34 forty-five years, I've found that there's so many times  
35 that the employees at the service level have a lot of  
36 great ideas about things that could save things -- save  
37 money, make things more efficient, and render better  
38 service. I just wanted you to consider that because it  
39 is in private industry I think that there's even such a  
40 system. And I would say that in response to Mr.  
41 Brown's suggestion that the committee have the  
42 authority, of course, to make any kind of changes that  
43 they might want to make to make the system work a  
44 little bit better, a little bit safer. I would say  
45 that if somebody did invent some kind of special lock  
46 or something like that that made us millions of dollars  
47 that we would really enjoy the litigation over that if  
48 we ever got to that point. But there are a lot of  
49 serious savings that can be done. Just by way of  
50 information, and this is hot off the press today, we

1 have a number of actual county employees that we have  
2 in this county. Does anyone on council know how many  
3 employees that we have? County employees? I wondered  
4 if anybody knows that. I had asked that question over  
5 the last several years and I had never been able to  
6 really get an answer until today. And so I'm just kind  
7 of excited about having this information and I want to  
8 share with you. We have five hundred and fifty county  
9 employees. We have, in the Sheriff's Department, two  
10 hundred and sixty-three employees. So that's a grand  
11 total of eight hundred and thirteen employees, if  
12 anybody wants to check my math. So having said that, I  
13 would just ask for your consideration of this matter.  
14 And again there was -- Mr. Brown I think brought up  
15 something about a box. I found out that Mr. Tommy  
16 Seigler has at his desk on the basement a box which was  
17 at one time used I think as a suggestion box. I don't  
18 know whether anybody would -- that would fold into this  
19 idea. A policy of having somebody be able to put this  
20 into a box in some way. Maybe that might work out.  
21 But we've got a very nice walnut finished box down  
22 there with a slot in it and a lock and key on it. So I  
23 just thought you might want to take that into  
24 consideration. So, Mr. Chairman, having said that, I  
25 would for -- I would make a motion that we approve this  
26 policy and invite a second and some discussion.

27 CINDY WILSON: Second.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion. Mr.  
30 Waldrep's motion. Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Now  
31 in discussion.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

33 CINDY WILSON: May I?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This is a  
36 worthwhile effort, worthwhile idea. But I think it's  
37 one that we've been implementing now for a while. It  
38 used to be monthly where we would bring -- where we  
39 would recommend employees who have done an outstanding  
40 job for the county or -- in his or her department and  
41 we would recognize that person on the floor. Along  
42 with the recognition went -- we gave them gifts, maybe  
43 a certificate for a dinner or maybe an Anderson County  
44 t-shirt or Anderson County cup. We've been doing that  
45 for a while. The only thing that you are suggesting is  
46 that we do some kind of incentive award. The incentive  
47 award for a suggestion that was made. The box  
48 downstairs is there for employees to put ideas in it --  
49 so ideas that they think could save the county money.  
50 So even though your idea is good, I think we're already

1 implementing it. Maybe not on the grand scales that  
2 you are proposing, but it's already being implemented.  
3 And the fact that these people, if they have a good  
4 idea, can go ahead and write it down. And if it were  
5 me, I'd make a copy of it for my, for my records and  
6 put it in that box. Now I don't know who opens the box  
7 to read the, to read the ideas, but it seems like  
8 somewhere I remembered where it had to be -- the idea  
9 must be in effect for let's say two years or a year and  
10 it must have saved the county X amount of dollars  
11 before it can be awarded as an incentive project. But  
12 I think that that's already on the table, okay? And  
13 that's it. Oh, wait a minute. Another thing, Mr.  
14 Chairman, if I may be brief on this one. This is not  
15 written up. I thought that this was just a draft in  
16 the book as it said. I didn't realize it was prepared  
17 for us to vote on it tonight because it's not in its  
18 proper form as a resolution or an ordinance or anything  
19 so I just thought it was a draft for our information  
20 tonight.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
25 just wanted to ask of Mr. Waldrep or anyone who might  
26 be able to enlighten us. Would there be some type of  
27 maybe of sliding scale that we would predetermine based  
28 on the magnitude of the improvements and the  
29 commiserate cost savings and so forth? I think it's a  
30 really -- the concept's a really good idea. We'll have  
31 even more motivated employees. Rewards are always  
32 preferable to the ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Uh.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, if I can  
35 answer that question.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Let me just clear something  
37 up, okay? Mr. Waldrep, are you -- is this intention  
38 that it's going to be a resolution or an ordinance?

39 BOB WALDREP: Well, I was hoping it would  
40 be somewhat of a resolution really. I didn't think of  
41 it as an ordinance. I thought it would be more of a  
42 resolution rather than an ordinance, and so that's why  
43 ...

44 TOMMY DUNN: Could ---

45 BOB WALDREP: It's a draft of an idea so  
46 we weren't -- I was hoping that that would be a form.  
47 But I did want to say this, that it's kind of a work in  
48 progress too because it would be under I guess you'd  
49 say the form of a -- more of a policy idea. And the --  
50 if this has been implemented before and is in progress

1 I'm totally unaware of it. I did check the box down  
2 there with Mr. Seigler and he indicated that that box  
3 has been extremely unused and quite lonely down there  
4 with Mr. Seigler.

5 TOMMY DUNN: If we can -- if it would be  
6 appropriate, Mr. Waldrep. if you don't have no  
7 objections, let's, let's come back. I think we -- I  
8 think this is a great idea. I think it's something --  
9 I think, you know, it might have been implemented  
10 before. It might have been tried. But I don't think  
11 it's countywide known as far as employees. I think it  
12 needs a little bit of work and I think your intentions  
13 was for it to be discussed tonight and maybe the  
14 administrator and Mr. Pitts can come back with a  
15 resolution. Because it's just my concern -- I do have  
16 a -- I like the ordinance, but I do have a concern  
17 about having to have supervisors' permission or writing  
18 on it. I don't, I don't agree with that. I mean,  
19 somebody might can change my mind, but as I'm sitting  
20 here I don't, I don't care for it. Would that be  
21 acceptable to everybody to come back and everybody have  
22 some thoughts and talk about it and let's vote on it  
23 next meeting night? Would that -- do you have a  
24 problem -- can we get ---

25 BOB WALDREP: Oh no, no. I'm certainly  
26 not trying to ram anything through. You know, I don't  
27 want that.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think we can get --  
29 I think it's a great idea. We just need to make sure  
30 we've got all our i's dotted and t's crossed the first  
31 time.

32 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

33 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if ...

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, got ahead.

35 TOM ALLEN: Just for my clarification.

36 Is there still an employee of the month program? Is  
37 that still being conducted, Mr. Burns? Or is it?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Where's Angie? Is she still  
39 here?

40 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. In two years. I mean  
42 in one year.

43 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Okay.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: It hasn't been that long.

45 TOM ALLEN: So there's no employee of  
46 the month program. Normally that's for someone who's  
47 done a really good job and deserves to be rewarded. I  
48 think what Mr. Waldrep's getting at is a monetary award  
49 for somebody coming up with a suggestion that actually  
50 saves money. It's a little bit different. But I just

1 wanted to be clear myself as to whether we had any kind  
2 of a program right now and apparently we don't. Thank  
3 you.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

5 TOMMY DUNN: I was getting -- going  
6 around, if you would, Ms. Floyd. Going to get Ms.  
7 Wilson. I think she wanted -- Ms. Wilson, did you have  
8 something you wanted -- thank you. Okay, Ms. Floyd.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you. In  
10 answer to Ms. Wilson's question, it seems as if I  
11 remembered that the amount of money was based on the  
12 savings of the suggestion. If a person was able to  
13 save the county a trillion dollars without firing  
14 everybody they would, they would get a certain  
15 percentage of the money that was saved. But also it  
16 hasn't been that long since we did the employee of the  
17 year. I realize it's two different things but what I'm  
18 saying is that one thing we have in place already. We  
19 just need to -- I think something happened to the  
20 committee when all of the key people who were in charge  
21 of that left.

22 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE

23 GRACIE FLOYD: ... box downstairs was for  
24 suggestions. Okay. So ...

25 TOMMY DUNN: I think we've run out of  
26 town on this issue I believe. Like I said I think  
27 we've talked about it. Mr. Burns, you got a problem  
28 with trying to -- you and Mr. Pitts getting together  
29 and tweaking this and coming back with something for  
30 next meeting night? Thank you. We move on to number  
31 -- Item Number 8, Ordinance's first reading, Ordinance  
32 amending Chapter 2 of the Anderson County Code of  
33 Ordinances pertaining to purchasing and other matters  
34 related thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

36 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
37 body politic and corporate and political subdivision of  
38 the State of South Carolina, acting by and through the  
39 Anderson County Council previously adopted and amended  
40 Chapter 2, Article V of the Anderson County Code  
41 dealing with purchase and by way of Ordinance number  
42 2009-006;

43 Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to  
44 make a further amendment in order to provide that  
45 County Council will have the ability to review the  
46 content and criteria of requests for proposals before  
47 they're transmitted to vendors for response;

48 Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to  
49 further amend Chapter 2, Article V of the Anderson  
50 County Code in order to make the aforementioned change;

1 and

2 Now, therefore, be it ordained by Anderson  
3 County Council in meeting duly assembled at Section 2-  
4 636(a) of the Anderson County Code is hereby amended in  
5 order to add the following sentence at the end of that  
6 subsection: All proposals shall be submitted to County  
7 Council for review and approval before they are  
8 transmitted to vendors for a response.

9 The remaining terms and provisions of the  
10 Anderson County Code of Ordinances not revised or  
11 affected hereby remain in full force and effect.  
12 Should any part or provision of this ordinance be  
13 deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court  
14 of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not  
15 affect the rest and remainder of this ordinance, all of  
16 which is hereby deemed separable. All ordinances,  
17 orders, resolutions, and actions of the Anderson County  
18 Council inconsistent herewith or to the extent of such  
19 inconsistency only hereby repealed, revoked and  
20 rescinded. This ordinance shall take effect and be in  
21 full force upon the third reading of enactment by the  
22 Anderson County Council.

23 I make that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
24 Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
26 have a second?

27 TOM ALLEN: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds the  
29 motion. Discussion.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I need your help, Mr.

33 Chairman, in trying to get something straightened out  
34 here. Is this the result of what happened the last --  
35 was it the last meeting when we had those vendors  
36 coming in asking questions?

37 TOMMY DUNN: Well, Ms. Floyd, I think  
38 you'll have to ask Mr. Moore, but I don't think -- this  
39 might have, might have put -- but I think there's some  
40 councilman I think, and I'll let -- Mr. Moore has had  
41 some questions about some other things. I think this  
42 is not just one item brought this up.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

45 EDDIE MOORE: This is really when you read  
46 -- go through your procurement procedure and look at  
47 it, it really should have been in there. It was kind  
48 of omitted. And it's not any one certain action. It's  
49 just so that the council members can look at requests  
50 for proposals and make sure that, you know, everybody's

1 okay with it. And you might have some questions about  
2 it before it goes out for bids. If you put seven minds  
3 together, I think that we could possibly have a  
4 question or something. We might want to ask Mr.  
5 Carroll or whoever's preparing the proposal. I think  
6 it would be a good idea, you know, if we have some  
7 questions during a council meeting or what not it would  
8 -- that was basically the reason for this.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: If ---  
10 EDDIE MOORE: Not any one certain thing.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: If I could, this might be  
12 just something as simple as if something's coming out  
13 bid it out of say wanting to check and see if  
14 somebody's got so much experience before they bid on  
15 something or not so much experience or something. Ms.  
16 Floyd.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So this doesn't have  
18 anything to do with the vendors coming from the last  
19 time. And will all council member -- will all council  
20 members have the opportunity to look through the bids  
21 process?  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind this is not  
23 bids. This is requests for proposals. And a lot of  
24 people ---  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. RFPs.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. RFPs. Okay.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: We don't get into bids.  
29 That's, that's not -- we're not legally can do that.  
30 And I want to make sure. Some people gets, gets the  
31 two crossed up and this is not bids. This is ---  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that. I  
33 understand, Mr. Chairman. I thank you. But will each  
34 council member have the right to look at the RFPs as  
35 they come in?  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, yes, ma'am.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Can -- will it be done in a  
38 group?  
39 TOMMY DUNN: No, no, no. I'm sorry. I'm  
40 sorry. I -- I didn't. I'm sorry. As they, as they  
41 ask for them -- let me explain this thing. As it comes  
42 out it would come to us full council, be in our packet  
43 and everybody would get it. Yes, ma'am.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. All right. All  
45 right. But this doesn't have anything to do with what  
46 happened at the last council meeting concerning all of  
47 the vendors when they came in?  
48 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Thank  
50 you.

1 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

3 TOM ALLEN: Very quickly. Just ballpark  
4 figure, maybe Mr. Carroll. About how many RFPs a year  
5 -- about five or six? Okay. Thank you. And what  
6 you're talking about there is we would, we would see  
7 the RFPs before they go out. Not what has come back  
8 in. Just before they go out just to be clear. All  
9 right.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, we only get  
11 six a year?

12 TOMMY DUNN: It, it would depend --  
13 especially depends on the money you've got too, I  
14 guess, so this could be less. Would have a thing where  
15 it would depend. And like I said, this is only a, you  
16 know, is a request. Keep in mind this ain't bids.  
17 Bids would be a lot more.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that. But I  
19 was just flabbergasted about the amount of RFPs. I  
20 thought it was more than six. I know it's based on  
21 what you are sending out there, what your needs are.  
22 But I just thought it was more than six a year. Thank  
23 you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
25 Mr. Waldrep.

26 BOB WALDREP: I just had a couple of  
27 questions about what does -- the will of council. Do  
28 they want to be approving these before they're  
29 transmitted? I just had some concern about the number.  
30 Of course if they're not going to be many of them maybe  
31 it doesn't make that much difference. But I just  
32 didn't want council to be having to go through a lot of  
33 proposals here. As long as they maintain the right to  
34 see them, do we want to be voting and approving them  
35 before they go out? That was just the question that I  
36 had. How much more activity do we want to have in this  
37 regard? If -- as long as we have the right to study  
38 them, look at them, and approve them in advance -- not  
39 approve them necessarily -- but look at them in advance  
40 and if we have a question, to look at them from that  
41 regard. I -- that's just a ...

42 TOMMY DUNN: And I can understand that.  
43 But I think no more than it'll be, we can try this and  
44 if it gets too cumbersome for us, is what I'm thinking.  
45 My biggest concern is and this is what, you know, me as  
46 a council person what I'm going to watch is, I don't  
47 want to hurt or slow down government. But we need to  
48 make sure it's done right. I understand where Mr.  
49 Moore's coming from. But as long as we -- now you're  
50 going to get this in plenty of time in your packet.



1 You need to study it and look at it. And if you've got  
2 any questions let's try to come up with a solution.  
3 Let's don't get here at council meeting night and try  
4 to reinvent the wheel or put it off for another meeting  
5 night. As long as we all agree and try to work  
6 together like that we can -- this thing -- it can move  
7 on pretty quick I think.

8 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

11 EDDIE MOORE: If I may say one thing.

12 This is just a check and balance. And it's just so the  
13 council members can look and when a request for  
14 proposals going to go out and if there's any red flags  
15 that may go off we can ask questions. This is just  
16 another check and balance in the system so that we can,  
17 you know, look at it. That's -- nothing implied or  
18 intended. I just like to have a check and balance in  
19 there.

20 TOMMY DUNN: I understand. Thank you.  
21 Ms. Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: It seems that this is in the  
23 spirit of pretty much of the employee incentives. It  
24 gives us more opportunity to review. Checks and  
25 balance is part of it. And also most of us have wide  
26 experiences and can recognize something that may have  
27 been inadvertently left off or needs to be added or  
28 what have you. I think it gives us an opportunity in a  
29 really tight financial environment to maybe get more  
30 for our county's money.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
32 Hearing none -- and keep in mind this is just the first  
33 reading. All in favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show of  
34 hands. Show Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
35 Waldrep, Ms. Wilson votes in favor. All opposed. Ms.  
36 Floyd opposed. Motion carries. On second reading.  
37 Now moving on Item Number 9, Resolutions. Number  
38 R2010-010, a resolution designating Senior Solutions  
39 and/or Anderson County to develop and implement a  
40 Coordinated Rural Public Transportation Service in  
41 Anderson County and matters related thereto. Mr. Holt  
42 Hopkins. Let me just say this to -- quick few minutes.  
43 We voted on this, as y'all well know, probably a month  
44 ago or something like that, pretty close. It got  
45 turned down, who are the folks that needs to approve it  
46 to get the money. They had to redo it. But we redone  
47 -- or what staff redone I don't think -- if I'm putting  
48 words in Mr. Holt Hopkins' mouth I hope you'll  
49 straighten me out here in just a second -- but it  
50 needed to be tweaked again. And this needed to be on

1 the fast track because Senior Solutions and I think  
2 administrative staff thinks there's some money out  
3 there we need to be getting on and not slowing nothing  
4 down. And -- but that's the reason -- this will be the  
5 new, the new thing was the one we got tonight in coming  
6 here will be the one we're voting on. Not the one in  
7 your book. Mr. Hopkins.

8 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. The one that was  
9 submitted for your packet. I since then got comments  
10 back from the DOT and they wanted me to change a few  
11 more things. There's two things. The one that's --  
12 was in your chair if you'll flip back to about the  
13 third or fourth page. There's a redline version that  
14 actually shows you what I changed from the one that was  
15 in your packet. There's basically two things. They  
16 didn't want us to restrict it to one type of money  
17 where it says, the rural program section 5311. What  
18 they're saying is there may be other pots of money that  
19 they can use for this program. So they wanted us to  
20 strike that out. They also didn't want to restrict it  
21 to just one provider which is Senior Solutions. That's  
22 a little different from what I was advised back in  
23 December when I brought it to you. But anyway that's  
24 -- they asked us just to leave it kind of open ended as  
25 whoever the Anderson County designee is, because we do  
26 have three transit providers in this area counting  
27 Senior Solutions. And they wanted us to be flexible to  
28 be able to use any one of the three depending on what  
29 part of the county we were in.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Can we get a motion  
31 on the floor? Anybody want to make a motion?

32 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion.  
34 Do we got a second?

35 TOM ALLEN: Second.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Before the motion was made.  
38 Mr. Hopkins, you took out the copy that you gave us --  
39 the redlined copy, you took out designated Senior  
40 Solutions. Okay. But it doesn't name the entity who's  
41 going to develop and implement a coordinator. I think  
42 maybe -- would you consider adding, a resolution  
43 designating Anderson County.

44 HOLT HOPKINS: That -- that would be fine.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, because this one  
46 doesn't, this one doesn't designate anybody to do it,  
47 but yet throughout this thing that I've been able to  
48 read you have mentioned Anderson County. You  
49 understand what I'm saying?

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So it needs to  
2 designate ---  
3 HOLT HOPKINS: In the title.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. It needs to designate  
5 Anderson County in the title that this is going to  
6 happen.  
7 HOLT HOPKINS: That would be fine.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now we have to amend  
9 it.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: You making that as an  
11 amendment.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm making a motion to amend  
13 it.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: We got a second?  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: To include Anderson County  
16 in it.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Anderson County in the  
18 title.  
19 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds it. Any  
21 discussion? And all in favor of Ms. Floyd's amendment,  
22 show of hands. All oppose show like sign. Show motion  
23 carries unanimously. Now back to the original motion.  
24 Are there any more discussion? Hearing none, all in  
25 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
26 sign. Show the motion carries unanimous. Moving on to  
27 Item Number 9(b), R2010-011, a resolution regarding  
28 privileged -- privileged and other protected  
29 communication files and information and other matters  
30 related thereto. Mr. Mike Pitts.  
31 MIKE PITTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
32 This is just an extension of the exact same resolution  
33 council passed this time last year authorizing access  
34 to certain legal files as part of the investigation.  
35 Under our county code, resolutions are only good for a  
36 year, so this was brought before you tonight just to  
37 simply renew the resolution that was already in place.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
39 motion?  
40 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion  
42 and Mr. Waldrep seconds the motion. Any discussion?  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Is this investigation about  
46 over with?  
47 MIKE PITTS: I don't know the answer to  
48 that, Ms. Floyd.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I know. I understand. Is  
50 this investigation about over with?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I don't know. I hope  
2 so. We're going to find out here very shortly.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?  
5 Hearing none, all in favor, show of hands. Mr. Allen,  
6 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, and Ms. Wilson's in  
7 favor of. Those opposed. Ms. Floyd votes opposition.  
8 Motion carries. Moving on to Item Number 10,  
9 acceptance of the Windham Ridge Phase II Subdivision  
10 into the county road system. Bill West. Does anybody  
11 have any questions or any comments for Mr. West  
12 pertaining to this item? We have the motion on the  
13 floor.  
14 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Do we -- Ms. Wilson, I'm  
16 sorry, I'm just asking for a motion. I'm not making  
17 it.  
18 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So moved.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Wilson makes the  
20 motion.  
21 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
22 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds the  
24 motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of  
25 the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show  
26 the motion carries unanimous.  
27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I know this is  
28 a little bit late. You were moving kind of quick. But  
29 I -- my standard question is in all these matters. The  
30 road that was taken in, this was -- all of the roads in  
31 there have come up to county standards and that sort of  
32 thing.  
33 BILL WEST: That is why this is before  
34 you.  
35 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay.  
36 BILL WEST: It's been brought up to  
37 county standards and this action must be taken for them  
38 to be accepted into the county system.  
39 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Good. That's fine.  
40 Thank you.  
41 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, go ahead.  
43 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. One good thing  
44 about the horrific torrential downpours we've had, you  
45 can find out if the runoff measures are working.  
46 BILL WEST: Right.  
47 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Thank you.  
49 Now appointments to various -- Item Number 11,  
50 appointments to various boards or commissions. Mr.

1 Allen.  
2 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Even on the animal shelter?  
4 TOM ALLEN: I'm sorry, say again.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Even on the animal shelter?  
6 TOM ALLEN: Not on the animal shelter,  
7 no.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Okay. Ms. Floyd.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. On the animal shelter  
10 for the -- for District Two, I can't think of anybody  
11 who would be more perfect for this board, someone who  
12 has the interest of animals at heart and who works very  
13 well with them, who has worked with animals in the  
14 past. District Two's nominee would be Doreen Montepara  
15 to serve on the animal shelter board.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Hold it down. Do we have a  
17 second? Have a second? Motion dies for lack of  
18 second.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: We'll bring it back next  
20 week.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Wilson.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you.  
23 District Seven would like to reappoint Mrs. Rosemary  
24 Moore to the accommodations tax committee and this is a  
25 reappointment in the form of a motion.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
27 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
28 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. All in  
30 favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Carries  
31 unanimously. Ms. Wilson.  
32 CINDY WILSON: District Seven will have an  
33 animal shelter nominee for next meeting. Thank you.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.  
35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I  
36 have for District One animal shelter is Carol Glenn.  
37 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion -- makes a motion for  
39 Carol Glenn. Second by Ms. Wilson. All in favor of  
40 the motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show Mr.  
41 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson's  
42 in favor. Ms. Floyd's opposed. Motion carries. Hold  
43 it down.  
44 BOB WALDREP: That was the only  
45 appointment I had. Thank you.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
47 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to  
48 hold mine until the next meeting because I have not had  
49 a chance to talk with this person yet.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I make the motion --

1 my representative on the animal shelter board be Ms.  
2 Ann Medlin.

3 CINDY WILSON: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in  
5 favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
6 the motion carries unanimously. At this time I'd like  
7 to appoint three standing committees. Y'all want me to  
8 do this one at a time. Is that your pleasure, or do  
9 them all three? Okay. All right. Number one, I'd  
10 like to appoint the animal welfare committee. This  
11 divides the animal shelter and the new spay and  
12 neutering clinic, large animal control and all other  
13 animal related issues. Appoint Mr. Moore chairman, Mr.  
14 Dunn, Mr. Allen. On the -- also a standing committee,  
15 the financial committee, Mr. Tom Allen, Cindy Wilson,  
16 Mr. Eddie Moore. Tom Allen chairman. Personnel  
17 committee, I'd like to appoint Mr. Eddie Moore, Mr. Bob  
18 Waldrep, Tommy Dunn. Mr. Waldrep will be the chairman.  
19 I have a second?

20 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor, show of hands.  
22 Show Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms.  
23 Wilson in favor. All opposed. Abstentions. Ms. Floyd  
24 abstains. Thank you. At this time I'd like to appoint  
25 two ad hoc committees to carry on to finish up our  
26 investigating. This will be the personnel legal review  
27 contracts and investigative, Bob Waldrep, Tommy Dunn  
28 and Eddie Moore. Mr. Waldrep the chairman. Financial  
29 inquiries, investigative audit. Mr. Tom Allen, Cindy  
30 Wilson, and Eddie Moore. Mr. Tom Allen to be chairman.  
31 Moving on at this time. Item Number 12, acceptance of  
32 bids. Mr. Robert Carroll.

33 ROBERT CARROLL: Sir, I don't believe there's  
34 any items to be voted on. That's just all for  
35 information at this time.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone have any  
37 questions or anything for Mr. Carroll on this?

38 BOB WALDREP: No, sir. I just think that  
39 as long as we can distinguish those apples from those  
40 oranges. That's what we keep coming up with all the  
41 time. It seems like a fruit inspection. Okay. Thank  
42 you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
44 moving on to Item Number 13, requests by council  
45 members. Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: I have none at this moment.  
47 Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

49 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, on the  
50 requests, okay. I'm just trying to make sure that I've

1 got I think Fifteen Hundred Dollars from the -- my  
2 recreation fund to go to the Meals on Wheels. I think  
3 Meals on Wheels, I just wanted to mention to the  
4 council, is in apparently dire straits at this time.  
5 Our economy is making it real tough on people to give  
6 contributions and so I'm hopeful that other council  
7 members would -- might want to chip in on that.

8 CINDY WILSON: Second.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Waldrep.

10 Second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion, show of  
11 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
12 unanimously. Mr. Waldrep, anything further?

13 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, sir.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
16 to also donate Five Hundred Dollars to the Meals on  
17 Wheels to help them out.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second? Mr.  
19 Waldrep seconds the motion. All in favor of the  
20 motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
21 motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: None.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

24 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd like to  
26 request out of my parks and recreation account Nine  
27 Hundred and Eighty Dollars for the Wellington Park to  
28 do some tree, tree work down at the Wellington Park.  
29 Can I get a second?

30 BOB WALDREP: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. All  
32 in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
33 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this  
34 time we're moving on to Item Number 14, the  
35 administrator's report.

36 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just two items  
37 of information. One, the Census 2010 road tour will be  
38 visiting the gymnasium at Westside Community Center on  
39 Monday, January the 25th from nine till eleven a.m.  
40 And that's designed to promote the census that's being  
41 put on by the United States Census Bureau. And they  
42 will have a lot of good information and a lot of  
43 giveaways and will be there to answer questions. The  
44 second and last item, this Thursday at three p.m., our  
45 complete the count committee, the county's committee,  
46 will be attending their official training session and  
47 again that will start at three p.m. Just to give you  
48 an update on what we're doing there.

49 TOM ALLEN: Excuse me, sir. What was  
50 the date on that again.

1 RUSTY BURNS: Which one, sir?  
2 TOM ALLEN: The last one you read for  
3 the census.  
4 RUSTY BURNS: That is Thursday at three  
5 p.m.  
6 TOM ALLEN: Thursday. Thank you.  
7 RUSTY BURNS: That is training for the  
8 members.  
9 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.  
11 Administrator. At this time we're moving on to Item  
12 15, citizens comments, Mr. Pitts. Please state your  
13 name, address, and even if you've done it before, just  
14 for the record. And please keep comments, remarks,  
15 address them to the chair, and let's be civil. Mr.  
16 Pitts.  
17 MIKE PITTS: The first citizen signed up  
18 tonight, Mr. Chairman, is Elizabeth Fant.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Fant.  
20 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District  
21 Three. That -- this sign I have is something that I've  
22 kept for a long time. It says, moving fast is not the  
23 same as going somewhere. And I would like to applaud  
24 the council for moving very steadily on items but not  
25 moving so fast that we get ourselves in trouble.  
26 Because I think a lot of times that's what happens when  
27 you move too quickly. Last meeting I was appalled by  
28 the behavior of some of the constituents here. I would  
29 like to say that threatening is not a way to get your  
30 way. And we had three incidents of that last time. We  
31 had one of the persons who is suing the county already  
32 who got up and threatened the council. Then we had the  
33 lawyer for Ms. Floyd who got up and threatened the  
34 council with another lawsuit. And then we had Ms.  
35 Floyd herself during the break who threatened the  
36 chairman about lawsuits if he was disrespectful to her.  
37 Lawsuits and threatening are not the way to get your  
38 way. All you do is diminish yourself in the eyes of  
39 the constituents and that's all it does. Thank you.  
40 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Mark Powell.  
42 MARK POWELL: Good evening. Mark Powell,  
43 District Seven, Williamston. If I'd have known we had  
44 a star wars theme going on I'd have brought my light  
45 saber and my Darth Vader voice interpreter maybe. I  
46 just want to remind the people and our viewing public  
47 who listen in on the TV on Wednesday night, a lot's  
48 going on. The question, is the investigation over?  
49 Gosh darn no it isn't. The question, is the  
50 investigating -- investigation going to get ugly? We



1 think so. We hope so. The point is it's very  
2 intriguing to me that we have a lawyer who has brought  
3 actions against our county to stop the investigations.  
4 We have a lawyer who's brought several actions against  
5 our county trying to stop investigations. The same  
6 one's investi -- is representing the person who this  
7 investigation was trying to protect. I just personally  
8 think that's odd. Whether the Bar Association likes  
9 that or not, I don't know. But I can't imagine the  
10 same person trying to stop you guys from getting the  
11 information out and represent that person in hindsight.  
12 In saying that, those of you who are listening in on  
13 Wednesday nights on Charter. WAIM.us. Please go and  
14 listen to what happened on November 18th of 2008. What  
15 happened that night was one of the most pathetic things  
16 I sat through in my life. A motion was made to make a  
17 change in the agenda. It carried. It was to discuss  
18 the situation with Joey Preston. Low and behold the  
19 discussion went to pulling out a contract to buy him  
20 out. A contract that had lots of details. Then after  
21 that happened another gentleman whipped out a thing on  
22 a hundred and twenty something accounts how we were  
23 going to pay for that motion that just got brought to  
24 the floor and passed. A hundred and twenty something  
25 accounts on how to pay for something. Something that  
26 no one knew about and no one discussed. Please people,  
27 go to WAIM.us and listen to this for yourself. You  
28 hear our side talk about how we think it was wrong.  
29 You hear the news media. Anderson media talk about how  
30 it was all legit, generally speaking. You hear  
31 blogospheres talk about how terrible it was that we're  
32 complaining about that situation. But go and listen  
33 for yourself. That motion as it was on the floor,  
34 someone, I don't remember who it was, said, don't we  
35 need to amend the agenda? No, it's part of Mr.  
36 Wilson's amendment. No, it wasn't. He said he wanted  
37 to talk about Joey Preston. Then, low and behold, a  
38 certain Star Wars type personality raised up a document  
39 on how to hire the next administrator. Lord have  
40 mercy. Someone again said, don't we need to amend the  
41 agenda? Yes, they needed to amend the agenda.

42 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

43 MARK POWELL: It wasn't part of it.

44 Listen to the TV.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next.

46 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

47 That's everybody.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.

49 Pitts. At this time we'll have council comments. Mr.  
50 Moore.

1 EDDIE MOORE: I have none at this time.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.

3 Waldrep.

4 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just have  
5 one thing I wanted to see if I could get to the  
6 administrator about the situation at the courthouse,  
7 and I apologize for not bringing up this earlier. I'm  
8 not trying -- I don't want to blind side anybody. But  
9 over at the courthouse the seating on the - I think  
10 it's the second floor where there are three court rooms  
11 up there for the domestic relations and also I think  
12 it's workman's compensation hearings on that floor. I  
13 would just ask if there was some way that we could look  
14 at those -- at those seating up there. I realize  
15 that's a highly used section up there, but it's really  
16 quite deplorable. If there's some way we could get  
17 those seats re-upholstered in some way. And any way, I  
18 can help if I -- I'd be glad to do that. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
21 just wanted to quickly give an update report on the  
22 economic initiative for equines. We had on the  
23 December 13 -- I mean January 13th meeting there were  
24 three counties, ACOG, numerous horseman, and university  
25 -- there are many common grounds that we're working  
26 forward on in a practical no cost effort from the  
27 county to encourage and support the equestrian and  
28 equine industry by combining Anderson, Oconee, and  
29 Pickens Counties that would give us the largest census  
30 in the state. And just -- it has enormous support and  
31 it's really very heartening to see so many great  
32 friendships and efforts being made. And I think that  
33 as Mr. Brill points out to us frequently that any  
34 additional venues and sporting competitions puts more  
35 heads in beds in Anderson County from which the  
36 accommodations tax monies are derived, and that will  
37 help planning and marketing such as that. Anyway, just  
38 want to make sure everyone -- if anyone has an interest  
39 to contact our council office or one of the other  
40 counties and we're working forward on it and looking  
41 forward to working with everyone. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Ms.  
43 Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, it was a good  
45 meeting tonight and it was a meeting that went by --  
46 really good tonight and I applaud you for your second  
47 meeting. Okay. But as I told you at the last meeting  
48 that I have some things to say. First of all, the lady  
49 who stood up about my issuing threats. You don't know  
50 me. I don't issue threats. I issue promises. And I

1 have one for you. Okay. Yes, I issue promises. All  
2 right. And what you heard was a conversation that I  
3 had with the chairman. It was not with you. And I  
4 don't think there was anyone in here who asked you to  
5 get up to tell everybody what I said because I can say  
6 it. I can stand toe to toe with you or anybody else  
7 and say what I've said. Now. And I need you to be  
8 quiet now.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Just hold it. Just hold it  
10 down. Keep it civil everyone, please.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. The worse, the  
12 worse thing was not November the 8th. It was 2009.  
13 That was the worse January 2009 when this council got  
14 together and start hiring people, start meddling in the  
15 administrative form of government. That is the worse.  
16 And there's a lot of people who agrees with me. I wish  
17 you people would give Joey Preston a rest. The man did  
18 a good job in Anderson, but, God, he's gone. How long,  
19 how long -- is he responsible for the earthquake in  
20 Haiti too? My lawyer, my lawyer has the ability of  
21 freedom of speech. The same thing you all have. I  
22 don't tell her what to get up and say. I don't tell  
23 her who to say it to and I don't tell her how to say  
24 it. Now if you've got a problem with my lawyer, you  
25 see her. I dare you. You go back there and you talk  
26 to her. She has a right to say what she wants to. You  
27 weren't the only person that God gave right of speech.  
28 And, and I just hope that you all have a really nice  
29 rest of the day.

30 APPLAUSE

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Hold it down.  
32 Mr. Allen.

33 TOM ALLEN: Yes, I do. Just a quick  
34 comment. I had a couple of phone calls over the last  
35 two weeks regarding signs out on the highway. A lot of  
36 these signs are advertising businesses and so on. Some  
37 of them are nailed way up in trees, maybe fifteen or  
38 twenty feet above the ground. And honestly, I hadn't  
39 paid a whole lot of attention to it. I guess I just  
40 got used to it and never thought a lot about it. But I  
41 went through the ordinance and sure enough, according  
42 to the county ordinance, there are not supposed to be  
43 any signs nailed to trees, utility poles, etcetera.  
44 And also any of those signs that are out are supposed  
45 to have a permit issued before they go out. So I  
46 relayed that information to Mr. Burns and they have  
47 acted on it already here in the county to remove some  
48 of those signs but there are still a lot of them out  
49 there. As you drive around, you know, if you look at  
50 the intersection at Brown Road and Concord, that little

1 V-shaped thing, there's a lot of signs nailed to poles  
2 and everywhere else over there. And they do look  
3 trashy after a while. Now I can sympathize. I know  
4 these are tough times and a lot of people have started  
5 their own businesses and they're trying to advertise.  
6 But we do have an ordinance and it is starting to look  
7 bad in a lot of places in the county, so I think we  
8 need to act on that and do something. And I thank you,  
9 Mr. Burns, for going ahead and taking steps on that.  
10 Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. I'll  
12 be brief. I'd just like to remind everyone, I think  
13 the workshop, I think it's January 25th or look --  
14 about the budget workshop suggestions. Keep that in  
15 mind. It'll be at the Civic Center. I want to thank  
16 everyone, fellow council members tonight for conducting  
17 yourself and treating each one respectful. And also  
18 the audience. Thank y'all for coming out tonight. One  
19 last thing I'd like to ask Mr. Waldrep, in chairing the  
20 personnel committee, to get a meeting scheduled, Mr.  
21 Moore, at y'all's convenience, along with me to try to  
22 get started on the administrative process. Let's get  
23 to looking at that and get that, get that done. Do we  
24 have a motion to adjourn?

25 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Motion to adjourn.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second. All in favor.

28 Let's go.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – February 2, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

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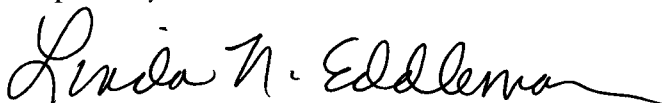
### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... 2010 Anderson County  
2 Council meeting to order. At this time I'd like to  
3 recognize councilman Ron Wilson to give the pledge and  
4 say the invocation please.

5 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RON WILSON

6 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to ask  
7 are there any corrections to the minutes of the last  
8 meeting to be made? Hearing none do I have a motion to  
9 accept the minutes?

10 EDDIE MOORE: Make the motion.

11 RON WILSON: Make the motion.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
13 to accept. Mr. Wilson seconds. All in favor, show of  
14 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
15 unanimously. At this time I'd like to ask the  
16 council's indulgence and general consent of a couple of  
17 items. Number Six has been pulled from the agenda  
18 tonight. Item number Six is not ready and Mr. Allen's  
19 asked for it to be pulled. Due to Mr. Garrison, and  
20 his family's here -- due -- and that's Resolution A --  
21 7A, I'd like to move it up and do it now where he can  
22 leave. And also we have a couple of attorneys, we're  
23 going to be getting some legal advice tonight from in  
24 executive session. If no one has any objection to keep  
25 from us having to pay them longer than is need be, I'd  
26 like to move the executive session up and put it in  
27 slot six. Are there any -- any objections to these  
28 items changing? Hearing none, that's what we'll carry  
29 on. And at this time I'd like to ask Ms. Wilson to go  
30 forward with Resolution 7A, R2010-012, a resolution  
31 recognizing and honoring Senator T. Ed Garrison and  
32 family from all council members.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
34 would like to read this into our record and then invite  
35 Senator Garrison and his family to join us at the  
36 front.

37 This is a resolution to honor Senator Thomas  
38 Edmond Garrison, Jr. and the Garrison family for their  
39 many contributions to Anderson County and the state of  
40 South Carolina in the areas of agriculture, forestry,  
41 and natural resources and to applaud the Garrisons'  
42 numerous farming and conservation awards, including the  
43 appropriately named T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena, and  
44 all matters related thereto.

45 Whereas, Thomas Edmond Garrison, Jr. was born  
46 on January 21st, 1922 to parents Tom Edmond Garrison  
47 and Nettie Clifton McPhail; and

48 Whereas, T. Ed Garrison, Jr. graduated from  
49 Clemson's University's agriculture and mechanical  
50 college in 1942; and

1           Whereas, after returning home from his service  
2 as a U.S. Arm -- excuse me, U.S. Air Force bomber pilot  
3 in the South Pacific during World War II, T. Ed  
4 Garrison bought ten Jersey cows and began a dairy which  
5 grew to become the second largest Holstein farm in  
6 Anderson County with more than three hundred cows; and

7           Whereas, on a blind date T. Ed met Juanita  
8 Bartlett Garrison, a journalism graduate from the  
9 University of Georgia who was working as a newspaper  
10 reporter with the Seneca Journal; and

11           Whereas, on May 8, 1955, T. Ed Garrison, Jr.  
12 married Juanita Bartlett of Cochran, Georgia and built  
13 their first home across the street from the family farm  
14 house; and

15           Whereas, in May of 1973 T. Ed and Juanita  
16 renovated and moved their family into the historic  
17 family farm house at 4915 Clemson Boulevard which is  
18 listed on the National Register of Historic Places by  
19 the United States Department of the Interior National  
20 Park Service as Denver Downs Farmstead; and

21           Whereas, Juanita has continued to use her love  
22 of horticulture and her journalism talents to promote  
23 local agriculture by participating in garden clubs and  
24 writing books such as, The Piedmont Garden - How to  
25 Grow by the Calendar, and The Garrison Family Cook  
26 Booklet, which have inspired others to garden, cook,  
27 and support local grown initiatives; and

28           Whereas, T. Ed and Juanita's six children,  
29 Carol Gay Garrison Spragg, Thomas Edmond Garrison, III,  
30 James Bartlett Garrison, Anita Lee Garrison Smith,  
31 Elizabeth Reed Garrison, and Catherine Ann Garrison  
32 Davis, followed in their father's footsteps by  
33 graduating Clemson University; and

34           Whereas, T. Ed Garrison, Jr.'s legacy to  
35 Anderson County includes thirty years of dedicated  
36 service in the South Carolina Legislature, strong  
37 leadership in chairing the Senate agriculture education  
38 and other committees; and

39           Whereas, T. Ed Garrison, Jr. has always  
40 immersed himself in the betterment of Anderson County.  
41 He actively participated with the soil and water  
42 conservation districts, South Carolina Farm Bureau,  
43 Pendleton Farmer's Society, Anderson County Fair, South  
44 Carolina Young Farmer's Association, county, state, and  
45 national dairy groups, vocational agriculture, Welcome  
46 Baptist Church, Shrine Organization, Order of the Elks,  
47 and various historical and education groups; and

48           Whereas, Senator Garrison's achievements  
49 include Clemson Alumni Distinguished Service Award,  
50 Order of the Palmetto, Man of the Year in Agriculture



1 by Progressive Farmer magazine and others; and  
2 Whereas, the T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena,  
3 named in honor of Garrison's many contributions to  
4 South Carolina agriculture and Clemson University, was  
5 completed in 1991 and is recognized as one of the  
6 premier multi-purpose livestock facilities in the  
7 southeast. It's the only full service public facility  
8 designed to promote the state's billion dollar  
9 livestock industry and provides opportunities for  
10 shows, sales, exhibits, and educational programs  
11 benefitting the youth of South Carolina as well as  
12 those in agriculture and agriculture business and the  
13 horse industry; and

14 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by  
15 Anderson County Council on behalf of the residents of  
16 Anderson County, the Anderson County Council recognizes  
17 the legacy of the Garrison family and the importance of  
18 their service to the citizens of this community and the  
19 state of South Carolina, acknowledges that by promoting  
20 and nurturing agriculture education and agri-business,  
21 the Garrison family played a significant role in South  
22 Carolina's agriculture, forestry, natural resources,  
23 and sustainability initiatives, honors T. Ed Garrison,  
24 Jr. for his distinguished leadership and loyal service  
25 in the legislature and various positions affecting the  
26 bright and prosperous future of our state.

27 Senator Garrison, Anderson County wishes to  
28 express gratitude to you and your family for your many  
29 positive contributions. Your family's legacy will  
30 continue to impact the future of Anderson County and  
31 the beautiful state of South Carolina for years to  
32 come. We wish you continued success in all your  
33 endeavors. This resolution shall take effect and be in  
34 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting  
35 duly assembled the 2nd day of February, 2010. I'd like  
36 to put this in the form of a motion please.

37 TOM ALLEN: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and a  
39 second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor a  
40 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
41 carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson. Fellow council  
42 members this is from all of us.

43 CINDY WILSON: We're so blessed to have  
44 Senator Garrison. I'd like for everyone to applaud  
45 him. We all can ---

46 APPLAUSE

47 CINDY WILSON: I cannot -- we cannot say  
48 enough good things about this family. Not only do they  
49 provide good things for us to eat, but at the Garrison  
50 Arena they had no idea what they would provide for the

1 economic development of this county. That arena brings  
2 a lot of economic impact in the way of accommodations,  
3 tax monies, and there's a big initiative to continue  
4 what you started and we just wanted to thank y'all for  
5 all you do.

6 T. ED GARRISON: I'd like to introduce my  
7 wife.

8 CINDY WILSON: Please do.

9 T. ED GARRISON: Juanita. And you introduce  
10 the children.

11 JUANITA GARRISON: (Inaudible.)

12 APPLAUSE

13 T. ED GARRISON: Thank -- thank y'all very  
14 much and we would like to thank Bob and all the  
15 councilmen and everybody in the audience. I'd like to  
16 say that I've had a good career in agriculture and  
17 politics and many of you have helped me along. And I  
18 don't think I have anything to say except thank you  
19 very much.

20 APPLAUSE

21 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, while ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Waldrep.

23 BOB WALDREP: As the Senator is leaving I  
24 hate to -- Senator Garrison, just one moment before you  
25 go. I just wanted to say a couple of things and I  
26 didn't get a chance to. But it was my honor to succeed  
27 you in the South Carolina Senate as chairman of  
28 agriculture, and I just want you to know how revered  
29 you were and what big shoes there were to fill when you  
30 were down there. And I wanted to remind the people in  
31 Anderson County once again that I found out when I was  
32 down there that if it wasn't for Senator Garrison that  
33 arena would not have been in Anderson County. He was  
34 the single most factor that made it happen. And so  
35 Senator I just want you to know once again you are very  
36 much appreciated and very much remembered. Thank you  
37 so much. Okay.

38 APPLAUSE

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. No wait a  
40 minute. At this time we go into Citizen's Comments.  
41 I'd like to remind the citizens please keep it on the  
42 agenda matters this first round. Please state your  
43 name and your district you reside in and let's please  
44 -- very -- been very fortunate the last few weeks how  
45 civil we've been to one another and let's try to keep  
46 that up. And now I ask Mr. -- Mr. Pitts to ...

47 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first  
48 citizen signed up this evening is Leslie White.

49 LESLIE WHITE: Leslie White, District Six.  
50 And I'd like to speak on Item Number 11. I am a little

1 confused. I'm assuming that the way this is worded is  
2 removal from the table and I believe this ordinance was  
3 tabled, third reading was tabled, meeting before last  
4 because there was some confusion about the specs that  
5 the vendors were given in order to accomplish their  
6 request for proposal. And to my knowledge, having  
7 talked to a couple of those vendors, nothing -- no  
8 other information has been given to them. And I was  
9 under the clear impression from being here at that  
10 meeting, the first meeting of the new year, that this  
11 was going to be tabled until we could look at -- you  
12 all could look at the specs that each of them were  
13 given to be sure that they were all bidding, number  
14 one, on the same thing, and number two, on exactly what  
15 it is that was needed. And to my knowledge that has  
16 not been done. And so I'm a little confused at why  
17 this is being brought back off of the table for third  
18 reading because now the public hearing opportunity has  
19 gone by and nothing else has been done to my knowledge.  
20 So I guess I'm a little confused and seeking some  
21 clarification on why this is being removed from the  
22 table when no further action has been taken on it, to  
23 the best of my knowledge. And I'm just -- I'm very  
24 concerned about that. Mainly because if we're going to  
25 ask for -- if we're going to do a request for proposal  
26 and it should be an honest procedure, then if we have  
27 discovered that something has gone amiss in that  
28 procedure and we table it in order to correct it and  
29 nothing gets corrected and we are going to push this  
30 through on third reading anyway, I just feel like it's  
31 very unfair to those vendors, number one, and certainly  
32 to the taxpayers of Anderson County. Because I don't  
33 feel like we have fully explored -- honestly explored  
34 what our best option is in this particular case. So  
35 some clarification when this comes up on the agenda  
36 tonight would be awesome. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

38 MIKE PITTS: Bennie Sue West.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. West.

40 BENNIE SUE WEST: Good evening, Mr. Chairman,  
41 members of council. I'm Bennie Sue West from District  
42 One. About to swallow a microscope -- I mean a  
43 microphone. I wanted to speak to the same issue,  
44 Number 11 on the agenda. Presently the county pays for  
45 fifteen paid holidays, health insurance, cars, gas and  
46 so forth, car insurance, maintenance, worker's comp,  
47 vacations, and liability insurance, just to name a few  
48 things. And that's why I feel it's important that we  
49 look at the bids from these security companies and know  
50 exactly what we're getting or not getting. And we

1 wanted transparency in all of the dealings from our  
2 county council. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

4 MIKE PITTS: John Benca.

5 JOHN BENCA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
6 members of council. I'd like to speak to Items 10, 12  
7 and 13(a).

8 TOMMY DUNN: Please just for the record  
9 state your name and district.

10 JOHN BENCA: John Benca, District One.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

12 JOHN BENCA: Thank you, sir.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

14 JOHN BENCA: And Item 13(a) in three  
15 minutes. The old saying if you fail to learn from  
16 history you're destined to repeat it, is true.  
17 Speaking first about Item 12. The treatment of vendors  
18 recently was unprofessional. I think everybody here  
19 has spoken to that at the very least. But it doesn't  
20 warrant the knee jerk reaction that we're dealing with  
21 in Item Number 12 regarding purchasing and reviewing  
22 RFPs before they're submitted. In my opinion it opens  
23 up the door to inefficiency, nepotism, and possible  
24 graft if council members cannot rely on the people that  
25 we've paid for as staffers in order to be able to vet  
26 and properly produce these documents and submit them to  
27 vendors for proposal. We have a staff that can do  
28 that, that has done it, and in Councilman Waldrep's own  
29 words from his interview in 2002 in Richard Otter's  
30 book, Anderson County Twentieth Century Memories and  
31 Reflections, if you'd -- if you permit me. We have a  
32 very strong administrator type of government where the  
33 councilmen cannot meddle into the day-to-day affairs of  
34 the county. The parallels between 1992 and today are  
35 strong, and right now we're dealing with situations  
36 that are bubbling to the surface in terms of jobs and  
37 what not. One, we're unable to attract new business  
38 into Anderson County -- Anderson County as yet. Other  
39 counties around us, like Greenville and Mauldin, are  
40 having better success. Secondly, we're telling county  
41 employees to prepare for furloughs, yet we continue to  
42 post jobs and hire people for them. And we can't seem  
43 to pass and stick to a balanced budget the first time  
44 around. Instead we're having to talk about  
45 supplemental budgets that can be perceived by the  
46 public as a cleverly disguised tax increase. This is  
47 band-aid budgeting and not thoughtful planning, which  
48 brings me to the other item regarding the supplemental  
49 budget. Lastly, while the idea of incentive packages  
50 for employees in order to produce cost effective

1 measures that would save the county money should be  
2 part of their day-to-day responsibilities and them  
3 earning their pay to begin with, cash incentives may be  
4 illegal and there are other examples in business and  
5 industry where other incentives are offered to the  
6 employees in terms of gift catalogs and that type of  
7 thing that would not necessarily open up the avenue for  
8 abuse.

9 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

10 JOHN BENCA: Thank you.

11 MIKE PITTS: Next is Greg. And Greg I'm  
12 not even going to try and pronounce your last name. I  
13 -- I couldn't read it.

14 GREG BUMGARDNER: I'm not a doctor but I have  
15 the handwriting. My name's Greg Bumgardner, District  
16 Six. And I'm -- I'm not sure which one of these items  
17 reflects the discussion and the reduction of incomes  
18 for some county employees. But I would like to speak  
19 to the fact that as a citizen in Anderson County, if  
20 you average my income over the last five years, 2009 it  
21 was slashed sixty-five percent. That's a hard number.  
22 And I stand before you riding down here on mortgage  
23 money to speak my free will. So when I look at you and  
24 I ask you and I implore you and I demand of you to take  
25 the benefit of the citizenry in this room to make hard,  
26 thought out cuts. If you cut these people's pay - you  
27 pick a number and you cut it - if they don't like it, I  
28 can assure you thirty days after their departure you'll  
29 have a qualified person in that seat. People want  
30 jobs. But I as a citizen cannot take this level of  
31 exemplary behavior by department heads and other people  
32 and look at my tax bill knowing that three years ago it  
33 was cut forty percent by the state with a penny sales  
34 tax increase, a reduction by removing the school  
35 operating budget and then this council -- two -- two  
36 council members still remaining that I hold  
37 responsible. Seats two and seats six participated in  
38 back loading my taxes to the equivalent of what they  
39 were before the state removed it. And now the state is  
40 looking at reviewing Act 388 for a tax increase. My  
41 money's not going up, but you stand ready to maintain  
42 the level at which you punished me. And my interaction  
43 with county is limited to an officer riding by on my  
44 road maybe. Or the paving of my street. I pay for my  
45 own trash hauling. I pick up my own road and bushhog  
46 it. Yet every year the same bill shows up. Now I  
47 can't -- I can't argue with you but once a month  
48 because once a month when I make my mortgage payment my  
49 escrow goes in. They notified me that my escrow  
50 balance didn't have enough in it so they needed another

1 Three Hundred and Forty-four Dollars. That wasn't  
2 because my homeowner's went up. I changed it and cut  
3 it Three Hundred Dollars. It's cause my taxes were  
4 continuing to go up. So I look at you and don't be  
5 afraid to make a hard decision. If somebody don't like  
6 you cutting their pay, I'm telling you thirty days  
7 after you do it when they're gone, you'll find a  
8 qualified person. I repeat myself. Because the  
9 qualifications of the people that are in here now I  
10 can't take any more of it. They wasn't trying to get  
11 me to Mars and back, but all they've done is squandered  
12 my money and claimed how great they were. And two of  
13 y'all participated in it. Again Districts Two,  
14 District Six, I lay this at y'all's feet because y'all  
15 participated in this and that is the -- the -- the crux  
16 of the matter tonight. As we look at employees and  
17 talk about cutting their pay potentially, it needs to  
18 be thought out, but don't be afraid to do it. Because  
19 again, I'm living on sixty-five percent less. And it  
20 ain't a privilege. It ain't a pleasure. It's a  
21 reality. So please think about what I say.

22 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

23 GREG BUMGARDNER: Y'all have a good evening  
24 and thank you for your time.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

26 MIKE PITTS: Bruce Gerrard.

27 BRUCE GERRARD: Bruce Gerrard, District  
28 Four. I'd like to address Items 10 and 11 tonight.  
29 Starting with 11. I was just wondering does council  
30 know what the existing cost for security is in each one  
31 of the facilities that the county provides security in  
32 today? If not, how can an informed decision be made in  
33 regards to contracting the security services out. It  
34 might be more practical to provide a security service  
35 -- to provide security services to some of our  
36 facilities in-house and others by contracting out to  
37 security contractors. But right now we don't know. It  
38 would seem that a cost analysis for each facility would  
39 need to be done and performed in order to make an  
40 informed decision once you get this bids in. Then  
41 going to Item 10. You know, the number one priority of  
42 county council is passing the county budget. That's  
43 the most important thing that you actually do each  
44 year. The authority each of you possesses in this  
45 process gives each of you the power to reduce taxes by  
46 reducing wasteful spending. That's taxpayers' dollars  
47 that you're spending. And people in this audience and  
48 the people out in the county have to come up with  
49 those. This gentleman right here just gave a fine  
50 example of what's taking place out here that some of

1 you may not be aware of. Industries are cutting pay,  
2 they're cutting personnel. People are hurting. And we  
3 can't afford any more tax increases. I would like to  
4 encourage council to set a budget for our county to  
5 operate in a responsible manner. This will require a  
6 joint effort on the behalf of each -- each of you, but  
7 you have distinguished yourselves as being able to make  
8 changes in a positive direction. And we recognize that  
9 and we appreciate it. It's been a long time coming.  
10 The size of Anderson County government has far exceeded  
11 what taxpayers are able to support in this economic  
12 times. We can't afford any more government.  
13 Government is the number one growing sector of  
14 employment across the country. That goes for county,  
15 state, and federal. I would like to challenge each of  
16 you to -- to be bold and address the upcoming budget  
17 with due diligence, to make cuts that are obvious  
18 regardless of what it may be. We can no longer afford  
19 to be a party to a sweetheart deals that puts the  
20 taxpayers getting the bill but no benefits. I'd like  
21 to thank you for the time you've given to the citizens  
22 of Anderson County and your efforts to make Anderson a  
23 better place.

24 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

26 MIKE PITTS: Charles Crowe.

27 CHARLES CROWE: Mr. Chairman, members of  
28 council, Charles Crowe, District Four. Remind me to  
29 get here early from now on and never sign up behind Ms.  
30 White because she spoke -- I could almost say ditto and  
31 turn around and go back. Everything she said is true.  
32 We like to have faith and confidence in y'all to make  
33 decisions. But when you on January the 5th pass a  
34 motion unanimously that you're going to table something  
35 and then it's discussed that you'll refer it back to a  
36 committee and then they'll check all this stuff and  
37 straighten out all the misunderstandings and then come  
38 back to council and take it off the table, well, we --  
39 we're not aware of any meetings, anything being  
40 discussed or changed and yet, here tonight it's coming  
41 off the table. Now that causes us to have some  
42 concerns as to whether -- how do y'all reach y'all's  
43 decisions. Now another thing. I had the misfortune  
44 today to talk to a county elected hired employee. And  
45 I found out y'all are not supposed to listen to what we  
46 the public want, you're supposed to listen to what they  
47 want. You're supposed to do what they want y'all to  
48 do. Now if that's the case, I appreciate the time and  
49 I appreciate the fact that I've been able to come  
50 before you and speak what I thought y'all wanted to

1 know what the citizens out there thought. But maybe  
2 this might be my last time if that's the case. If you  
3 going -- if you going to let the employees tell you how  
4 to vote on everything then there's no need of us coming  
5 and wasting our three minutes. Thank you very much.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

7 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

8 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
9 Rick Freemantle from White Plains. I'd like to speak  
10 also on Item 10 and 11. Starting with third reading on  
11 2009-021. I don't like what I'm hearing about this  
12 issue. You know, it would be shameful to waste such a  
13 great opportunity to save money and cut costs to our  
14 county government in light of the looming and  
15 continuous recession that we're dealing with. From  
16 everything I have heard and seen we have dealt three  
17 very bad hands to three different businesses. You  
18 know, unless steps have been taken to correct the way  
19 these businesses were treated, simply ignoring them and  
20 the many taxpayers of Anderson who see this move as  
21 another attempt to grow our government beyond what is  
22 needed, this would just be simply shameful. On the  
23 supplemental budget. I've heard rumors in the wind  
24 part of this is about moving salaries for all employees  
25 back to the 2006 levels. Let's be honest. No one is  
26 immune to the current economic picture we're in right  
27 now. I see reducing the wages as a normal business  
28 practice. One that I've had to deal with for many  
29 years. Anyone who's ever had an employer has had to  
30 face this at one time or another if they've worked any  
31 time at all. It's a normal business practice, and  
32 right now many businesses and government agencies  
33 across this country have had to do this. You know,  
34 while a reduction in one's pay is not always an easy  
35 thing to deal with, it's better than a furlough which  
36 causes much disruption when you're trying to have a set  
37 budget every week. If you've got a set wage as opposed  
38 to not knowing whether you're going to work three days,  
39 four days, or five days this week, it's much easier to  
40 deal with. One other thing I'd like to -- a couple --  
41 two other things I'd like to point out real quick.  
42 One, y'all are our employees and the county employees  
43 are our employees. They all work for the taxpayers of  
44 this county. And I think you've heard more than enough  
45 people here tonight say that look we've got to tighten  
46 our belt. The last thing we need to do is to get into  
47 debt over our head right now. Because this recession  
48 shows no signs of letting up. The nut we have in  
49 charge in Washington every time he opens his mouth he  
50 tells Wall Street he doesn't have a clue what he's



1 doing and how much he hates business. And I promise  
2 you, all that's going to do is make a very big, deep,  
3 nasty economic hole for all of us. Thank you.

4 MIKE PITTS: Peggy Taylor.

5 PEGGY TAYLOR: I'm Peggy Taylor, County  
6 Council District Three. And I, too, would like to  
7 speak on 10 and 11. First, number 11. It's coming off  
8 the table tonight and I hope it's for the purpose of  
9 voting it down and starting over. All we're asking for  
10 is fairness and transparent. And as the others have  
11 mentioned this has not happened. Item 10, I would like  
12 to commend the council for the work that they have done  
13 and for having the courage, and I hope you're going to  
14 have the courage to make some tough decisions.  
15 Salaries is the place you're going to have to start.  
16 There's twelve percent unemployed and that does not  
17 include the under-employed and those who have -- just  
18 no longer seek employment because they've given up.  
19 The unemployed, the under-employed cannot stand to  
20 continue to pay salaries. It's very discouraging when  
21 you look at the pay that some of these higher paid  
22 people are making. We all know why they're making what  
23 they make. The former administrator used county tax  
24 dollars to buy loyalty. Unfortunately, the loyalty  
25 that he bought continues to be loyal to him. Council,  
26 you are working with a knife in your back and that's  
27 not so bad. Often you are working with a knife in your  
28 heart. You know, you have -- the loyalty that was  
29 bought by the former administrator is still there. So  
30 I do urge you to do something to reduce employees. Now  
31 in the real world, real people work forty hours a week.  
32 I understand government employees work, what, thirty-  
33 seven and a half hours. There's somewhere else you can  
34 work -- you can reduce. If the employees worked forty  
35 hours a week maybe you could cut employees that way.  
36 No one wants to cut employees. But how many plants  
37 have closed? We only have one or two that's remaining  
38 open. There's been many people who have lost their  
39 jobs. Maybe some of the -- maybe economic development,  
40 maybe they should be put -- pay them by what they do.  
41 If they bring in jobs pay them for -- if you were a  
42 salesman, you're paid by what you do. So I do  
43 encourage you to make some tough decisions. We don't  
44 want people to lose their jobs, but neither did we want  
45 plants to close. So continue the good work. You're  
46 doing a good job and I know how difficult it must be.  
47 Thank you.

48 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

49 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
50 I wasn't going to speak on 10, but I hate to miss an

1 opportunity to say, please fire some people. Do it for  
2 me. Cutting their pay will help. When I say it helps,  
3 it helps everyone sitting up there. Everyone sitting  
4 out here. Because we all pay taxes and we're the one  
5 carrying the load of the county employees. What I want  
6 to talk about is Number 18 which has been moved to 6.  
7 I am, as a person, shocked that under the circumstances  
8 as I read the blogosphere, they claim a councilman  
9 cannot be blocked from attending an executive meeting  
10 to talk about something. Well, my goodness, Bob and  
11 Cindy were denied entry into executive meetings that  
12 happened in the years past. The reason I'm shocked on  
13 Number 18, which is now 6, is that a sitting council  
14 member whose personal lawyer stated clearly is the  
15 person who has brought, I think, a hundred percent of  
16 all the suits against you guys. She's also the person  
17 representing Joey, which I don't know which legal  
18 issues you're going to talk about back there tonight,  
19 but I'm kind of shocked that we can allow a council  
20 member to go back there whose personal lawyer happens  
21 to be involved in everything you might be talking  
22 about. That's just my personal opinion. I have no  
23 clue from the legal standpoint what is or isn't  
24 allowed. But as a human being watching it happen, it  
25 makes no sense to me to allow it because that person  
26 can then go and say, this is what they plan to do, you  
27 better get busy. So please, on my behalf and on the  
28 behalf of the taxpayers - I don't know if you can or  
29 not. They stopped Bob and Cindy two years ago. So if  
30 there's a way to stop it, do us a favor, tell her to go  
31 take a coffee break or something. Thank you.

32 MIKE PITTS: Jean Pruitt.

33 JEAN PRUITT: Mr. Chairman, members of the  
34 County Council, my name is Jean Pruitt from District  
35 Three. I would like to speak on I guess Item 10. I  
36 don't like seeing anyone lose their jobs and their  
37 benefits. Like having to pay for their insurance. But  
38 we need to get real and face reality. Things happen  
39 and we have to deal with them. I worked hard and had  
40 good benefits, but I had to pay for my own insurance.  
41 When the place I worked had bad times, they had to cut  
42 back. The first thing that happened was early  
43 retirement for anyone that wanted -- wanted it. Then  
44 they let go all the temporary help and they had to lay  
45 them off. The employees had to move from job to job if  
46 they wanted a job. This was a requirement. If things  
47 got worse, and they did, they had to lay off by  
48 seniority. Eventually the whole plant shut down. A  
49 new company came in and people that had been there  
50 twenty to thirty years or more lost all their benefits.

1 They didn't get anything. They closed the plant. Now  
2 that I am on Social Security and retirement, I have to  
3 pay my Medicare insurance. That's about Ninety-Eight a  
4 month, a supplementary which is a Hundred and Twenty-  
5 Nine a month, and also my prescription card which is  
6 Forty-Nine. All of this is every month. People on  
7 Social Security did not get a raise this year. And I  
8 believe the most anyone has ever gotten on Social  
9 Security might be three or four percent. I would like  
10 to see the council and administrator check into some of  
11 these high salaries some of the county employees make.  
12 Anyone making this much money should have to pay for  
13 their insurance. I believe things have really gotten  
14 out of control and the last administrator -- who ever  
15 heard of twenty-two to twenty-four percent raises. All  
16 of Joey's followers are going to have to suffer like  
17 the rest of us if they stay in Anderson. When our  
18 taxes and all these fund debts has to be paid back then  
19 where -- where is the anointed one. He is enjoying  
20 life at our expense and laughing all the way to the  
21 bank. And I also was told that the reason the first  
22 company shut down was that he could not work with this  
23 past administrator. So I think that if you have to cut  
24 back -- you know, they don't mind firing teachers, they  
25 don't mind getting rid of all the employees at the --  
26 everywhere they work. If they don't need them they  
27 just let them go. They can draw their unemployment as  
28 long as they can. And so I think you need to cut back  
29 on some of these high salaries. A Hundred Thousand  
30 Dollars in Anderson County? Thank you.

31 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
33 Pitts. I thank all those ones that spoke tonight. At  
34 this time I'd like to make a motion we go into  
35 executive session and take legal advice on a couple of  
36 pending legal matters on the Greenpointe Landfill and  
37 the Lewis Road -- Lewis Drive road closure.

38 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, if I might  
39 add. One of the attorney that's going to be here to  
40 provide advice is also handling the Lakeside Lighthouse  
41 case, so he may want to give you an update on that as  
42 well.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Taking into consideration on  
44 when that also includes the Lakeside Lake House.  
45 That's a -- that's a zoning issue.

46 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

48 BOB WALDREP: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,  
50 show of hands.

1 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, can I have a  
2 discussion on that issue just for a moment?

3 TOMMY DUNN: If you've got something to  
4 say, say it.

5 BOB WALDREP: The only thing I have to say  
6 is that I think that there's been considerable  
7 discussion about executive session and who should be in  
8 executive session. And it's my understanding that the  
9 executive session that we're having here does not  
10 include anyone on the council that would have an  
11 adverse interest to any litigation that's going on in  
12 the council. So I'd like to allay that feeling. I  
13 think I can allay that feeling. Is that correct, Mr.  
14 Pitts? I think that ...

15 MIKE PITTS: That's correct, Mr. Waldrep.

16 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I was made --  
17 making an assumption and I wanted to get that clear  
18 that that was correct.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. At this time all in  
20 favor, show of hands, please. All opposed like sign.  
21 Show the motion carries unanimous. You can take a  
22 restroom break. So if y'all will give us about five or  
23 ten minutes. If y'all need to do something and we'll  
24 be -- we'll be back in just a few minutes. Thank you.

25 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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27 TOMMY DUNN: If everyone is ready, at  
28 this time I'd like to entertain a motion to return out  
29 of executive session. Mr. Wilson makes the motion we  
30 return out of executive session. Do we have a second?

31 TOM ALLEN: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep seconds the  
33 motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
34 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Let the  
35 record state council took no action in executive  
36 session. We only took information from legal council  
37 and no action was taken. At this time we'll be moving  
38 on to Item Number 5, the Anderson County Annual Audit  
39 Presentation by Mr. Larry Finney. Mr. Finney, please.

40 LARRY FINNEY: Mr. Chairman, council  
41 members, Mr. Burns. Good evening. I appreciate the  
42 opportunity to be here. I know this is the third year  
43 that I've come before you to talk about the financial  
44 audit, so I -- just to remind you. What we like to do  
45 -- I know you would love for me to take -- take the  
46 time to walk through all those interesting financial  
47 statements. But what we like to do is to put a Power  
48 Point presentation together that basically does two  
49 things. It presents the results of the audit for the  
50 year so you can understand what happened there. And

1 then secondly, we try to provide some highlights of the  
2 financial condition of the county as of June 30th,  
3 2009. Just in terms of a summary. Even though you can  
4 see that the general fund fund balance decreased about  
5 Two Million Dollars for -- for the year ending June  
6 30th, '09, the county overall, when you measure it in  
7 terms of fund balance, still has a good financial  
8 condition. And you notice that the award that the  
9 county receives from the Government Finance Officers  
10 Association that's -- that's always a year preceding.  
11 So the last award that the county received was for June  
12 30th, '08. And the one for June 30th, '09 has just  
13 been submitted. Let me make a couple of comments in  
14 terms of the actual results of the audit. As a  
15 reminder just remember that as far as the -- the  
16 amounts and the balances that are in the financial  
17 statements themselves, that's the responsibility of the  
18 county. The -- the finance staff day to day are  
19 accounting for those transactions. And then what you  
20 hire us to do is to come in and perform audit services  
21 with the end result being the expression of an opinion  
22 that says, are those amounts and those balances and  
23 those disclosures in the financial statements, are they  
24 fairly stated or are they not? I am glad to tell you  
25 that for the year ended June 30th, '09 the county did  
26 receive what we call an unqualified opinion in our  
27 industry. But I like to tell you is that it's the best  
28 opinion that the county can receive. An unqualified  
29 opinion is as good as it gets as far as a financial  
30 audit is concerned. Let me tell you a little bit about  
31 the financial condition of the county then as of June  
32 30th, '09. And we'll spend some time on general fund  
33 first and then talk about the other funds. So let me  
34 start with fund balance. As I mentioned earlier the  
35 general fund fund balance decreased about Two Million  
36 Dollars. And so at June 30th, '09 it sits at 15.4  
37 Million. What was in the approved budget was to use  
38 about 4.3 Million of fund balance. So we were about  
39 2.3 Million ahead of what was adopted in the budget.  
40 There is some amounts in that fund balance that are  
41 reserved and for some other uses. And what we  
42 typically -- financial condition of the county. We  
43 look at your ...

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45 LARRY FINNEY: ... be there that the county's  
46 unreserved fund balanced is about 9.6 Million Dollars.  
47 All of that is designated for the fund balance policy  
48 that you have. And that actually represents a little  
49 over twenty-three percent of the actual expenditures  
50 for general fund for 2009. Just by way of reminder,

1 we've talked about this the last couple of years, but I  
2 -- I do like to spend a minute and just remind you  
3 about why it's so important to have a good healthy fund  
4 balance and this probably isn't a better time to be  
5 doing it. I can just -- just to kind of give you a  
6 flavor of just what's going on overall, we audit over  
7 -- somewhere over forty local governments. A  
8 combination of counties, school districts, special  
9 purpose districts, municipalities. I can count on one  
10 hand the number of our clients that actually had a fund  
11 balance that did not -- general fund balance that did  
12 not decrease. Unfortunately it's the norm right now.  
13 And so when we talk about why it's important to have a  
14 healthy fund balance, that's why. Part of the reason  
15 you have one is because you need it in times like this  
16 when -- when the economy isn't so good and -- and you  
17 can fall back on that fund balance to help you out.  
18 How did we get there? How did we get to that decrease  
19 of Two Million in fund balance? As far as the general  
20 fund revenues, you can see that the actual revenues  
21 were about a Million less than what they were in the  
22 prior year. And I've kind of given you the highlights  
23 there. Taxes were up. Most of the rest of the major  
24 revenues were down. If we look at it compared to  
25 budget, overall general fund revenues were about Six  
26 Hundred Thousand under the budgeted revenues. But I  
27 did -- do want to point out that part of the reason for  
28 that is because there were some -- some notes payable  
29 -- proceeds from some notes payable that were in the  
30 other financing sources that helped us get us there.  
31 Otherwise it would have been even further under budget.  
32 On the expenditure side if we compare to prior year, we  
33 had about a Seven Million Dollars increase in  
34 expenditures from the prior year. And again, I've kind  
35 of given you the highlights of where the major  
36 increases were. Compared to budget we were Three  
37 Million less than budget for the year. And again, I've  
38 kind of given you the major areas where those -- those  
39 decreases primarily occurred compared to budget. So  
40 that's what got us in general fund to that decrease in  
41 fund balance. Talk of -- just give you some highlights  
42 in terms of the other funds. The Sheriff's Office saw  
43 about a 1.2 Million Dollar increase in its fund  
44 balance. So it's sitting at about 2.6 Million at June  
45 30th, '09. The -- the other non-major governmental  
46 funds, those primarily consists of special -- your  
47 special revenue funds, your debt service funds, and  
48 your capital projects funds. You can see overall  
49 there's a Twenty-five Million Dollar fund balance.  
50 That's pretty evenly split between your special revenue

1 funds. Let me kind of give you a few examples of what  
2 we're talking about there. Your emergency 911, your C  
3 funds, your infrastructure funds are the three largest  
4 as far as the fund balances are concerned. Debt  
5 service. There isn't a whole lot of fund balance.  
6 Remember debt -- that whatever is in debt service just  
7 gets used to help pay off future debt requirements.  
8 Capital projects fund fund balance is sitting at about  
9 Eleven Million Dollars and it's all related to debt  
10 issuances that you have for planned future capital  
11 projects. Let's spend just a minute talking about your  
12 -- your major enterprise funds. Your sewer enterprise  
13 fund, you can see overall you had a net loss of about  
14 1.6 Million, which was about 1.2 Million higher than  
15 what you experienced in the prior year. I've kind of  
16 given you the major reasons why there. In addition to  
17 those you see the -- that -- that second bullet there,  
18 the depreciation and amortization, it was about Four  
19 Hundred Thousand Dollars higher than it was in the  
20 prior year. As you've continued to make infrastructure  
21 improvements those -- those capital items have to be  
22 depreciated. As far as solid waste is concerned you  
23 can see we had net income of about Five Eighty-two  
24 compared to Seven Eighty-four in the prior year.  
25 Fairly consistent there from one year to the next.  
26 Probably the biggest thing there is that last bullet.  
27 The cash flow is a lot higher. But that's simply due  
28 to some proceeds from some debt issuances and that'll  
29 get spent in future years. And then the airport  
30 enterprise fund. We had net income there of about  
31 Seven Hundred Thousand compared to a loss in the prior  
32 year. And you can see the biggest part of that was  
33 because of some capital contributions that were a one  
34 time thing that you won't see again next year. About,  
35 oh, four years ago or so the county implemented what's  
36 called Gasby 34. Two primary purposes to that  
37 accounting standard. One was the basis of accounting  
38 is a little bit different. So as opposed to what we've  
39 just talked about, the basis of accounting is changed  
40 to where it -- it is measured more like a private  
41 enterprise is. Okay. So we're looking at it more like  
42 a private company. The second thing is what we're  
43 doing is we're taking all those individual funds that  
44 we've just talked about and we're adding them all  
45 together and saying, what do we look like, if we put  
46 all the county operations together, what does that show  
47 us? What does that look like? And so what I've done  
48 is just kind of provided some highlights there. So you  
49 can see. Assets over Three -- about Three Hundred  
50 Twenty-five Million. Liabilities of a Hundred and

1 Twenty-two Million. From an operating standpoint  
2 revenues and expenses, you know, you're basically a  
3 Hundred to a Hundred and Ten Million Dollar operation  
4 when you put it all together. A few other items to  
5 note. These are all -- this is all information that's  
6 included in the notes to the financial statements that  
7 you have copies of. On the governmental activity side  
8 which is our general fund, special revenue, debt  
9 service, and capital projects you can see our long term  
10 obligations are about Sixty-eight Million. Up about  
11 Twelve Million due to some new issuances during the  
12 year that were offset by our principal payments. And  
13 on the business type activity same thing. Our  
14 obligations, our debt's, about Forty-five Million. And  
15 that's up about Eighteen Million primarily because of  
16 that 19.7 Billion note payable that we issued this  
17 year. I know that over the last year or two you've had  
18 quite a bit discussion about Gasby 45 or what we refer  
19 to as the other post employment benefits. As a  
20 reminder, remember primarily what we're talking about  
21 here is retiree health insurance. This was the year  
22 that the county had to implement this particular  
23 accounting standard. And one of the toughest things  
24 was dealing with the fact that you can see there when  
25 -- when the county initially looked at this and had an  
26 actuary evaluation done the -- the liability was about  
27 a Thirty-eight Million Dollar liability when you took  
28 all the employees and pushed that out to when they  
29 retired. Obviously, as a result of that there was a  
30 lot of discussion and -- and I think the county's done  
31 a great job from this perspective in that changing the  
32 benefits to where that liability now is -- is about  
33 Eight and a Half Million instead of Thirty-eight  
34 Million. So you are really talking about a future  
35 liability that you really did away with most of that by  
36 making this change. The two -- the two major things  
37 when you talk about Gasby 45 that -- that you want to  
38 look at is number one that third bullet there where as  
39 a result of the changes that the county made the annual  
40 required contribution -- contribution that the county  
41 has right now sits at 1.1 Million Dollars. That's an  
42 annual expense or cost that the county would incur  
43 based on the changes they made to the plan. It's not  
44 required that you fund it every year. It's -- you just  
45 know that that's your annual cost.

46 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Mr. Finney, I  
47 think ---

48 LARRY FINNEY: Sure, Tommy.

49 TOMMY DUNN: If you don't mind, would you  
50 mind if -- Ms. Wilson's got a question. At this point



1 or anyone else after Ms. Wilson.

2 LARRY FINNEY: No. That's fine. That's  
3 fine.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Not to go back. It might  
5 save some time. Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

6 LARRY FINNEY: Sure.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I'm just -- I  
8 don't understand the Six Hundred Thousand Dollar  
9 liability still exists due to non-qualifying  
10 contributions of 2.1 Million made to employee HRAs not  
11 being considered an irrevocable trust. That's probably  
12 legal jargon. I just don't understand it.

13 LARRY FINNEY: Yeah. It's the -- it's what  
14 the accounting standard talk about -- talks about. But  
15 in essence what the standard says is this, if when  
16 we've got that annual required contribution of 1.1  
17 Million if -- if we're going to fund that then it has  
18 to go into what is -- a trust that is considered an  
19 irrevocable trust. And the thought behind that is  
20 simply this, they want to know that you can't go get  
21 that money and use it for something else. That it is  
22 just going to be used for the other post employment  
23 benefits. So if you don't set it up in a trust, if you  
24 set it up in another vehicle that allows you to go back  
25 and get it at a future time, then they still consider  
26 that liability outstanding. That's the thought behind  
27 that.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Any other council members  
29 have a question at this time? Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
30 Mr. Finney, please proceed on.

31 LARRY FINNEY: The other -- the other part  
32 of the results of the audit basically are two fold.  
33 Number one, because the county receives a significant  
34 amount of federal funds each year, we are required by  
35 the federal government to select programs -- federal  
36 programs and test the county's compliance with those  
37 programs. If we had any significant compliance issues  
38 we would have what are called findings related to the  
39 single audit and we did not have any. The other thing  
40 that we do is we also issue what we call a management  
41 letter. That management letter basically consists of  
42 two things. One is the first two or three pages  
43 relates to some required communications from us to you.  
44 There's nothing significant to speak of there. But we  
45 also provide some recommendations to you in terms of  
46 where we see opportunity for the county continue -- to  
47 continue to improve its operations. Obviously, most of  
48 ours is focused on the financial end of things. We  
49 have two recommendations this year and in both of these  
50 are recommendations that we made last year as well.

1 And they are somewhat related. One is that the last  
2 few years there's been a lot more focus in the  
3 financial industry, period. Whether you're talking  
4 about local government, whether you're talking about  
5 private industry, a lot more focus on fraud and the  
6 risk of fraud. And so one of our recommendations is  
7 that we really are encouraging county management to  
8 work on coming up with what we call a formal fraud risk  
9 management program. The bulk of it is really  
10 encouraging people to sit down and simply brainstorm  
11 and talk about where's our risk. As a result of that  
12 risk what are we doing about it? Do we need to do  
13 something different? But have it be an ongoing  
14 activity that occurs to make sure we're doing what we  
15 should be. And that really could be incorporated in  
16 part of what we have in bullet two there. And that is  
17 the county has a manual for accounting policies and  
18 procedures. It is very outdated. Honestly, I'm not --  
19 I know it hasn't been used in years. I'm -- I'm not  
20 even sure exactly how long ago it was last updated.  
21 It's been a long, long time. And so we have -- we've  
22 talked with management about this. They really need to  
23 make an effort this year to get that updated. There's  
24 a number of benefits that come from doing that. Not  
25 the least of which is making sure that things are  
26 operating the -- the way you really have planned for  
27 them to and want for them to. When new people come on  
28 board they're able to get up to speed much, much  
29 quicker as a result of having something like this in  
30 place. And that whole fraud risk management program  
31 could just become part of -- of that overall manual  
32 that's put together. So in summary, let me come back  
33 with just a couple of final comments. Number one, that  
34 unqualified opinion that the county received, that is  
35 the best opinion that you can receive. Two, while your  
36 overall financial condition is good, obviously we don't  
37 want to continue -- continue to see the trend that  
38 occurred this year with fund balance. But at the same  
39 time we've -- we've heard comments earlier. It's not  
40 over. There's going to be -- have to be a lot more  
41 difficult decisions that are going to have to continue  
42 to be made. And -- and let me go ahead and just make a  
43 comment regarding that that I've been asked just about  
44 every time I get up to talk over the last few months as  
45 I -- as I do these audit presentations. Again we -- we  
46 audit a number of different local governments, and what  
47 I usually continually get asked is what's everybody  
48 else doing. We know everybody's having difficulty from  
49 a financial perspective so what are they all doing?  
50 And generally what we're seeing is, again general,

1 everybody's might be a little bit different but overall  
2 what we're seeing is a lot of furloughing, a lot of not  
3 replacing positions either as people retire or as  
4 people leave to go somewhere else. And then if that  
5 doesn't do it then they -- you know, they have to go on  
6 and -- and start making other decisions. So, Mr.  
7 Chairman, that concludes my presentation. I'll be glad  
8 to answer any more questions anybody has.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Finney. Does  
10 anybody have any?

11 CINDY WILSON: I do.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
14 have two or three questions. One, you were referring  
15 to this policy and procedures manual.

16 LARRY FINNEY: Yes, ma'am.

17 CINDY WILSON: Would that be something that  
18 staff and maybe an internal auditor or would that be an  
19 external auditor who would help us?

20 LARRY FINNEY: No. That -- that can  
21 definitely be done internally. We've talked with --  
22 with the folks in finance and, you know, there -- there  
23 are either -- there are even other -- other counties  
24 that have some examples of things that could be started  
25 so we wouldn't have to create it from scratch. So it  
26 could be done internally.

27 CINDY WILSON: Have you reviewed the first  
28 report from Mr. Bob Daniel that was issued back in mid-  
29 August?

30 LARRY FINNEY: Yes, I did look at that  
31 several months ago.

32 CINDY WILSON: This is kind of awkward for  
33 me to even raise the question, but were you ever  
34 allowed to look at the credit card expenditures for the  
35 county? Did you ever -- was that ever any part of your  
36 audit and if not, why not?

37 LARRY FINNEY: No, ma'am. It -- it wasn't  
38 primarily because it doesn't really rise to the level  
39 of materiality that we use when we -- we do our  
40 financial audit. You tend to look at those kinds of  
41 things -- I've looked at those other places, but those  
42 are usually looked at under special projects. What we  
43 tend to call agreed upon procedures.

44 CINDY WILSON: But even like a Hundred and  
45 Thirty, Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars of  
46 undocumented expenditures would not have risen to the  
47 level to get your attention?

48 LARRY FINNEY: Not unless we were  
49 specifically -- if we were specifically made aware of  
50 it during the audit, yes. But if we're not, you know,

1 if nobody brings it to our attention then, no, it  
2 wouldn't necessarily come up.  
3 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
4 LARRY FINNEY: Uh-huh.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
6 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Finney, the question I  
7 had was about keeping up with our finances and our  
8 financial reporting system. Do you find that that is  
9 -- it's very beneficial to have a regular updated  
10 system of financial reporting?  
11 LARRY FINNEY: Absolutely. Absolutely.  
12 That's very, very important.  
13 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Now we've had, I  
14 think, our own statute provides for a monthly kind of  
15 financial statement. And if that procedure was  
16 followed that would be very helpful, would it not, to  
17 keep council apprized of where our finances are and  
18 where adjustments need to be made?  
19 LARRY FINNEY: I would think so. Yes, sir.  
20 BOB WALDREP: Okay. In the past has that  
21 been the practice of this county to ---  
22 LARRY FINNEY: Here?  
23 BOB WALDREP: Here.  
24 LARRY FINNEY: I really couldn't tell you.  
25 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
26 LARRY FINNEY: That's not something I'm  
27 familiar with since we just come in one time a year.  
28 BOB WALDREP: Well, I understand. But  
29 what -- if you had that information yourself -- I guess  
30 I'm trying to say council gets the information, we also  
31 would turn that information over to you -- to make it  
32 available to you, our updated financial reports and  
33 reviews. Would it not?  
34 LARRY FINNEY: It could be. I mean, it's  
35 -- it's ---  
36 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. Well, I  
37 guess what I'm grasping for, I'm just going back to  
38 some of the experiences that I've had on council that  
39 we have not had a regular monthly report ---  
40 LARRY FINNEY: Sure.  
41 BOB WALDREP: -- on the condition of this  
42 county on that basis that would allow us to make those  
43 necessary adjustments so that we don't in one fell  
44 swoop get all this in -- bad information at one time.  
45 LARRY FINNEY: Well, I will tell you  
46 typically what -- what we see just from a general  
47 practice is we see a lot of -- of our clients that --  
48 that update their councils on a quarterly basis.  
49 BOB WALDREP: Right.  
50 LARRY FINNEY: Not necessarily monthly but

1 -- but at least quarterly. And then some will do more  
2 or less just depending on -- on the specific situation.

3 BOB WALDREP: Do you see any difficulty in  
4 these councils that do it on a quarterly basis? I mean  
5 is that a -- a burdensome task or is that ---

6 LARRY FINNEY: From my perspective it's --  
7 it's not. And even if there is a little bit of -- of  
8 burden to it, it's probably a good thing. Because what  
9 it's doing is it's forcing -- it's forcing finance to  
10 at least on a quarterly basis sit down and -- and maybe  
11 go through a little -- a little harder closing  
12 procedure ---

13 BOB WALDREP: Right.

14 LARRY FINNEY: -- to make sure that -- that  
15 you've got good accurate information.

16 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. The last  
17 question I have. How is it that in this accounting  
18 procedures that you referred to earlier having to do  
19 with equating government accounting with say like  
20 corporate private accounting ---

21 LARRY FINNEY: Yes, sir.

22 BOB WALDREP: -- that -- and I've always  
23 understood that government accounting is, quote,  
24 different, and sometimes incomprehensible, but  
25 different. How did you come to the procedure of  
26 valuing things like roads and buildings and that thing  
27 -- that sort of thing as actual assets in some way?  
28 Could you have some -- help me out with that?

29 LARRY FINNEY: Sure. The accounting -- the  
30 accounting literature and regulations are very specific  
31 in terms of what types of items generally get what --  
32 what's capitalized. So instead of being expense and  
33 showing up as an expense it shows up an asset and gets  
34 depreciated over time. And so there's very specific  
35 guidelines on how to do that. And we take that with  
36 the combination of whatever the county's policies and  
37 practices are and -- and combine that to determine what  
38 kinds of items get capitalized. So typically what you  
39 do is you break things down in two -- two categories.  
40 If it's more of a maintenance kind of item where you're  
41 not really extending the life of something or  
42 increasing the value of it, it'll get expensed. If you  
43 are doing something that's going to increase the value  
44 or it's going to extend the life of that asset in any  
45 way then it typically gets capitalized and depreciated.  
46 So most infrastructure improvements fall under that  
47 latter category and are considered capital assets.

48 BOB WALDREP: What was the motive for  
49 doing that? Does that give us some kind of financial  
50 basis, some kind of financial plus to -- in order to

1 generate taxation in some way or something?  
2 LARRY FINNEY: No. The real motive behind  
3 it is -- is just simply saying if -- if I'm going to do  
4 something that let's say -- if I'm improving a sewer  
5 line and -- and I'm extending the life of that sewer  
6 line for five years then the thought is if we  
7 depreciate that over that five years then we're  
8 allocating the cost over its useful life as opposed to  
9 -- to taking that big hit the year you do it as an  
10 expense and then not seeing anything for the next few  
11 years. So you're matching the -- the cost by  
12 depreciating it with its useful life.  
13 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
14 LARRY FINNEY: So that's the thought behind  
15 it.  
16 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. The last  
17 question I have has to do with controls. Your report  
18 does not really speak to controls, does it, of  
19 spending?  
20 LARRY FINNEY: No. No.  
21 BOB WALDREP: So that -- that is something  
22 ---  
23 LARRY FINNEY: That's outside of the audit  
24 scope.  
25 BOB WALDREP: That is a discipline that a  
26 council has to sort of initiate itself and that would  
27 be sort of consistent with your recommendation with  
28 regard to fraud procedures, for example? Would that be  
29 -- is -- does controls relate in some way, the  
30 expenditures of money to fraud procedures that you had  
31 suggested I think early, formal fraud management  
32 program.  
33 LARRY FINNEY: Well, when you say controls,  
34 I mean we tend to -- we tend to look at controls from  
35 an internal control procedural perspective but not  
36 necessarily for more of a control of spending that's  
37 more of philosophical and, you know, strategic kind of  
38 approach. So our thought related to the fraud risk  
39 management and the accounting policies and procedures  
40 manual is related to the -- the procedural kind of  
41 controls that exist in terms of how things are  
42 accounted for and approved.  
43 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you, sir.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
45 Ms. Floyd. Ms. --  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. Point of  
47 order. There seems to be some disturbance out in the  
48 -- down there. Sheriff, would you please see just  
49 exactly what is going on behind us out there?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have  
3 anything?  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-uh.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Mr. Wilson. I  
6 skipped you, Mr. Moore. Do you have anything? Ms.  
7 Wilson. How much time's left? We over time? We need  
8 to extend time, Ms. Wilson, for this question?  
9 CINDY WILSON: I -- just an observation  
10 that I made in looking through all of this, it seems  
11 that we've been encumbered with a lot of long term  
12 debt. And there was a comment made earlier where  
13 people saw their taxes rise and on your county bill  
14 that came out, the debt service that we did not put on  
15 but the previous regime put on was responsible, as well  
16 as school district issues.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Why don't we take a -- and  
18 appreciate it -- get on that. But if we don't to  
19 extend the time then we'll going to move -- Mr. Finney,  
20 we appreciate your time. Thank you so much for the job  
21 you've done.  
22 LARRY FINNEY: Thank you very much.  
23 BOB WALDREP: Thank you.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Are there copies of this  
26 thing here?  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. It's in your --  
28 in the book. We should have -- you should have got it.  
29 I'll make -- no, no, ma'am. Hang on just a minute.  
30 LARRY FINNEY: Let me -- let me also.  
31 Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I forgot to mention that I  
32 have given copies of this presentation to Mr. Burns so  
33 you -- you can get copies of that in writing so you can  
34 look it over again and be reminded of what we  
35 discussed.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But ...  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you. At  
38 this time we'll move to resolutions and proclamations,  
39 Item Number 7, Number (b), Number R2010-03 -- 013, a  
40 resolution honoring the late Brantley Jordan as  
41 Anderson County ambassador of economic development for  
42 2009. All council members. Ms. Wilson.  
43 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
44 I'm sure a lot of people have noticed our empty chair  
45 over there to the side. And I'm just going to read  
46 this into the record on behalf of Anderson County  
47 Council. Mr. Jordan's family was unable to attend  
48 tonight and we'll make sure that they have a copy of  
49 this. This is a resolution honoring the late Brantley  
50 E. Jordan, Jr. as Anderson County's 2009 Ambassador of

1 Economic Development for his efforts as a private  
2 citizen to recruit and promote economic development and  
3 calling to remembrance his steadfast servant leadership  
4 to his fellow man and the entire Anderson County  
5 community, and all matters related thereto.

6 Whereas, Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. was born  
7 April 3rd, 1913 in Denmark, South Carolina to parents,  
8 Brantley E. and Mable Baroneau Jordan; and

9 Whereas, after moving to Anderson during his  
10 tenth grade year, Jordan was thrilled to find that a  
11 boy's high school in Anderson offered chemistry and  
12 science programs that had been unavailable to him at  
13 his previous school; and

14 Whereas, Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. graduated  
15 from Boy's High during the textile mills' height of  
16 success and took a job as an electrician serving the  
17 Williamston, Iva and Orr Mills; and

18 Whereas, Jordan wanted to serve his country by  
19 enlisting in the Navy, but since the textile industry  
20 was providing a service that the military deemed  
21 necessary, he was deferred from the draft to continue  
22 his work as an electrician with the mills; and

23 Whereas, after several years Jordan decided to  
24 go out on his own as an electrical contractor which  
25 became his life's work. He renewed his license for the  
26 last time in January 2009; and

27 Whereas, Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. and Marjorie  
28 Simms met in Iva, South Carolina, were married in 1940  
29 and during their sixty-eight years of marital bliss had  
30 one daughter, Carol Jordan, who married and resides in  
31 Anderson with her husband, Robert Craig; and

32 Whereas, desiring to be an active participant  
33 in local government, Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. began  
34 attending council meetings more than thirty-two years  
35 ago when the meetings were conducted in the Bailes  
36 Building with the county supervisor, five councilmen,  
37 and no printed agendas; and

38 Whereas, Jordan was elected to serve as an  
39 original member of the Anderson County Planning and  
40 Development Advisory Board which was later renamed to  
41 the Economic Advisory Board; and

42 Whereas, in 1999, due to his diligence,  
43 tenacity, and faithfulness in never missing a council  
44 meeting, Brantley E. Jordan was named Anderson County's  
45 Honorary Councilman; and

46 Whereas, Jordan received many accolades and  
47 awards during his lifetime including one of his most  
48 cherished, the Order of the Silver Crescent, which was  
49 presented to him by Governor Mark Sanford in 2004; and

50 Whereas, Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. was a long



1 time member of First Baptist Church of Anderson where  
2 he attended the Baraca Class; and

3 Whereas, known for his dedication to, his  
4 knowledge of, and his love for Anderson County,  
5 Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. encouraged everyone to be a  
6 responsible citizen and became engaged in local  
7 government and he led by example; and

8 Whereas, Anderson County suffered a great loss  
9 in November 2009 when our dearly beloved Brantley E.  
10 Jordan, Jr., Anderson County's truest son went home to  
11 his reward; and

12 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by  
13 Anderson County Council on behalf of the citizens of  
14 Anderson County, the Anderson County Council, Mr.  
15 Brantley E. Jordan, Jr. was a consummate gentleman who  
16 remained true to his principals throughout his  
17 lifetime. He embodied the shining example of a man  
18 steadfastly dedicated to his family, his community, and  
19 his God. His love for Anderson County was demonstrated  
20 by his faithful attendance to council meetings and his  
21 exhaustive efforts to recruit and promote economic  
22 development in Anderson County. An avid ambassador for  
23 Anderson County, Brantley E. Jordan, Jr.'s legacy will  
24 be forever intertwined with the future of Anderson  
25 County. We congratulate the family of Brantley E.  
26 Jordan, Jr. for his achievements and his honor of being  
27 named Anderson County 2009 Ambassador of Economic  
28 Development.

29 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
30 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting  
31 duly assembled this 2nd day of February, 2010. And Mr.  
32 Chairman, may I put that in the form of a motion  
33 please?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Do I have a  
35 second? Mr. Waldrep. Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any  
36 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
37 resolution, a show of hands. All opposed like sign. I  
38 believe no one's here right, Ms. Wilson, pretty much?

39 CINDY WILSON: Right.

40 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be moving  
41 to Item 7(c), Number R2010-015, a resolution honoring  
42 and recognizing Anderson and Honea Path Free Clinics  
43 and express appreciation -- appreciation - I can't talk  
44 - for the volunteer work that the Anderson and Honea  
45 Path Free Clinics perform to keep Anderson County  
46 citizens healthy, especially those who cannot afford  
47 medical and dental work, and other matters related to  
48 it -- thereto. Ms. Wilson.

49 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
50 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a

1 body politic and corporate and a political subdivision  
2 of the State of South Carolina is deeply involved in  
3 and affected by all the events in the lives of its  
4 citizens and recognizes that the good health of all  
5 citizens is vital to the community; and

6 Whereas, Anderson County has been blessed in  
7 having literally dozens of Anderson County residents  
8 and others, including many, many healthcare  
9 professionals donate time, money, energy, resources,  
10 materials, experience and love to create, open,  
11 operate, manage, and staff free clinics for medical and  
12 dental work and prescription services in both the City  
13 of Anderson and the Town of Honea Path; and

14 Whereas, Anderson County sees and is fully  
15 mindful of the importance that the free clinics have in  
16 preserving and protecting the overall health of the  
17 entire community which is in turn critical for the  
18 overall well being of the entire community; and

19 Whereas, Anderson County, acting by and  
20 through its County Council, desires to honor and  
21 recognize the Anderson and Honea Path Free Clinics and  
22 all their healthcare professionals, staffs, and  
23 volunteers and express appreciation for the volunteer  
24 work that the Anderson and Honea Path Free Clinics  
25 perform to keep the citizens of Anderson County  
26 healthy, especially those citizens who cannot otherwise  
27 afford medical and dental work, and further desires to  
28 emphasize the importance of these institutions to the  
29 citizens of Anderson County.

30 Now, therefore, be it resolved by Anderson  
31 County Council in meeting duly assembled that, Anderson  
32 County acting by and through the County Council hereby  
33 proclaims Friday, March 12th, 2010, Anderson Free  
34 Clinic Day in honor and recognition of the Anderson and  
35 Honea Path Free Clinics, and all their healthcare  
36 professionals, staffs, and volunteers and hereby  
37 encourages all citizens to fully support the Anderson  
38 and Honea Path Free Clinics by wearing their Walk with  
39 the Docs t-shirts to work that day.

40 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
41 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting  
42 duly assembled the 2nd day of February, 2010. Mr.  
43 Chairman, may I put that in the form of a motion  
44 please?

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Do we have a  
46 second?

47 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds the  
49 motion. Any discussion? All in favor a show of hands.  
50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously. Ms. Wilson, is anyone here from the  
2 clinic that would be recognized or needs to be? Will  
3 you step forward to the mike please and introduce  
4 yourself?

5 CATHERINE FIDEL: Hi. I'm Catherine Fidel  
6 with the Anderson Free Clinic and on behalf of all of  
7 our patients, our staff, and our volunteers, we want to  
8 thank the council for this resolution. And we have  
9 Walk with the Docs posters for anyone who would like to  
10 take some and put these around our community. Last  
11 year alone the Anderson and Honea Path Free Clinics  
12 provided thirty-seven hundred doctors visits. This was  
13 valued at Five Hundred Thousand Dollars. We filled  
14 forty-two thousand six hundred prescriptions valued at  
15 3.6 Million at a cost to the clinic of Twenty-nine  
16 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. We also had seventy-six  
17 hundred volunteer hours. Now that is community  
18 volunteers not professional volunteers. Those seventy-  
19 six hundred volunteer hours had a value of a Hundred  
20 and Seventy Thousand Dollars. So as you can see,  
21 without our volunteers, our community, and our medical  
22 volunteers, and contributions from people like you, we  
23 could not do what we do in our community. Thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We appreciate  
25 what all y'all do.

26 APPLAUSE

27 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 8,  
28 the GPO, Go Play Outside discussion. Mr. David  
29 Barfield.

30 TIMOTHY CLARDY: Mr. Chairman and council  
31 members, I'm Timothy Clardy and this is David Barfield  
32 here with me. And I thank you for the brief  
33 opportunity to be heard. I'm here by way of just  
34 awareness and introduction to a grassroots effort that  
35 is currently underway. In March of 2009 -- excuse the  
36 distraction. In March of 2009 a few of us guys got  
37 together and saw that there is a need to work and --  
38 and add additional outdoor recreational facilities here  
39 in Anderson County. And we thought best to organize  
40 our group as a non-profit organization to work together  
41 to get some private and corporate sponsorship to do  
42 just that. Most of us are lovers of the sport of disk  
43 golf and many people do not know what that is so I  
44 first want to introduce you to the sport and what  
45 that's all about and then let you know of the ...

46 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

47 TIMOTHY CLARDY: ... Anderson Sports and  
48 Entertainment Center and that work is already underway.  
49 Have any -- do all of you have the executive summary  
50 that was in your agenda package?

1 TOMMY DUNN: Should have it.

2 TIMOTHY CLARDY: I saw the -- okay. I saw  
3 the copy on line and it -- I have a color copy and the  
4 black and white probably doesn't do it justice on the  
5 pictures on page five of that. So first let me tell  
6 you a little bit about disk golf and so if folks ask  
7 you about that you'll know what it is. Disk golf is a  
8 sport meant for all ages, all -- boys and girls alike,  
9 and of all socio-economic status. Anyone can come out  
10 and play this game. Much like ball golf it has the  
11 same rules. You want to get your frisbee rather than a  
12 white ball into a basket rather than a hole in as few a  
13 number of throws for each hole and you have eighteen  
14 holes. We have already received approval from county  
15 officials to place our park or our course across the  
16 street from the tennis courts and behind the soccer  
17 fields at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center.  
18 If you see -- you probably can't tell on the map on  
19 page six of the executive summary, but a lot of people  
20 don't know that there's a large wooded area with  
21 several acres there that has cross country trails in  
22 there and we -- we already have volunteers under way at  
23 clearing the underbrush and what not to make the  
24 fairways for this course. And this is going to greatly  
25 expand the use and -- and enjoyment of that wooded  
26 area. And it's just a beautiful place. Disk golf --  
27 the sport of disk golf began on college campuses and it  
28 has just exploded in recent years. They're going up  
29 everywhere. And there's a list of disk golf courses in  
30 the upstate of South Carolina in the executive summary.  
31 And those are listed on page -- let me see if I can  
32 find those for you.

33 CINDY WILSON: Would that be on page four?

34 TIMOTHY CLARDY: You got it. Yes, I'm sorry.  
35 The bottom of page four. We started with an initiative  
36 to put nine holes at the Darwin Wright Park, also known  
37 as Anderson Beach to a lot of folks, and that will have  
38 to be redesigned as part of that park's redesign and  
39 moved to the end of the peninsula there. But the  
40 benefits to the community are wonderful. We have  
41 courses all over the upstate but not an eighteen hole  
42 course in the Anderson community. And folks that want  
43 to play this sport travel all over to play different  
44 ones and our folks in Anderson have to travel generally  
45 thirty to forty-five minutes to go play at a decent  
46 course. And so we have this underway. And this is a  
47 -- truly a grassroots effort. If you can see the pages  
48 on here you'll see where the tee hole signs are. You  
49 can see in real life what the disks and the baskets  
50 will look like. This is a portable basket. We will be

1 putting in nice concrete -- nice baskets that will be  
2 concreted into the ground in the disk golf course.  
3 David Barfield is a pastor at Capstone Community Church  
4 and he has already worked with local schools in adding  
5 this into curricula and having other boys and girls  
6 clubs out to introduce them to the sport. And this has  
7 just been a wonderful thing, and it will be a great  
8 amenity to the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center  
9 and to the community at large. What I'm asking that --  
10 is you make yourself aware of this project, that it is  
11 underway. We are doing it all with volunteers which  
12 is saving a lot of money. David Barfield has designed  
13 five courses in his past and he has designed this one  
14 along with other experienced individuals. And although  
15 the labor is being done by volunteers, I do want you --  
16 to bring you aware to the last page which is our budget  
17 for the project. We have a budget of Thirteen Thousand  
18 Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars which only includes the  
19 items that we will have to purchase. That does not  
20 include the volunteer labor and what not. And those  
21 are one time monies. This is a course, unlike a tennis  
22 court, which I love tennis as well, but unlike a tennis  
23 court or basketball court or other things that require  
24 maintenance along the way, we as volunteers can  
25 maintain this course. So these are one time monies  
26 that will be spent and the maintenance really involves  
27 make sure the trails are clean and picking up the trash  
28 that might -- that might occur with that. We are using  
29 private and corporate donors for most of the funding on  
30 that. And hearing budget cuts and all that I hate to  
31 even ask for funds at this. But I make you aware that,  
32 one, if you have any idea of partnerships that we might  
33 should go to, we'd love to have the assistance of that.  
34 Also if you have any discretionary monies available in  
35 your recreational accounts we would love -- love that  
36 help. If we could somehow get municipal allocations of  
37 even Thirty-five Hundred Dollars that gets us a long  
38 way. Because we feel very confident about raising the  
39 others through private and corporate sponsorships. I  
40 don't want to belabor the point but this is a sport  
41 that we love. This is our first project in Go Play  
42 Outside and we've had a -- we have a relationship with  
43 the Foothills Community Foundation in which any funds  
44 that come in to us are donated to the Foothills  
45 Community Foundation so that they can offer a tax  
46 deductible incentive for that donation and then they  
47 will help us fund the -- the materials for our course.  
48 So I do thank you for your time. I'm excited about  
49 this new amenity that we're -- that we're bringing on.  
50 Other people outside of the Anderson community and in

1 the upstate are excited about what we're doing. And I  
2 just want to make you aware by introduction of the  
3 sport and of our project. And open myself to  
4 questions.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone? Mr.  
6 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd? I just would like one  
7 comment. I appreciate your coming, your presentation.  
8 I would suggest that you work very closely with our rec  
9 department. I don't know if you've worked with them at  
10 all or been introduced to them.

11 TIMOTHY CLARDY: Yes, sir.

12 TOMMY DUNN: I think that can go a long  
13 way and can help you out. And I appreciate what y'all  
14 are doing.

15 TIMOTHY CLARDY: Okay. Thank you, sir.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
17 we'll be moving to Item 9, the Management of Broadway  
18 Lake Level. Mr. John Steely. Mr. Burns.

19 JOHN STEELY: Mr. Chairman and members of  
20 the county council, I appreciate your time this  
21 evening. I'll try to provide you with an educational  
22 update on the things that have been occurring at  
23 Broadway Lake considering the level control and a  
24 couple of other items. The Friends of Broadway Lake is  
25 a non-profit organization of community people and our  
26 purpose is to improve and protect Broadway Lake to  
27 preserve its surrounding area through safety and  
28 environmental health. Also community health in  
29 partnership among the residents and the visitors of  
30 Broadway Lake as well. So that's our mission. And the  
31 reason I'm compelled to talk to you tonight, we've had  
32 a number of incidents over the past three months.  
33 Basically six of eight times when we've had inclement  
34 weather the lake level control has been inadequate,  
35 resulting in an overflow situation in the lake. The  
36 concern is that we -- we don't have solid county  
37 procedures and processes for lake level control. As  
38 you know there's been a change in management issue with  
39 the control of the spillway gates recently and there  
40 are also some design issues that are -- that are  
41 causing these errors or overflow incidents to occur.  
42 In addition we currently don't have a lake patrol on  
43 the lake. There is some hunting that's going on in the  
44 ends of the lake within a hundred fifty feet of  
45 residents early in the morning. It -- it is a  
46 potential safety issue. You are aware we have silt  
47 built up considerably in the lake and we -- I want to  
48 emphasize that we've had a lot of -- of support from  
49 the county over the past year. I'll have to say I was  
50 -- I was present and I was moved at the effort that was

1 given to us to repair the spillway gate after its  
2 collapse earlier in 2009. So I put a lot of thought in  
3 coming to you tonight to make sure that -- that I gave  
4 a positive message and wanted to continue to foster the  
5 partnership that the county has established with  
6 Broadway Lake and the Friends of Broadway Lake. And  
7 will also talk a little bit about the Broadway Lake  
8 Advisory Committee that is now completed or formed in  
9 completion and had a meeting and I believe they have  
10 come to you as well. You see some specifications for  
11 the lake. It's not a big lake. It's not a deep lake.  
12 There are about two hundred, two hundred fifty homes on  
13 the lake. There are a few creeks that feed into the  
14 lake, so we don't get a lot of water flowing into the  
15 lake. We have had excessive water over the past couple  
16 of months though which has created some of this  
17 problem. The discharge from the lake winds up in Lake  
18 Succession. As everyone know -- knows, the county  
19 actually owns the lake itself. The photograph here is  
20 twelve years old. It is a picture of a flood condition  
21 in the lake and I would call this a flood. The red  
22 line that you see actually indicates where the wall --  
23 where the land should go to, so you can see a  
24 substantial flood situation is occurring. Another  
25 photograph here that shows substantial flooding. I  
26 would like for you to take note underneath the gazebo  
27 there is a board right above the water line. This next  
28 photograph is the same boathouse with the same board  
29 still there under the gazebo, so you get a reference  
30 point as to the amount of water we're talking about  
31 when this flood occurred. Now that was twelve years  
32 ago. This is a current picture you can see dated  
33 January 17th, however, you can see that we are in an  
34 overflow situation. Water has exceeded the banks of  
35 the lake. This was not the worst condition. Our worst  
36 condition actually occurred last week. Another  
37 photograph taken the same day showing the water  
38 overflowing from its banks. A similar photograph a  
39 little bit later. Remember this has occurred six times  
40 out of the past eight rainfalls that we've had. So  
41 what we've got is we've got an inability to control the  
42 lake level properly and it's resulting in erosion.  
43 It's also resulting in property damage. Docks have  
44 been lost. A gentleman told me outside just a few  
45 moments ago that he had a couple of boats that washed  
46 up in his area. This dock you'll see is not floating.  
47 It is actually stationary, but you can see that it's  
48 just about submerged. This next picture does show a  
49 fully submerged dock. So that kind of gives you the  
50 impression of the problem that we had. The county

1 responded and opened up the spillway gates fully.  
2 Unfortunately through the night no attention was paid  
3 to it and this is what we woke up to the next morning.  
4 So the lake was drained. Where we were at about an  
5 eighteen inch flood condition, now we were at a minus  
6 two and a half foot below full pond. So obviously you  
7 can see we've got some problems. These aren't  
8 equipment issues. These are issues of mismanagement of  
9 the lake level. And so what we are just asking for is  
10 -- is good process, good procedures, and an  
11 accountability to own it. During the daylight hours  
12 the county has done a pretty good job managing the  
13 lake. But it's during the night when the gates are set  
14 at some condition and no maintenance -- and no  
15 attention is given that it continues to degrade. You  
16 can see I've marked with red where the water level  
17 should -- should typically be full pond. Once again  
18 another photograph full pond. And like I said this was  
19 about an eighteen inch or two and a half foot decrease.  
20 Another photograph of a boat sitting on the ground.  
21 And this can cause damage to some boats who have stern  
22 drives and shafts coming out the bottom of the -- of  
23 the boat. So the problem, to try to summarize it  
24 quickly, is water in the lake, water out of the lake.  
25 If it's matched the lake level's of course going to be  
26 maintained stable. We've only got three real ways to  
27 relieve water out of the lake. One of them is a  
28 concrete weir structure and it's a passive structure  
29 where you don't have any control over it. It's a  
30 forty-two inch pipe. It has a limited capacity for  
31 flow. In rains such as we've seen it is full and it  
32 cannot pass any more flow. So the other structures we  
33 have are two gates. If you're aware of these two  
34 gates, one's twenty foot and one's thirty foot. They  
35 are passive in the fact that water flows over them.  
36 But now due to some reason that we haven't figured out  
37 fully yet, full pond level is actually higher than it  
38 was prior to reconstruction of these gates. So the  
39 passive feature's not working. By the time it gets to  
40 the level for water to flow over the gates it's too  
41 late. We've already exceeded full pond by about six  
42 inches. We -- we do have the capability -- the county  
43 has the capability to manually raise the gates to  
44 relieve excess water. And this is -- this is an art.  
45 The previous person managing this had it for eleven  
46 years and the first year he had problems. Not to this  
47 magnitude, but it is something you learn to handle,  
48 because we don't have a real good capacity for relief  
49 flow from this gate. And when we get rain, lots of  
50 rain in short periods of time, it becomes even more



1 challenging for the best person to be able to relieve  
2 enough water. What you see here is the concrete  
3 structure, the passive structure. It's just a big  
4 hole. Water flows up through this concrete structure.  
5 It flows underneath the -- the lake bed for Broadway  
6 Lake -- or underneath the road bed for Broadway Lake  
7 and discharges out into the spillway. Continually  
8 flowing water. This is a side view of it. You'll see  
9 Broadway Lake Road here. You'll see the concrete or  
10 the forty-two inch drain pipe which was plugged prior  
11 to the construction of this concrete structure. There  
12 are three elevations to take note of here. The bottom  
13 of the lake is about six hundred and four feet above  
14 sea level. About six hundred and nineteen feet above  
15 sea level is when the gates are fully open and we drain  
16 the lake for maintenance. And then full pond is six  
17 hundred and twenty-four or almost six hundred and  
18 twenty-five feet. That gives you a point of reference.  
19 This is a photograph of the pipe. The reason you don't  
20 see water coming out of it, this was taken this summer  
21 when the water was down for maintenance of the gates.  
22 Once again the concrete structure. You can see by the  
23 blue line it represents water flowing up into the  
24 structure and down through the pipe. A side view shows  
25 that inside the structure there's a concrete weir  
26 opening and what happens is water flows up through a  
27 gate and over the concrete weir. This is the concrete  
28 weir I'm pointing out with the mouse arrow. And what  
29 happens is the lake level rises to that level and then  
30 spills over and that maintains a water level when we  
31 have minimum water coming into the lake. Now the  
32 situation now is that we've got excess water coming in  
33 which is supposed to flow over the gates at full pond  
34 of six hundred and twenty-four. Back side of the old  
35 gate. This is the thirty foot gate before it was  
36 replaced. You can see that we have about five and a  
37 half feet of gate that can open up and relieve water.  
38 Now the issue that's been identified lately is that at  
39 full pond the lake is riding higher. The twenty foot  
40 gate is actually higher than the old twenty foot gate.  
41 The thirty -- the new gate that you gave us the money  
42 for to have refurbished is actually higher than the old  
43 thirty foot gate. We're still trying to figure out  
44 why. Notified the county engineers as to why this is.  
45 We're -- we're awaiting them to go study this and  
46 figure it out. But basically it results in the lake  
47 being about six inches higher than full pond. This is  
48 a photograph of the old gates. This is -- this is the  
49 old gates. Not the new ones that have been put in.  
50 And this is the weir assembly. And if you look at

1 these three and how they work together, if these two  
2 gates are maintaining the water level, the -- the weir  
3 level is actually six inches below. So as the water  
4 coming into the lake reduces it drops down to the level  
5 of this concrete structure which is about six to eight  
6 inches below. So the water level varies throughout the  
7 year based on the water intake. And that's okay. Six  
8 to eight inches is okay. The situation we've been in  
9 of late is that, of course, our lake level has  
10 fluctuated a lot more than that. If this -- this other  
11 picture shows a better photograph of the old gates and  
12 you can see through this picture that both of those  
13 gates are at the exact same elevation. Six hundred and  
14 twenty-four point eight. We don't believe that to be  
15 the case any more. We believe that the large gate is  
16 about four inches higher now. Therefore, it's not  
17 available to pass water over it when we get a lot of  
18 water coming in. The small gate's the only one passing  
19 water, so the lake level continues to rise. So it even  
20 causes more problems. So I said earlier there was a  
21 design issue here that is -- is not really part of the  
22 county's -- the person maintaining the county's  
23 problem, but it's adding to the problem that we've got.  
24 Just a -- there have been some questions about why the  
25 gates are showing higher now. I think I can help  
26 resolve that in some respects with some photographs  
27 here. The photograph you're looking at now is the old  
28 -- back of the old twenty foot gate. Remember we did  
29 not replace this gate. We refurbished it. We  
30 repainted it. If you'll take note you can look above  
31 the angle iron here, there's about a four inch piece on  
32 top already there. Okay. The new gate if you look --  
33 the refurbished gate, excuse me, still has the same  
34 amount of metal on it. We didn't add anything to the  
35 top of the gate. So why is it higher? The only thing  
36 we can speculate is the next photograph that shows a  
37 new rubber seal that's been placed on the bottom of the  
38 gate which looks like it's causing the gate to sit  
39 higher. Now this is -- this is me. I'm not an  
40 engineer. The county has a lot smarter people than me.  
41 So we're asking the county to look at this and look at  
42 it pretty quickly because it's causing a difficult  
43 problem to maintain the lake level. Right now we're  
44 full pond. People's docks are -- are being submerged,  
45 water's coming over the -- the walls, and the county is  
46 having to continually go down there and raise the gates  
47 to try to relieve the water. So it's becoming a big  
48 issue. Additional items that I won't take your time  
49 with tonight, shallow lake, silt build up. There's --  
50 there's no -- there's no available area for the water

1 to expand in the lake so we've got a shallow lake, a  
2 lot of water coming in. We can't wait to get on it.  
3 We've got to be pro-active with managing the lake. Get  
4 the gates open as quickly as possible. A couple of  
5 photos of the dry lake of the silt build up in the  
6 lake. In closing, the future of Broadway Lake. What's  
7 been done. The Broadway Lake Advisory Committee has  
8 formed. They've already taken some action to help  
9 stock the lake, change the catch limits. You're aware  
10 of that. New fees to launch to boats to align with  
11 other lakes. County Administration. I've met with  
12 County Administration. They've been very pro-active  
13 lately in this since this last event in establishing a  
14 two hour interim monitoring period. And also they're  
15 looking at some permanent solutions there. But I -- I  
16 came here tonight to make sure that -- that the county  
17 was aware. What we need is we need a process for level  
18 control and we need accountable individuals for that.  
19 That -- that also includes a lake patrol for safety  
20 reasons. We need engineering involvement to fix this  
21 full pond level issue that we've got and we need a  
22 partnered effort to move towards deepening this lake so  
23 it's not such a big effort to control. So long term we  
24 need to remove the human error factor associated with  
25 this. This is where we want to be. We want a lake  
26 that's -- that's fun for everybody to come play on and  
27 that means we've got to stabilize the level so that we  
28 can return it back to a good economic and environmental  
29 health situation. Thanks for your time and I'll answer  
30 any questions if you have any.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd, do  
32 you have anything?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
34 Chair. I thought that when we did the new gate out  
35 there that we had that problem under control and I  
36 thought that the problem was more or less the  
37 management of the new gate rather than the new gate  
38 itself. Now as you said earlier when --

39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, can I just excuse  
40 you just one second please? Mr. Pitts, what's the time  
41 on this? Can I -- I make the motion we extend this by  
42 -- by six minutes. Can I get a second?

43 TOM ALLEN: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of extending  
45 time of six minutes, show of hands. Opposed. Show it  
46 carries. Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I forget where  
48 -- oh yeah. When we had Bill Strewing, as you said, it  
49 took Bill time to learn how to do the thing too. Okay.  
50 But before Bill -- before that it was nothing being

1 done. I think we've come a long, long way from where  
2 the lake was eleven or twelve years ago to where it is  
3 now. Mr. Hopkins, yes, please, are you familiar with  
4 the problems that Mr. Steely has introduced to us with  
5 the ---

6 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. And I was  
7 talking to our engineer staff yesterday. They were  
8 going to try to contact the engineer that designed  
9 this, but they haven't got back to me yet on that.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But you have made a  
11 move on this?

12 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. Also I  
14 have been talking with our Sheriff. Is he here now?  
15 Yes. I have been talking with our Sheriff about the  
16 management of the lake. And we do have some things  
17 that we have been discussing that we're hoping to  
18 implement pretty soon. I think the person that we have  
19 out there now has done a admirable job for -- after  
20 having been thrown into that position. When Mr.  
21 Strewing left nobody was trained to do any of that work  
22 out there. Nobody knew anything. But I think this man  
23 came on and he did an admirable job. There were  
24 mistakes made which he corrected and which was  
25 corrected at -- at every turn. I'm familiar with --  
26 I'm familiar with the problems out there and I have  
27 been working diligently trying to improve those  
28 problems. And I -- I appreciate the fact that you --  
29 that you're here tonight and that you're making it  
30 known again. And I just want to assure you that plans  
31 are already in the making. In fact last month I -- I  
32 don't know how much of this I can talk about right now.  
33 But last month we did make a big contact about the --  
34 the dam and the spillway down there. I'm reluctant to  
35 talk about it right now because I'm waiting until it  
36 gets through -- through the process and the procedures.  
37 But please know that this -- that this council person  
38 -- your council person is working on this and we are  
39 making strides to it.

40 JOHN STEELY: Thank you.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Things that we cannot talk  
42 about at this time. But please know that. How many  
43 Broadway Lake members -- Friends of Broadway people do  
44 we have in the audience? Please stand. I'd like to  
45 see you. Good. Now that means I expect you at every  
46 meeting, right? I expect you back. Okay? Thank you  
47 for coming. But please know that strides are being  
48 made even before we speak to correct these problems and  
49 to make Broadway Lake -- it used to be a diamond in the  
50 rough. But over the last eleven years we have cleaned

1 it up and it's beginning to -- what does diamonds do?  
2 Sparkle. They're -- it's beginning to sparkle a little  
3 bit. And we want to keep the sparkle going. Thank  
4 you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

6 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman. Yes. Very  
7 good presentation. Thank you. It was very clear and  
8 concise. Just one question. Setting catch limits in  
9 the lake, is that not DNR's responsibility or how ...

10 JOHN STEELY: It's -- it's not for an  
11 Anderson County lake because it's a county owned.

12 TOM ALLEN: Because it is a county lake.  
13 Okay. Thank you.

14 JOHN STEELY: That's correct.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, have you got  
16 anything? Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Wilson.

17 BOB WALDREP: Just right quick. What  
18 about the shooting down there? That -- wouldn't that  
19 be the Department of Natural Resources or something?

20 JOHN STEELY: We -- we would -- we thought  
21 it was and we contacted the Department of Natural  
22 Resources on two different occasions with two different  
23 officers and they both said that it was a county owned  
24 lake and county property, that county ordinance would  
25 have to dictate hunting on that -- regulations on that  
26 lake and enforce the regulations.

27 BOB WALDREP: Okay. That's back to Mr.  
28 Allen.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

30 TOM ALLEN: I'll let Mr. Waldrep propose  
31 that next ordinance.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson, I didn't want to  
33 overlook you. Have you got anything? Mr. Wilson. I'd  
34 just like to add, Mr. Burns, if you would make sure our  
35 advisory board on Broadway Lake is meeting and work out  
36 a plan through them and with them. And keep everybody  
37 abreast of alleviating this. I think we can -- some of  
38 these problems are very easily manageable but we are  
39 getting some unseasonably wet weather. And you know,  
40 Lake Hartwell's going through pain -- pain sakes too  
41 and up and down. But we want to do all we can do for  
42 these folks and Broadway Lake and just -- we need to  
43 get a plan -- a procedure in place and work with our  
44 advisory board. Thank you. Thank you very much.  
45 Thank you, Mr. Steely.

46 JOHN STEELY: Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're moving on  
48 to Item 10, a Pre-Ordinance Supplemental Budget  
49 Discussion. Mr. Eddie Moore and Ms. Cindy Wilson.  
50 I'll let Mr. Moore start and let him handle it how he

1 wants to. Let them get out. We'll wait just a second  
2 and let the -- let the people get out. Okay. At this  
3 time let's -- if we would I would ask Mr. Moore to --  
4 who's got the floor and we'll start it over. And if  
5 somebody would please -- Mr. Powell's got it. I see  
6 the door back there. Mr. Moore.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
8 Chairman. This tonight I think most of you council  
9 members was given a sheet on the wages as far as the --  
10 for the -- for the employees for the county. And this  
11 is basically just for y'all's information and for next  
12 week when we have our budget workshop. And this is  
13 just kind of a preliminary discussion tonight on things  
14 I think we need to implement to -- so we don't get into  
15 a bad situation with the revenue dropping like so many  
16 other counties and our county too. I think if we took  
17 some corrective measures pretty soon and try to  
18 incorporate them into the next budget year also, I  
19 think that we would minimize any major problems later  
20 on in the year. I think the problem's going to be in  
21 this next budget year where we're seeing the revenues  
22 and we're seeing the economy's not getting any better  
23 in the job situation and the foreclosure rates is going  
24 up. So I think for us not to do anything or take any  
25 kind of corrective measures would not be good for the  
26 county. Would not be good for the county employees.  
27 What I had proposed doing, and I'm open for suggestions  
28 and all of us will need to discuss all this on what  
29 ideas that y'all may have, would be to go back to the  
30 2006-2007 salary ranges. And maybe somehow another --  
31 I talked with Mr. Pitts and if it's between now and the  
32 next council meeting, you know, in the ordinance maybe  
33 we could put some verbiage in there as far as limiting.  
34 We don't want to hurt some of the lower paid county  
35 employees because they're already not making anything  
36 anyway. In some of the -- and we really don't want to  
37 hurt. We try to minimize any kind of salary decreases,  
38 but at the same time we've got to face reality. We're  
39 in pretty bad, tough financial times right now and if  
40 we don't take some kind of corrective measures over the  
41 next month or two, we could be in some pretty serious  
42 trouble come later on in the year. And with that I'll  
43 turn it over to Ms. Wilson. I think she has some ideas  
44 she wanted to share with us also.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Very briefly, we  
46 know we're dealing in -- in a tough economy and there  
47 are many ramifications to hit us yet. And in an effort  
48 to study exactly where we are financially in this  
49 county - I know we're have more complete numbers by  
50 Monday - but I would strongly recommend that we all get

1 into micro-management in the form of carefully looking  
2 at the county's needs and our revenue streams for the  
3 next year or two. There are many areas where we can  
4 trim and reorganize and so forth. And two of the areas  
5 that I've suggested over a number of years was that we  
6 take time to review and study each department's phone  
7 needs, for example. If we look at how many cell phones  
8 we have, how many land lines, and have a review of the  
9 contracts, I do believe that we will be able to save a  
10 considerable amount of money. I would think at least  
11 ten to fifteen percent of our total phone bill. And  
12 we'll have those complete numbers by Monday to take a  
13 look at. Another area that we can look at is  
14 reorganizing and looking at our housekeeping needs.  
15 Many years ago I suggested that we talk with our  
16 Sheriff, and this was before Sheriff Skipper, to look  
17 at areas in our county buildings where the trustees  
18 could be engaged to clean rather than necessary --  
19 where we have to have bonded and licensed personnel.  
20 Except -- for example where we have the Treasurer's  
21 Office and so forth, that would have to be under a  
22 bonded licensed housekeeping service. But right now  
23 just in one contract alone for housekeeping services,  
24 we're paying somewhere around Three Hundred and Fifty  
25 Thousand a year. I think that if we take a look at  
26 this, meet with the departments that are affected, and  
27 talk with the Sheriff, we might be able to reorganize  
28 that picture and then bid out the necessary bonded  
29 licensed housekeeping. And these are just a couple of  
30 suggestions. I will look forward to having our meeting  
31 on Monday where we can really look at the numbers  
32 carefully. It's going to be very incumbent on us to  
33 reserve whatever precious capital we can. It's a tough  
34 time that we're all looking at. Thank you.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time I'd  
37 just like to remind everyone, please. I know we -- we  
38 forget sometimes and accidents do happen, but let's  
39 check your cell phones or any kind of monitoring device  
40 and make sure it don't interrupt us, please. And Ms.  
41 Floyd.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Considering the  
43 proposal of rolling back the salaries, I have -- so  
44 that I can properly consider my vote, Mr. Burns. I  
45 have some questions that -- that I'm going to need  
46 answers to. And I'd like to read the questions, okay?  
47 If we make this rollback on salaries, will every county  
48 employee be affected? What kind of impact will this  
49 rollback have on our employees, especially the ones  
50 that are -- that's not high on the totem pole? How

1 much money is each person standing to lose? Will  
2 employees that were hired after the rollback date be  
3 affected? Will employees of elected officials like the  
4 Sheriff and the County Council members also be  
5 affected? Mr. Burns, you don't work under a contract  
6 and you're a regular county employee. How will this  
7 affect -- the rollback, how will that affect -- affect  
8 you?

9 RUSTY BURNS: The only thing I can say,  
10 Ms. Floyd ---

11 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I'm not through. I've  
12 got somewhere to go -- some more to go. Mr. Daniels is  
13 also a regular county employee working part-time. How  
14 will his pay cut be determined? Will Mr. Hopkins'  
15 salary roll back to the 2006-2007 pay, as well as the  
16 others? It seems like a pay cut like this is going to  
17 punish the employ -- employers who have been here the  
18 longest and who have been the most -- the most loyalty  
19 -- loyal to the county. Won't the people who have been  
20 here the longest suffer the biggest loss in pay? And  
21 are we risking litigation for this? Will the County  
22 Council also be adjusted back to the '6-07 rate? Will  
23 employees hired from here forward be paid the 2006 and  
24 2007 rate? Are we still hiring employees, private  
25 consultants or consultants now? Are we still doing  
26 that now? And did we ever have a true hiring freeze?  
27 At least three job postings were made last week. At  
28 least three of them. And -- and we're talking about  
29 cutting people's pay but yet we're still hiring. I  
30 have a -- I have several other questions here that I  
31 won't go through. But I'm wondering is this going to  
32 be done. This year alone we hired a park and  
33 recreation person for Eighty-six Thousand Dollars. And  
34 now we're talking about rolling back. We talking about  
35 -- are we talking about -- where would his salary go?  
36 He wasn't here in 206-207 so how are we going to pay  
37 him? I -- what about the 911 people, how -- will they  
38 be rolled back too? We have spent over Eight Hundred  
39 Thousand Dollars -- that's over half a Million Dollars  
40 in investigations and all those other things. I'm --  
41 how is -- how will we -- we ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. How will we be  
44 able to recoup, you know, that money too? When you're  
45 talking about rolling people's salary back, you know,  
46 you're talking about back to another time where it was  
47 another time 2006-2007, that's going to be some  
48 dealings here. That's going to be some dealings. Now  
49 I know Mr. Moore's had that article in the book about  
50 Ford Company, but is he advocating that we get



1 ourselves unionized as the people in the Ford Company  
2 did so the employees can have somebody to help them  
3 negotiate the salary as they did in his article? These  
4 people don't have a voice like that. But I have a copy  
5 of this for you. And council members I worked long and  
6 hard on this. I have a -- I have copies for you as  
7 well as the press too. But I would like these -- I  
8 would like to have these questions answered by -- by  
9 Friday if you don't mind. Because before anybody can  
10 vote on this we need to know what we're voting on here.  
11 And where did Justin go? Okay. Mr. Chairman, would  
12 you ---

13 TOMMY DUNN: Give them out.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. -- pass that out?

15 TOMMY DUNN: What kind of time are we  
16 looking like, Mr. Pitts?

17 MIKE PITTS: You've got about five  
18 minutes, Mr. Chairman.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Can I get one?

20 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
21 question please?

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. Yes, ma'am. Go ahead,  
23 Ms. Wilson, while Ms. Floyd's moving them.

24 CINDY WILSON: There's no vote on this for  
25 tonight. Just discussion.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. Yes, ma'am. Point  
27 well taken. Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. There's no vote  
29 on this tonight. That's why I'm bringing up my  
30 questions. So before we can vote on these things, I'd  
31 like to have the answers to these questions so we can  
32 make a responsible vote.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wilson, do  
34 you have anything -- comments? Mr. Allen. Mr.  
35 Waldrep.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I was going to let us -- get  
38 to everybody at one time first. Mr. Waldrep, have you  
39 got any comments?

40 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just know  
41 that there's been a lot of thought and I appreciate the  
42 questions that have been posed here. I think that  
43 there are probably good questions here we need to be  
44 thinking about. It's -- it's a problem that we've  
45 looked at -- I think that everybody's been looking at  
46 from top to bottom. I don't think anybody's made any  
47 conclusions. And we do need to in fact get as much  
48 information as we possibly can to make sure that this  
49 -- whatever's done is done fairly. And I -- I share  
50 one principal here that I just want everybody to know

1 where I stand with regard to the people at the -- the  
2 lower levels. The folks that are making -- I say lower  
3 -- in the Twenty, Twenty-five Thousand Dollar range. I  
4 know that a lot of those folks cannot afford a hit.  
5 They just really can't. And I -- I've just been very  
6 conscious of that for a while, so I just leave that  
7 with you. And I regret that I won't be able to be at  
8 that discussion that you'll be having next week. I've  
9 had a longstanding situation that I have to take care  
10 of and I won't be able to be there. But I'll certainly  
11 try to monitor it and keep up and share any ideas with  
12 the -- with the group. Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

14 EDDIE MOORE: This tonight was basically  
15 for discussion for all council members to interject  
16 some ideas so that when we go to our budget meeting  
17 next Monday. It's not intended, it's just an idea so  
18 that everyone can come up with their own ideas. But my  
19 suggestion was to put some kind of a -- we don't want  
20 to hurt. I agree with Mr. Waldrep, you know, when  
21 you're making, you know, really less than Thirty  
22 Thousand Dollars or -- we really don't want to hurt  
23 these workers like this. But then again too, there's  
24 an awful lot of people out here that don't have jobs  
25 right now. And we're sitting at one of the highest  
26 counties in the state on unemployment and it's still  
27 growing. And if we don't make some corrections -- it  
28 might be painful right now to take some salary cuts.  
29 But the bottom line is this, would you rather take a  
30 few dollars cut or would you rather have a job? And  
31 that's the kind of decisions that we're going to have  
32 to be making. And if we don't make these decisions --  
33 they're tough. But if we don't make them it's going to  
34 be some whole lot tougher decisions come down in the  
35 future. And that's -- that was my point. So thank  
36 you, Mr. Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say one  
40 thing before we -- before time runs out. I haven't got  
41 to talk yet. I'd just -- I'd just like to ask if this  
42 -- if Mr. Burns and your staff will just check and see  
43 if anything like this has been done throughout the  
44 state as far as through ACOG or association of counties  
45 and -- is there a template or something or other for  
46 this. Or any school boards or anything. Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, did we hire a  
48 consultant last week? Do we have a new consultant as  
49 of last week?

50 RUSTY BURNS: We hired, yes, one person

1 last week.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Okay. All right. If  
3 we are getting ready -- if we know that we have this  
4 thing facing us, why are we still hiring people? And I  
5 know we have hired this year alone, knowing about all  
6 the budget cuts and stuff we've had, we've hired  
7 several people. Not counting the money that we're  
8 having to transfer from other budgets into this law  
9 thing -- this -- this -- you know, these lawyers thing.  
10 It seems that we could solve the problem if we would  
11 just go back and eliminate everybody we've hired this  
12 year, that we would have the money that we need. But  
13 we're still hiring people as of last week. And we're  
14 talking about cutting people back. It doesn't make  
15 much sense. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. -- thank you,  
17 Ms. Floyd. Anyone else?

18 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, very quickly.  
19 For those who don't know what council members make, I  
20 think we're making about Eight Thousand a year, so we  
21 would definitely be impacted too.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: It's Eight Thousand Eight  
23 Hundred and some odd Dollars a year. Almost -- almost  
24 Nine Thousand. But we've been on that one since eleven  
25 years, I think.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank -- thank you, Ms.  
27 Floyd. Mr. Waldrep.

28 BOB WALDREP: Right quick. I don't think  
29 that legally can be touched because it's a -- as I  
30 understand it with Mr. Pitts that we can't cut our  
31 salary. Maybe we could just drop off a councilman or  
32 something, I don't know. But we ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Hold it down. Please, let's  
34 hold it down.

35 BOB WALDREP: We could -- I didn't say  
36 which one. I just said ---

37 TOMMY DUNN: Hold down. How much time's  
38 left?

39 BOB WALDREP: But anyway, the thing -- the  
40 thing that we might be able to touch would be our  
41 discretionary fund.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you volunteering, Mr.  
43 Waldrep?

44 TOMMY DUNN: We're out of time for this  
45 agenda matter unless somebody wants to make a  
46 nomination -- a motion to extend. Time has gone on on  
47 this one. Hearing none, we'll move on. Item Number  
48 11. Mr. Allen. Do you have a motion?

49 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
50 Chairman. Yeah. I'd like to make a motion to remove

1 Ordinance 2009-021 from the table, and that's the  
2 Anderson County Public Safety Division, possibly moving  
3 that under the Sheriff's Office and amending the  
4 Anderson County Code to reflect that.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.

7 BOB WALDREP: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion with Mr.

9 Allen to remove from the table an ordinance  
10 consolidating certain departments of the Anderson  
11 County Public Safety Division under the office of the  
12 Sheriff of Anderson County and to amend the Anderson  
13 County Code. Second by Ms. Floyd. All in favor of the  
14 motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
15 the motion carries with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms.  
16 Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep voting in favor of.  
17 Opposed was Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson. Now I will  
18 restate the motions that's on the floor. Original  
19 motion, a motion consolidating certain departments of  
20 the Anderson County Public Safety Division under the  
21 ordinance of the Sheriff of Anderson County and to  
22 amend Anderson County Codes. Mr. Allen.

23 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Yeah. If I could just  
24 make a few comments. A lot of questions have come up  
25 about the dollar amounts on this and I have been  
26 scrambling around today and finance was a big help in  
27 this, but come up with some numbers towards the end of  
28 the day that -- I've -- I've seen these numbers before  
29 but I wanted to be sure that they were correct. And  
30 this is what I've come up with. We're just talking  
31 about the security folks, the safety people. That's a  
32 total of seventeen positions. There are ten actual  
33 people in that category right now. There are seven  
34 vacant positions. The total dollar amount for that  
35 division is Seven Hundred and Eleven Thousand Seven  
36 Hundred and Ninety Dollars and that includes the --  
37 that's their salaries, FICA, retirement, health  
38 insurance, etc. That's everything. Looking at the  
39 bids that we received, and I know those were ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: Point of order, Mr. Allen.  
41 I just want to -- in a request for proposals. I've  
42 heard that some time -- I don't want to get the two  
43 confused.

44 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I -- I do that all  
45 the time. My fault. Those were requests for  
46 proposals. The proposals that we received based on the  
47 -- the very lowest bid that was in that package, it  
48 turns out that if the county keeps this it costs  
49 approximately Two Thousand -- a little over Two  
50 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars per man per year, if the

1 county does it, versus having the lowest bidder do it.  
2 And those are the numbers that I was given. I'll  
3 repeat those again. Costs -- it was Seven Hundred and  
4 Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Dollars for  
5 the safety division. All right. So that's a -- those  
6 are the numbers that I have received and if anyone else  
7 has any comments, please.

8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, anyone else?  
9 Ms. Wilson.

10 CINDY WILSON: I personally prefer to scrap  
11 this particular ordinance. I believe that the litter  
12 control needs to stay under the administrator. I  
13 believe that animal control should go ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, just one point.  
15 Under this ordinance as it's coming off the table,  
16 litter control stays. It stays with the administrator.  
17 I just want to get that clear and not get -- it's  
18 confusing enough.

19 CINDY WILSON: I know.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

21 CINDY WILSON: And I believe that the  
22 animal control should have been to the Sheriff's  
23 office. There's no question about that. But if our  
24 Sheriff is in better shape with surplus funds than our  
25 county general fund it would seem more appropriate to  
26 me to transfer the animal control part, the function,  
27 the positions, the equipment, etc., over to the  
28 Sheriff. Because otherwise ...

29 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE TWO

30 CINDY WILSON: ... transition to upgrading  
31 our county ordinances and training staff to deal with  
32 what truly is the Sheriff's function by state law. We  
33 need to be able -- to enable him to do that better.  
34 The park police part of that, unfortunately, first it  
35 was an illegal created department. I've said for years  
36 it should have gone straight to the Sheriff and be made  
37 legitimate. But once the genie was out on a request  
38 for proposals, I don't think that we as a county  
39 government do ourselves any good if we don't complete  
40 the process. There are questions about the numbers.  
41 I've heard so many different things that it just is  
42 very dumbfounding. I personally believe that we need  
43 to look at the park police function, we need to have  
44 the Sheriff involved, as well some advice on real  
45 numbers, put it out for a request for proposal again.  
46 Perhaps the Sheriff may want to bid on it. It -- it --  
47 there's some functions that were apparently in the  
48 request for proposal that really should remain with the  
49 Sheriff. There are some that may be of question. But  
50 the fact remains that once our county sent packages out

1 for request for proposals and we didn't have all our  
2 numbers right and all the descriptions of the job  
3 functions right, we just don't look like we're being  
4 good stewards of our job and our finances. And that  
5 does bother me. So I will vote against this tonight.  
6 Not because I don't think a major part of it should go,  
7 but because of the situation that we're finding  
8 ourselves in.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Last year when we first  
13 started discussing this, we said that we were going to  
14 do a request for proposal and we were going to do a  
15 study so that we would know what requirements and what  
16 we really needed in the positions for building security  
17 and other things. We have not completed the process.  
18 We have short circuited the process. And to vote for  
19 this tonight would be completely a slap in the face for  
20 all the citizens of Anderson County. It would be a  
21 slap in the face for this county council because we  
22 need to do the process, know exactly what we need. We  
23 need to know how many officers is needed. We have some  
24 slots that's not even filled now. We need to know the  
25 exact number. We need to know the exact dollar amount  
26 that we're going to transfer. There's just so many  
27 questions and you heard what the vendors said. For us  
28 to completely throw our duties out the window is just  
29 -- would be a travesty if we did that. I will be  
30 voting against it because we have not completed the  
31 process. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Time -- time has expired on  
33 this issue. Does anybody wish to extend time or want  
34 to move on?

35 TOM ALLEN: I move to extend time.

36 TOMMY DUNN: How much?

37 TOM ALLEN: Ten minutes. Five?

38 TOMMY DUNN: What -- which is it?

39 TOM ALLEN: Five. Do five.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Allen's got the  
41 motion on the floor to extend time limit five minutes.  
42 Do we have a second?

43 CINDY WILSON: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. All in  
45 favor of extending time five minutes, show of hands.  
46 Wait a minute. All -- all opposed. Show the motion  
47 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
48 Mr. Waldrep.

49 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, very quickly.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

1 BOB WALDREP: I want to ---  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Wait. And Ms. Floyd  
3 opposes.  
4 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Now, Mr. Waldrep.  
6 BOB WALDREP: Okay. We're talking about  
7 overall seventeen people. Right?  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Seventeen positions.  
9 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Positions.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Then out of that how many go  
12 to animal control?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Hang on, Mr. Waldrep. Let  
14 Mr. -- Mr. Hopkins has got a breakdown I think.  
15 HOLT HOPKINS: The seventeen are for  
16 security only.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
18 HOLT HOPKINS: There's six more that are  
19 currently doing animal control and -- and that's in  
20 another line on -- on the budget there. But there's --  
21 it's really two different groups there. But animal  
22 control is six.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
24 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Don't -- don't move,  
25 Holt. Just one second and you might -- might need to  
26 help me with something else. The litter control, which  
27 we'll be keeping, how many are we going to have in  
28 litter control?  
29 HOLT HOPKINS: There are five.  
30 BOB WALDREP: Five.  
31 HOLT HOPKINS: Five litter ---  
32 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So we keep -- we keep  
33 five. Is that five out of the seventeen?  
34 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. Seventeen is  
35 what's ---  
36 BOB WALDREP: Seventeen is just ... Okay.  
37 HOLT HOPKINS: And -- I -- I can -- I have  
38 something that I can show you where all those are  
39 needed if you'd like to see it.  
40 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I -- I guess  
41 the problem that I -- that I've had with this is that  
42 we have been looking at this for a very long time. And  
43 I know that some people have had trouble with getting  
44 numbers. I just wonder if we'll ever get the numbers  
45 that we want on this particular issue. I just had some  
46 problems. And I certainly understand why -- why people  
47 would like to look at it and look at it again. But I'm  
48 just afraid that we'll be looking at it next year.  
49 That's all I had to say, Mr. Chairman.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

1 I'd just like to say something right quick. Have we  
2 got a few minutes left, Mr. -- Mr. ... I want to say  
3 we have been working -- looking and working on this for  
4 quite some time now. This -- this is not a -- it's not  
5 just about what people want to say is -- you know, all  
6 I heard last year when I was running -- a lot of  
7 people, disband the park police, disband the park  
8 police. One thing about the park police nobody else  
9 can -- legally they don't have no power. We've been  
10 operating under a year and I don't think I've done my  
11 duty letting them operate under a year having the  
12 powers they've got. I think myself one -- a few of the  
13 options or a few of the responsibilities of government  
14 is public safety. And one of -- that being said, I  
15 think we owe it to Anderson County citizens to do the  
16 best and just -- to give them best quality of public  
17 safety we can get. I've heard comments from the very  
18 first part of the year about how they was dissatisfied  
19 with this at the animal shelter or this here. I just  
20 think it's -- it's good government putting police work  
21 where it belongs with the Sheriff. And there's no  
22 doubt they've -- I've seen numbers. And I dare anybody  
23 -- I'll be glad to sit down and show them numbers and  
24 talk to them. There is -- you can debate the savings.  
25 There is savings. But I think when the bottom line is  
26 -- is the public safety issue, it should be under the  
27 Sheriff. We've had different -- different things and  
28 different situations now that should have -- should  
29 have done been there. And I'll as time runs out and  
30 ---

31 TOM ALLEN: Is there -- I don't know if  
32 there's any time left.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, go ahead. I  
34 think there's still ---

35 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, yeah, just very  
36 quickly. I'm looking at this too. Twenty-two Hundred  
37 Dollars more per year for the county to do versus the  
38 lowest bid that came in. That was per man. When you  
39 look at the experience that we've got, if we -- if we  
40 have -- if we have another disaster here like the  
41 tornado we had last April and we need ten or twelve  
42 more people here to secure areas to prevent looting, to  
43 set up emergency stations somewhere, if we have to go  
44 to a contractor maybe in Charlotte or Greenville or  
45 wherever it may be and say, hey we need ten more people  
46 over here. How long is it going to take to get them  
47 over here? They won't know where to go when they get  
48 here. They don't know how the county's laid out.  
49 We've got people now that we can call immediately and  
50 have them out on the job. So I'm -- I'm just saying



1 that looking at it from a flexibility and a knowledge  
2 standpoint of the county for Twenty-Two Hundred Dollars  
3 more a year per person.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I call for the  
5 vote.

6 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion to call for  
7 the question. All in favor. All opposed. Show Mr.  
8 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep  
9 votes in favor of the question. Show Mr. Moore, Ms.  
10 Wilson's against it. Now we're voting on the main  
11 motion that was on the floor tonight, would be an  
12 ordinance consolidating certain departments of the  
13 Anderson County public safety division under the office  
14 of the Sheriff of Anderson County and to amend the  
15 Anderson County Code. All in favor of the ordinance,  
16 show of hands. All oppose. Show the motion carries.  
17 Mr. Wilson votes in favor, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr.  
18 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep. Show opposed Ms. Wilson and Mr.  
19 Moore. Now we're moving on to Item Number 12.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, before we go  
21 to Item -- Item Number 12, I'm -- I want to ask a  
22 question of the Sheriff about the -- on the vote.  
23 Okay? Not on the ---

24 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Sheriff, now  
26 that we've passed this, that was the third reading and  
27 it passes now. How -- how soon do you foresee this  
28 happening now?

29 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I'm on?

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

31 SHERIFF SKIPPER: My anticipation is it takes  
32 effect in the morning. My plans are, just like I did  
33 when I came into the Sheriff's office, is they will  
34 operate in the morning just like they did this morning.  
35 You know, I'm not going to change anything tomorrow.  
36 We'll get with the public safety folks, organize their  
37 structure, what rank structure they have. And  
38 obviously, we've been talking about this for a year so  
39 we've already got some ideas in mind. So we will  
40 slowly but surely phase them in. We've already been  
41 checking on what status they are on their  
42 certifications and what not. And so as of tomorrow the  
43 ones that need to be brought up to a certain level,  
44 they'll start tomorrow to be -- taking effect. And I  
45 would hope within, you know, a couple of a days or  
46 within a week we'll have everything in flow and  
47 structure.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: So the transition will take  
49 place within the -- within a week. Am I correct?

50 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That would -- that'll be my

1 hope, yes.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
3 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I mean, as of tomorrow  
4 they will have authority under me, as I understand it.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: As of tomorrow?  
6 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. All  
8 right. Sheriff, I -- I would like to schedule with you  
9 some time.  
10 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to resolution  
13 Number 12. Ordinance 12. I'm sorry. Ordinance Number  
14 12, second reading, ordinance amending Chapter 2,  
15 Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances  
16 pertaining to purchasing and other matters related to  
17 it -- thereto of. This will be a public hearing. No  
18 time. Those wishing to speak to this ordinance please  
19 come forward and state your name and district.  
20 LESLIE WHITE: Leslie White, District Six.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: If you could pull the mike  
22 down, please, so everyone can hear you.  
23 LESLIE WHITE: Short girl. Leslie White,  
24 District Six. My question is are we going to -- I  
25 think sometimes we're not seeing the forest for the  
26 trees here. Are we now going to -- anything that's put  
27 out for bid that the council as a whole is going to  
28 have to review that before it -- it can be -- I mean,  
29 why do we have a purchasing department if we're -- if  
30 everything that's put out for bid is going to have to  
31 run through the council? Then these council meetings  
32 need to start at about one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon  
33 and we need to just do away with the purchasing  
34 department. We could save some money that way I guess.  
35 Because this sounds crazy to me. I mean, we either  
36 have people in place that are paid by the county that  
37 are on staff that can do these things or we don't. And  
38 frankly I'm so -- I have so little confidence in this  
39 policy now because of what just happened with that  
40 vote. Because what I think you failed to hear was that  
41 we weren't -- those of us that came up here and spoke  
42 on that, it wasn't a question of whether they should be  
43 private security or under the Sheriff. Our concern was  
44 the -- the policy. The way it was handled. The  
45 process. And now we're going to take it even a step  
46 farther and we're going to have to have everything  
47 that's bid -- that's bid on go through the entire  
48 council. My gosh. How long is that going to take?  
49 Are we going to have to come to the council for bid  
50 proposals for whether Office Depot or Office Max gets

1 office pens for the county? This is -- I -- we just  
2 need to think this through a little farther. Please.  
3 I implore you. I think you just made one of the most  
4 horrendous votes there ever was and I am imploring you  
5 to think about what you're doing. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

7 RICK FREEMANTLE: Yeah. Why bother? Are you  
8 doing this so that you can make sure we get the best  
9 price on whatever we need in this county? If so,  
10 that's a great idea. But I have to agree with the  
11 previous speaker. What just happened here was a total  
12 injustice to the taxpayers of this county. You're not  
13 concerned. You're not hearing. Our country is in  
14 financial trouble. You just had a chance to save a ton  
15 of money. You threw it out the window. Why bother  
16 with this?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

18 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Candy Kern-Fuller. I  
19 live in Mr. Allen's district, District Four. I think  
20 that this proposal is yet another example of the kind  
21 of mentality that Ms. Wilson very succinctly stated.  
22 This is micro management of this county by this  
23 council. And we are county administrator form of  
24 government. Not a county council form of government.  
25 Not a council supervisor form of government. And I  
26 would ask that you vote this down. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at all?  
28 Hearing none, at this time the public hearing will be  
29 closed. Moving in -- the ordinance now. Mr. Moore,  
30 any comments?

31 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move it.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?  
33 Ms. Wilson seconds. Now discussion. Any discussion?  
34 Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: The lady that spoke -- spoke  
36 first about this, I wonder -- I agree with her. I  
37 agree. But I just wonder. When we first -- when they  
38 first started doing all of this, when they first  
39 started putting in boxes for bids and the chairman was  
40 going to open the box and somebody else was going to  
41 have a key, I mean where were y'all then? It's the  
42 same thing. It is micro managing. We had a -- a  
43 person who took care of purchasing for a number of  
44 years. We had no problems with our purchasing system  
45 that was in place. And the next thing I knew council  
46 members ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: Please hold it down. Please  
48 hold it down and show courtesy to Ms. -- Ms. Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Council member.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. So I wonder why  
2 now -- why, you know, why all of this now about this?  
3 Is this involved from something else that -- that's  
4 been done some time before. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

6 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. First of all,  
9 one of the speakers erroneously termed what form of  
10 government we have. If you look at the South Carolina  
11 Home Rule we are a council administrator form of  
12 government. And the problem that we have is two fold  
13 here. County council members are individually and  
14 collectively responsible for the finances of Anderson  
15 County. And second of all, because we have this huge  
16 debt load and other issues including a terrible  
17 economy, we're going to have to become familiar with  
18 the function of our government. And in order to make  
19 sensible reasoned decisions on our upcoming budget to  
20 keep our county afloat in the times of this terrible  
21 economy, we are going to have to look at the small  
22 details. It's because nobody looked at the small  
23 details that Anderson County's sewer fund has an extra  
24 Twenty Million Dollar debt load on it this year. If  
25 you look at your CAFR, you will find that we have a  
26 huge bonded debt load in this county that was put on  
27 the last twelve years. And what we have is a ticking  
28 time bomb. We've got huge debt payments coming up. If  
29 you start looking at the tables, we're going to get hit  
30 really hard in the year 2015. We have reduced revenues  
31 coming in in building and codes. We have reduced  
32 revenues coming in in almost every department. It  
33 behooves us to look very carefully at every detail. It  
34 behooves not only to look at every detail but put it  
35 out for the public. We have a lot of awesome citizens  
36 who are more than happy to look at things with us and  
37 help us make determinations here. Ultimately, however,  
38 we are responsible and that's why I'm recommending that  
39 we study carefully, we include our public, and yes, we  
40 do need to have some micro management skills here to  
41 get through the next two years. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

43 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

45 TOM ALLEN: Regarding the wording of  
46 this paragraph one in the ordinance it says, All  
47 proposals shall be submitted to county council. Was it  
48 -- should it be all requests for proposals? The  
49 proposal is the final product that comes back in. Is  
50 that what we want to look at or do we want to look at

1 the requests before they go out?  
2 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Allen, it is the -- they  
3 are requests for proposal, but I believe throughout the  
4 purchasing code it refers to them as proposals.  
5 TOM ALLEN: As proposals.  
6 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.  
7 TOM ALLEN: Okay. I had a -- just  
8 another quick question too. Is this -- when it says  
9 they shall be submitted to county council. Is that  
10 something that would have to be done at a meeting like  
11 this or does that mean it's our option to -- to go and  
12 look at them. They would be made available for county  
13 council.  
14 MIKE PITTS: I would think the latter.  
15 TOM ALLEN: The latter. Okay. And if I  
16 could, just very quick. Mr. Carroll, about how many  
17 RFPs go out a year? Does anybody has a ballpark  
18 figure?  
19 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Allen, it's going to  
20 vary each year, but I would say six or eight.  
21 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?  
23 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
25 BOB WALDREP: I'm just trying to balance  
26 out what some of the thoughts are of the folks on  
27 council and the folks out there that have been looking  
28 at this. And I just wondered if they -- it might be  
29 appropriate to consider that this information, of  
30 course, be provided to council with the option of  
31 council to review this. If council chooses to so do --  
32 look at these that they would consider them, and if  
33 they didn't consider it significant that they would  
34 not. That way it wouldn't be, you know, a requirement  
35 so much and it would give some discretion to council so  
36 that we don't get involved in a lot of things that  
37 might be some really small matters that would take up  
38 time, but if there was something of some significance  
39 out there. And I just wondered if Mr. Moore would  
40 submit to an amendment to language to that effect. And  
41 I would so move to amend the ordinance to permit  
42 council to have the discretion to look at these and to  
43 consider these proposals, requests for proposal.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep -- Mr. Waldrep's  
45 making a motion to amend Mr. Moore's original motion to  
46 -- would you state your amendment one more time, Mr.  
47 Waldrep?  
48 BOB WALDREP: Well my -- my amendment -- I  
49 don't know if I'm stating -- I guess it would help me  
50 to write it down -- would be that the council would

1 reserve the right to and the discretion to determine  
2 which proposals that they wish to consider.  
3 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: We need to -- first, we've  
5 got a motion on the floor of Mr. Waldrep's amendment.  
6 We need a second.  
7 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
8 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. -- Mr. Allen seconds --  
10 seconds the motion. Now -- now discussion. Mr. Allen.  
11 TOM ALLEN: I was just going to say if  
12 we just changed the word submitted to made available to  
13 council members. Would be made available to council  
14 members rather than submitted. That was -- I'm just  
15 thinking of the verbiage. That's all.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. -- Ms. Floyd.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'm going to ask  
19 this question of ---  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll?  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Thank you. Mr.  
22 Carroll, hasn't it -- has it always been the privilege  
23 of the council to look at any bids or anything that has  
24 come in before? Haven't we always had that opportunity  
25 to do it if so -- if we so moved to do so?  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: Any bid, you know, is  
27 advertised in the papers and advertised in SCBO as  
28 public information and -- and we do keep copies in our  
29 office. So, yes, you could by -- come by ---  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Any time?  
31 ROBERT CARROLL: Just like any member of the  
32 public can come by and get a copy.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: So we could do that any way  
34 all the time. Right? It's -- yes.  
35 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Okay. Thank you. So  
37 I don't understand why we have to have an ordinance to  
38 say that we can do that if that's what this ordinance  
39 is about.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anyone else?  
41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
42 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
44 EDDIE MOORE: Well, it probably --  
45 probably would -- probably not going to do us any good  
46 to pass this anyway because what just happened tonight  
47 is a classic example of the council not paying  
48 attention to what the heck's going on. We have vendors  
49 come up here tonight -- the other night and said that  
50 their -- their questions were not answered. I had a

1 stack of letters from the vendors that said their  
2 questions were not answered. I gave them to everybody  
3 and I asked for -- and I still -- we -- they didn't get  
4 the answers. So why even mess with even voting this in  
5 tonight because y'all not going to look at it any way.  
6 I think I'm the only person up here and maybe Ms.  
7 Wilson that cares about what's going on to try to save  
8 the county money. So I don't know whether you should  
9 even vote for it really.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Well, Mr. Moore, that's your  
11 option. Whether you withdraw -- to withdraw your  
12 motion or not. We've got a -- Ms. Wilson.

13 CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think  
14 where we have a lot of confusion is the definition of  
15 bid versus the request for proposal.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I  
17 wholeheartedly agree.

18 CINDY WILSON: And the other issue is that  
19 we as members of council in the past have not been made  
20 aware of when we had bids that were coming up so a lot  
21 of times it would pass until we would see an ad in the  
22 paper. And the parameters for the bids are already set  
23 by then. And that's what happened in a couple of these  
24 situations. The RFP for private security services and  
25 then the requests for proposals in solid waste. I  
26 personally think that if we'd had a little more time to  
27 review and know what was being prepared before it went  
28 out there, I think we would have gotten a better -- a  
29 better response from vendors. I think we would have  
30 had more responses, more suggestions, and better cost  
31 savings for the county. And see this -- I hate to say  
32 this, but it goes back to what we've been left with the  
33 previous regime. We've still got to work our way  
34 through this. And I'm going to vote for this tonight  
35 because I think we've got some more working through the  
36 impedimentum that we have inherited.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. Mr.  
38 Carroll, you got something you want to add or anything?  
39 Okay.

40 ROBERT CARROLL: I'll just wait for anymore  
41 questions.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Are there any more  
43 discussion on the amendment? This is what we're going  
44 to be voting on first. We've got to vote on the  
45 amendment to Mr. Moore's thing. The amendment if I'm  
46 right is -- is just for council to review this and not  
47 actually have to vote on every proposal unless they  
48 make the choice to bring it before council. That's the  
49 amendment. But Ms. Floyd got a -- was next.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Well, I still got back

1 to what I said. Since this is already in place, Mr.  
2 Chairman, do we still have to vote to put it in place?  
3 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion to ask  
4 for it to be -- to make sure that they are notified --  
5 they're notified about requests for proposals. So what  
6 you know -- vote up or down but we've got a motion on  
7 the thing to vote.  
8 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So ---  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
10 CINDY WILSON: -- what we have in place  
11 here with the amendment -- amended language would be  
12 that we would be notified of upcoming ---  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Requests for proposals and  
14 if any council person had objections then they would  
15 bring it before the administrator or council floor.  
16 CINDY WILSON: Or if we needed to look at  
17 the paperwork and make suggestions or recommendations  
18 that that -- that allows us to make ---  
19 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
20 CINDY WILSON: Gives us the latitude.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Right.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll.  
24 ROBERT CARROLL: Can I make a comment?  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: I think we might need to put  
27 some kind of time frame in that, you know, when I get  
28 the requests -- the information from the departments  
29 and I put the package together and then I forward it to  
30 Mr. Burns and he distributes it to the council, how --  
31 what kind of mechanism do you use -- I wait until I'm  
32 told by the administrator to go ahead with it or  
33 there's a consensus at a vote of council. I guess I'm  
34 just want to make sure -- clear directions.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: If this -- if this amendment  
36 passes it won't be no vote for council. It'll just be  
37 the council will be notified, is Mr. Waldrep's thing.  
38 And it will proceed on unless somebody's got an  
39 objection to it to bring it before council or the  
40 administrator or something and he'll handle it. That's  
41 the amendment we're voting on. So let's vote on --  
42 vote on the amendment. Does everybody understand? All  
43 in favor of Mr. Waldrep's amendment, show of hands.  
44 All opposed. Show the motion -- the amendment carries.  
45 Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
46 Waldrep, Ms. Wilson vote in the affirmative. Ms. Floyd  
47 voting in opposition. Now at this time we're going to  
48 be voting on the original ordinance as amended. So --  
49 what's the time? Now is ---  
50 MIKE PITTS: About a minute and twenty



1 seconds.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We're going -- if  
3 there's no more discussion then we're going to call for  
4 the vote. All in favor of the motion and amended -- as  
5 amended, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion  
6 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
7 Mr. Waldrep, and Ms. Wilson votes affirmative. Ms.  
8 Floyd votes opposition. At this time we're moving on  
9 to Resolutions Number 13(a), a resolution approving an  
10 efficiency awards program for certain employees of  
11 Anderson County and matters related to there -- related  
12 and thereto. Mr. Bob Waldrep.

13 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
14 think everybody -- this is 13. I had it a moment ago.  
15 It was discussed at last council meeting and I think  
16 most of you understand where I was coming from with  
17 regard to this resolution. And I wanted to say very  
18 briefly that this comes from, I guess, quite a bit of  
19 experience that I've had with government over the years  
20 and quite of bit of experience that I've had with  
21 private industry as well. That I'm -- I'm hopeful that  
22 you would favorably consider this resolution in the  
23 sense that I've found out that in every organization,  
24 government and private, or what have you, there are  
25 lots of folks out there that can contribute some very  
26 cost saving information. And that's really what this  
27 is about. This is a resolution and a policy that I  
28 hope that we could put in place that would give  
29 incentive to those employees out there who know first  
30 hand many ways that they can save money and be more  
31 efficient. And I kind of remember what Mr. Hopkins  
32 told me some time recently about a very simple thing  
33 that a county employee came up with as to how to save  
34 hours off of the delivery of services. And it had to  
35 do with a simple thing like making the hose bigger on a  
36 gas -- I guess a gas line to fuel the trucks that go  
37 out. And I know that seems like a small thing. But  
38 after a while you start talking about hours and hours  
39 of things. So having said that, if I may, I'd like to  
40 read the resolution that it's the Anderson County's  
41 policy to recognize and reward employees for their  
42 outstanding ideas for improving the efficiency of the  
43 county operations which result in measurable cost  
44 savings in the county and that candidates for  
45 efficiency awards must have performed work or suggested  
46 implemented ideas that result in cost saving or improve  
47 efficiency in tangible and measurable ways.  
48 Eligibility would be that non -- all non-management  
49 employees are eligible for efficiency awards.  
50 Supervising managers can nominate employees or work

1 teams within their departments that they believe have  
2 made significant contributions to the county's success.  
3 Employees are eligible for no more than two efficiency  
4 awards during a calendar year. Selections would be  
5 nominations must be accompanied by their supervisor or  
6 manager's brief written description of why a particular  
7 performance should be considered outstanding for  
8 purposes of this efficiency incentive program. And the  
9 committee on employee excellence comprising one manager  
10 from each of the county's division evaluates all  
11 nominations and is responsible for selecting among the  
12 pool of candidates. The committee's recommendations  
13 are subject to the final approval of the county  
14 administrator. The committee will meet at least two  
15 times a year for purposes of recommending awards. And  
16 the total amounts of the award amounts would be the  
17 county shall set aside a pool of funds to be used for  
18 efficiency awards in an amount recommended by the  
19 committee on employee excellence and approved by the  
20 county administrator. The amount of cash award shall  
21 be commiserate with the value of the performance of the  
22 achievement being recognized. The committee on  
23 employee excellence is responsible for assigning dollar  
24 amounts to awards. And the committee's recommendations  
25 for award amounts is subject to the final approval of  
26 the county administrator. Cash awards are included in  
27 the employee's taxable income and employees are  
28 responsible for paying the applicable taxes. The  
29 efficiency award program would be managed by the  
30 personnel department. Employees would be contacting to  
31 -- Ms. Phyllis McAlister for additional information.  
32 And of course the county would reserve the right to  
33 amend or terminate the performance award programs at  
34 any time. So I realize that in the past I heard from  
35 one council person some time back that, well we're  
36 already doing this. I've heard we're already doing  
37 this a good bit about a lot of things. But we -- I  
38 don't see that this has been an implemented program in  
39 the last several years and -- to my knowledge that I've  
40 been able to determine through the administration or  
41 anyone else. And so I am hopeful that you would pass  
42 this resolution. And I would so move. I guess the  
43 next thing in order to follow the procedure here, it  
44 would be;

45       Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
46 body politic and corporate, and a political subdivision  
47 of the state of South Carolina; and

48       Whereas, the County Council believes that  
49 certain county employees should be encouraged and  
50 incentivized to suggest and implement ideas that result

1 in significant and measurable cost savings to the  
2 county; and

3 Whereas, to that end the County Council hereby  
4 endorses and directs the county administrator to  
5 implement the Anderson County Efficiency Awards Policy,  
6 a copy of which I just reviewed for you and attached as  
7 Exhibit A.

8 So now, therefore, it is resolved by the  
9 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that  
10 the policy is approved and the county administrator is  
11 to implement the same.

12 2. The resolution shall take effect and be  
13 in force immediately upon enactment.

14 Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 2nd  
15 day of February, 2010.

16 And I would put that in the form of a motion.

17 CINDY WILSON: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion, Mr.

19 Waldrep's motion and Ms. Wilson seconds the motion.

20 And discussion? Ms. Floyd.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: There -- there have been  
22 some questions posed about this type of thing here.  
23 That some -- I have heard that it was illegal to do  
24 something like this, to implement this sort of thing on  
25 a county or a state level. Mr. Pitts, could you help  
26 us with that?

27 MIKE PITTS: I'm not aware of anything  
28 that would make this illegal, Ms. Floyd.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well I have been told  
30 that countless times. But the -- the irony of this  
31 whole thing is that we're going to cut their salaries  
32 back to three or four years and then we're going to pay  
33 them for an idea that they -- that they have. I -- I  
34 just don't see it. If we don't have the money to pay  
35 them for the salary -- pay them their salaries, are we  
36 going to have the money to pay them for their ideas?  
37 It just doesn't make any sense to me. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else? No  
39 discussion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
40 All opposed, like sign. Abstentions. Show the motion  
41 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
42 Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson votes in favor. No opposition.  
43 And Ms. Floyd record abstention. Moving on. We're  
44 moving on to 13(b), Number R2010-016, a resolution  
45 authorizing the county administrator to execute  
46 agreement -- an agreement between Anderson County and  
47 the Town of Honea Path providing for the division of  
48 certain sewer services and matters related thereto.  
49 Mr. Burns. Mr. Pitts.

50 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, this -- this

1 has to do with the Town of Honea Path that's been  
2 providing sewer services extending from their town  
3 limits up along South Carolina Highway 76/178 and  
4 extending up through there including or encompassing  
5 Belton-Honea Path High School. The Town of Honea Path  
6 approached the county and asked that the arrangement  
7 that's been in place for some time be memorialized in a  
8 written agreement and that is the -- that is the  
9 intergovernmental agreement that's attached to this  
10 resolution. It basically recognizes and puts in  
11 writing what has been the practice for some time in  
12 that the county is consenting to the town providing  
13 sewer service in that part of the county. And it  
14 provides both parties with the -- the opportunity to  
15 terminate the agreement on notice. And I've worked out  
16 the details with the attorney for the Town of Honea  
17 Path. The way it would work is that the Town of Honea  
18 Path, if it wanted to get out of the sewer business, it  
19 would give the county an -- a year's written notice and  
20 we would take over the lines. I might add that it's my  
21 understanding that the town has actually constructed  
22 the lines and the infrastructure that we're talking  
23 about here for the sewer service. If the county were  
24 to decide that it wanted to get into that business, for  
25 lack of a better word, it would likewise give notice to  
26 the Town of Honea Path, a one year written notice. It  
27 would reimburse the Town of Honea Path for the fair  
28 market value of the infrastructure, but only to the  
29 extent that the town actually spent its own money  
30 building it. In other words, if they used grant money  
31 or other funds to build the infrastructure, the county  
32 wouldn't have to pay them back for that.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Do we  
34 have a motion?

35 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion  
37 to adopt.

38 BOB WALDREP: Second.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any  
40 discussion?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I want to ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to have one question  
44 here just to make sure now. This is to authorize our  
45 county administrator to execute this agreement. But  
46 now, would that be -- will that be a conflict of  
47 interest being that our county administrator works for  
48 the Town of Belton, Mr. Pitts?

49 MIKE PITTS: You mean for the Town of  
50 Honea Path?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, Town of Honea Path.  
2 MIKE PITTS: I'm not -- I don't know the  
3 details about Mr. Burns' -- the scope of his retention  
4 with the town. But if there were a conflict then you  
5 are correct, I think then the deputy administrator  
6 would have to execute the agreement, if there is in  
7 fact a conflict. I don't know if there is.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, would you check to  
9 make sure before we get in more trouble, please? Will  
10 you check it out you know so that we can ---  
11 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. I sure will.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: He is -- I -- I just think  
13 it needs to be checked out to make sure that we are not  
14 violating any law. And another thing, is the -- the  
15 county is not in the sewer business, are we?  
16 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. In certain ---  
17 TOMMY DUNN: In a big way.  
18 MIKE PITTS: Certain areas, yes, ma'am.  
19 Not the entire county.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Hold it -- hold it down,  
21 please. Hold it down.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. Thank you. Now  
23 what were you saying before we were so rudely  
24 interrupted?  
25 MIKE PITTS: It's my understanding that  
26 the county does provide sewer services in certain parts  
27 of the county just not the entire county.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: In certain parts of the  
29 county but not the entire county.  
30 MIKE PITTS: Correct.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Cause I -- I seem to  
32 remember something about Starr-Iva. Okay. Good.  
33 Thank you. Okay.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Burns.  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: You going to make any money  
37 off this deal?  
38 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Any of your kin folk?  
40 RUSTY BURNS: None of my -- none of my  
41 relatives. Nobody's going to make any money on this  
42 deal. And in order to avoid a conflict of interest  
43 I've had nothing to do with that. That conversation  
44 has been between our attorneys. And we will leave it  
45 like that. And we can have the deputy administrator  
46 and you can add that to the resolution just to further  
47 increase that.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: I just wanted to get that on  
49 record. Thank you much. Any more discussion?  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

1 CINDY WILSON: Should we just make that  
2 amendment? Shall we just make that.  
3 MIKE PITTS: Ms. Wilson, that's a good  
4 point. We probably need a motion to amend the  
5 resolution to provide for the deputy administrator to  
6 execute the agreement.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
8 CINDY WILSON: I would make the motion to  
9 do as Mr. Pitts suggests.  
10 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion to amend  
12 the motion -- to amend the original resolution to let  
13 the deputy administrator or assistant administrator  
14 take the place of the administrator signing on this.  
15 And we have a second. Ms. Wilson made a motion for it.  
16 Any discussion on the amendment? Are there any  
17 discussion on the amendment? Hearing none, all in  
18 favor of the amendment show of hands. All opposed,  
19 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Now  
20 we'll be going back and voting on the original  
21 resolution as amended with the -- with the thing of  
22 having the deputy administrator signing it. Any  
23 discussion on that? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
24 motion as amended, show of hands. All opposed. Any  
25 abstentions? Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr.  
26 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson  
27 votes in favor. No opposition. And Ms. Floyd abstains  
28 from voting. Now we'll be moving on to Item Number ...  
29  
30 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE TWO  
31 TOMMY DUNN: ... before hand. I'm sure  
32 everything meets county -- I know that's a big  
33 contention of Mr. Waldrep. I'm sure everything has met  
34 county approval before it's been asked for the council  
35 to adopt it.  
36 MS. HUNTER: Yes sir, Mr. Chairman. All  
37 drainage issues have been addressed and also all county  
38 regulations regarding subdivision also have been met.  
39 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Hunter. Do  
41 we have a motion?  
42 BOB WALDREP: Move -- I so move that  
43 adoption, approval, and acceptance.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: We have -- we have a motion  
45 on the floor from Mr. Waldrep and seconded by Mr.  
46 Moore. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in  
47 favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
48 the motion carries unanimously. We'll be moving on to  
49 Item Number 15, appointments, various boards and  
50 commissions at this time. Mr. Wilson.

1                   RON WILSON:           Yes. I want to nominate the  
2 people to the District Six Citizen Advisory Zoning  
3 Board for the Sixth District. Seth Landrum, Robbie  
4 Whitfield, Brian Ledford, Norman Garrison, Wayne  
5 Taylor, Hoyt Thompson and Ann Smith.

6                   CINDY WILSON:       Second.

7                   TOMMY DUNN:         We have a motion to put  
8 those individuals named -- Mr. Wilson named to the  
9 District Six Citizen Advisory Board. Ms. Wilson  
10 seconds. Are there any discussion?

11                  GRACIE FLOYD:       I thought there was only  
12 three for the advisory.

13                  TOMMY DUNN:         You can put as many as you  
14 want to on there. You can make it -- you can make it  
15 three or you can make it sixteen. Ever how you want to  
16 do it.

17                  RON WILSON:         I had too many. This is the  
18 group.

19                  TOMMY DUNN:         Yeah. Anybody -- any  
20 further discussion? All in favor of Mr. Wilson's  
21 motion, show of hands. All opposed. Any abstentions?  
22 At this time show -- show the record Mr. Wilson, Mr.  
23 Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore voted in favor.  
24 Ms. Wilson, I didn't get your -- did you abstain or are  
25 you? Okay. Votes in favor. No opposition. Mr.  
26 Waldrep and Ms. Wilson abstains. Any more  
27 appointments, Mr. Wilson? Mr. Allen.

28                  TOM ALLEN:          Yes, I have two, Mr.  
29 Chairman. For the animal shelter committee, I'd like  
30 to nominate Nicole Wachowitz for that.

31                  CINDY WILSON:       Second.

32                  TOMMY DUNN:         We have a motion on the  
33 floor to nominate Ms. Wachowitz for the animal control  
34 board and Ms. Wilson seconds that motion. Any  
35 discussion? None. All in favor of the motion, show of  
36 hands. Mr. Wilson. Any -- all opposed? Any  
37 abstentions? Show Ms. Floyd abstains. Show Mr. Moore,  
38 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Wilson, and Mr.  
39 Waldrep votes in favor. No opposition. And Ms. Floyd  
40 abstains.

41                  TOM ALLEN:          I have one -- one more I'd  
42 like to do.

43                  TOMMY DUNN:         Mr. Allen.

44                  TOM ALLEN:          For the human resources  
45 committee, I'd like to nominate Ms. Carol Burdette.

46                  TOMMY DUNN:         Do we have a second? I  
47 second. Any discussion? All in favor of Mr. Allen's  
48 motion to put Ms. Burdette on the human relations  
49 commission, a show of hands. All oppose like sign.  
50 Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen,

1 anything further?  
2 TOM ALLEN: No, that was all I had.  
3 Thank you.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.  
7 Moore.  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. I have one. My EMS  
9 resigned, so I would like to nominate Shae Loftis to be  
10 on the EMS commission.  
11 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to put Mr.  
13 Loftis on the EMS commission for Mr. Moore and Ms.  
14 Wilson seconds. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
15 favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show of hands. All  
16 opposed. Any abstentions. Show the motion carries.  
17 Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
18 Waldrep, and Ms. Wilson votes in favor. No opposition.  
19 And Ms. Floyd abstains. Mr. Moore, any more?  
20 EDDIE MOORE: I've got one more. I'd like  
21 to nominate Elizabeth Fant for the animal shelter  
22 board.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
24 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
26 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion  
27 of Mr. Moore putting Ms. Fant on the animal -- animal  
28 board, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion  
29 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep,  
30 Mr. Moore, and Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms. Floyd in  
31 opposition. All -- anything else, Mr. Moore?  
32 EDDIE MOORE: No, Mr. Chairman.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
34 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I've had a --  
35 a resignation and I think we're probably going to end  
36 up trying to come up with some kind of resolution for  
37 Dr. Stuart Barnes at the EMS committee -- advisory  
38 committee. I think he's been on there for several  
39 years and I got notified that he had -- was -- for some  
40 reason he was unable to serve any further. And for  
41 that reason I'm nominating in his stead Hilda Harbin,  
42 and ask that she be considered.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Harbin.  
44 BOB WALDREP: Yes, Hilda Harbin.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
46 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
48 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr.  
49 Waldrep's motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign.  
50 Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Waldrep, any



1 -- anyone else?  
2 BOB WALDREP: That -- that's all I have,  
3 thank you.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
6 For the Farmer's Market, I've had a resignation and  
7 would like to nominate Mr. Andy Callaham for that  
8 position.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have -- Mr. Moore  
10 seconds Ms. Wilson's motion. Are there any discussion?  
11 All in favor of Mr. Callaham on the Farmer's Market for  
12 Ms. Wilson's district, show of hands. All opposed.  
13 Show the motion carries unanimously. I have no  
14 appointments.  
15 CINDY WILSON: One more.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Ms. Wilson. I'm  
17 sorry. Go ahead.  
18 CINDY WILSON: For the animal shelter board  
19 Ms. Wanda Crane.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. -- Ms. Crane for the  
21 animal -- animal shelter board. Any -- do we have a  
22 second?  
23 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds the  
25 motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of  
26 Ms. Wilson's motion, show of hands. All opposed. Any  
27 abstentions. Show the motion carries Mr. -- in favor.  
28 Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
29 Waldrep, and Ms. Wilson. No opposition. And Ms. Floyd  
30 abstains.  
31 RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.  
33 RON WILSON: I have one other that I  
34 overlooked.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.  
36 RON WILSON: To the Farmer's Market board  
37 Pam Merritt Corey. I'm reappointing her.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Reappointing Ms. Pam Corey.  
39 RON WILSON: Pam Merritt Corey.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Pam Merritt Corey.  
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a second from Ms.  
43 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor, show of hands  
44 of Mr. Wilson's motion. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
45 motion carries unanimously. We'll be moving on at this  
46 time to Mr. Robert Carroll. Acceptance of bids.  
47 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, we just have  
48 one bid to bring before you tonight. Precast box  
49 culverts for Elrod and Foster Roads. I believe both of  
50 these are in Ms. Wilson's area. And this is the result

1 of washout from heavy rains. And this is just ordering  
2 the culverts, and I believe the work will be done in-  
3 house by roads and bridges. The low bid MST Concrete,  
4 Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Dollars.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
6 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second? Ms. --  
8 BOB WALDREP: How much?  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion  
10 and Mr. Floyd -- Mr. Waldrep seconds the motion. Now,  
11 Mr. Waldrep.  
12 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Okay. I said, I  
13 guess, how much that was?  
14 TOMMY DUNN: State that again Mr. ---  
15 ROBERT CARROLL: Thirty-six Thousand Eight  
16 Hundred and Thirty Dollars to MST Concrete.  
17 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I'm just always  
18 kind of interested in how much that concrete cost.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Where is this -- is it Mist  
22 Concrete? M-i-s-t?  
23 ROBERT CARROLL: MST is -- stands for Martin  
24 Septic Tank I believe.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: M-I. Okay. MST.  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: MST.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Where -- where are they  
28 located?  
29 TOMMY DUNN: They're out of Central.  
30 ROBERT CARROLL: They're located on -- in  
31 Pickens County right off of Highway 88 out of  
32 Pendleton. But they are in Pickens County.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And --  
34 okay. Thank you.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?  
36 Hearing none, all for the -- all in favor of the  
37 motion, show of hands. All oppose like sign. Show the  
38 motion carries unanimously.  
39 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. At  
41 this time, Ms. Wilson, any requests?  
42 CINDY WILSON: None at this time. Thank  
43 you.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
45 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I would ask  
46 that -- I have three requests that I'd ask that be  
47 grouped up tonight. From my recreation fund to the  
48 T.L. Hanna Band, Five Hundred Dollars. To the Westside  
49 Band, Five Hundred Dollars. And to the -- gosh, I was  
50 just trying to get the proper name here of the -- see

1 where it is. The resolution that we did here for the  
2 -- the Free Clinic of Anderson I guess. I saw Free  
3 Clinic of Anderson and -- this would be the Free Clinic  
4 of Anderson, a Thousand Dollars.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: A Thousand Dollars.  
6 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion from Mr.  
8 Waldrep to give Five Hundred Dollars out of his rec  
9 account to T. L. Hanna Band. The Westside Band also  
10 Five Hundred Dollars. And a Thousand Dollars to  
11 Anderson Free Clinic. And seconded by Ms. Wilson. Are  
12 there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of  
13 the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show  
14 the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Waldrep, anything  
15 further?  
16 BOB WALDREP: That's all. Thank you.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
18 EDDIE MOORE: None tonight, Mr. Chairman.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Dunn has none. Ms.  
20 Floyd.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have a request  
22 please. I would like for the Thousand Dollars that was  
23 set aside out of District Two's rec fund for the fish  
24 for Broadway Lake to be put back in the District Two's  
25 rec account, please. That's in the form of a motion.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? I  
27 second. Any discussion?  
28 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.  
29 BOB WALDREP: I just ---  
30 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Allen. He had the  
32 floor.  
33 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just very quickly.  
34 Could you state that again? What -- what -- where did  
35 the money come from and to again?  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: A Thousand Dollars was set  
37 aside in -- from District Two's funds to give to  
38 Broadway Lake so they could buy fish for the lake. So  
39 they could stock the lake. Meanwhile, we were able to  
40 write a grant and we got the -- a Thousand Dollars from  
41 a grant written by someone from the grant writing  
42 office. We got the grant finally. We applied for the  
43 grant about two years ago. But we got it this time.  
44 So the money for the fish is not needed. And all I  
45 want to do is put it back in District Two's rec  
46 account.  
47 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any other  
49 discussion?  
50 BOB WALDREP: No. That's fine.

1 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms. Floyd's  
2 motion, please show of hands. All opposed, like sign.  
3 Motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: No. That's it.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
6 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.  
8 RON WILSON: Nothing.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on at  
10 this time to the Administrator's Report. I'm sorry.  
11 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.  
12 Chairman.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
14 Citizens' Comments. Mr. Pitts.  
15 MIKE PITTS: The first citizen this  
16 evening is Leslie White.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Please state your name again  
18 and if you've spoken say your district and keep your  
19 comments to the Chair, please.  
20 LESLIE WHITE: Leslie White, District Six.  
21 I want to clear up two things. The first is that the  
22 reason that I made no comments with regard to the  
23 purchasing changes as far as having a bid process where  
24 bids would be submitted in a locked box is because for  
25 years before that we had no bid process. So I saw that  
26 as a form of progress. So I'd just like to clear that  
27 up for District Two. And also the other thing is that  
28 do y'all fail to see the irony in the vote on the  
29 public safety issue and -- and then the vote right  
30 behind it on a change to your requests for proposal  
31 policy. Understand that most of us -- I won't speak  
32 for anyone else, but I will speak for myself. When I  
33 stood here at the beginning of the meeting and spoke to  
34 you on agenda items and spoke about that particular  
35 item, that request for proposal, it was not about  
36 whether I believe -- or stating my opinion on whether  
37 public safety should go the Sheriff's department or  
38 whether it should be sent out to a private contractor.  
39 My -- my issue was with the way the process was  
40 handled. When -- when -- number one, when we asked the  
41 director of public safety to write the specs, I mean  
42 that's the ultimate hint -- you know, the fox guarding  
43 the hen house, number one. And number two, when --  
44 when -- then we have those vendors that responded to  
45 that stand up here and tell you that they all had  
46 different information, y'all sat here tonight and  
47 couldn't determine exactly what the number was.  
48 Seventeen public safety, six for animal control, five  
49 for litter. How many is it? One vendor told you  
50 twenty-one, one vendor told you twenty-nine. A boat on

1 the lake. I mean, there were all these differences.  
2 And the whole issue this -- on the January the 5th  
3 meeting was that obviously we had had some mis-  
4 communication and that wasn't -- it made no sense to go  
5 forward with it at that point. We needed to step back,  
6 make sure that the specs were what they needed to be  
7 and that all of those vendors had been given the same  
8 specs. So my argument was with the process. Not with  
9 the subject matter, not with whether we need actual  
10 Sheriff's deputies here doing building security. So I  
11 just wanted to make that clear. But it's great irony  
12 to me that we voted -- you voted on -- in one minute to  
13 go ahead with the third reading regardless of what your  
14 vote was two weeks -- two meetings ago. And then in  
15 the next breath then you vote on -- on the requests for  
16 proposal policy and that it has to be cleared by you.  
17 It -- it -- there's great irony there. I just want you  
18 to understand where I think most of us were coming from  
19 on that issue. It was not the subject matter itself  
20 ---

21 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

22 LESLIE WHITE: -- it was the process.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next.

24 MIKE PITTS: Bennie Sue West.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. West.

26 BENNIE SUE WEST: Bennie Sue West, District  
27 One. We are broke in this country from the federal  
28 government all the way down, the state. And we're  
29 going to lose more money from the state. And my son  
30 took a Ten Thousand Dollar cut in his salary and his  
31 boss took a Twenty Thousand Dollar cut. They're glad  
32 just to have jobs. I support going back to -- all of  
33 our employees to the 2006-2007 levels. And a good  
34 friend of mine pointed out another good idea, I  
35 thought. And she thought that you all might look at  
36 the museum and think about combining it with the arts  
37 council and/or the visitor's convention center. It  
38 would eliminate duplications of services like county  
39 cars that are used by the three different groups and  
40 laptops and cell phones and there might be some other  
41 advantages there if you all would like to look into  
42 that. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next.

44 MIKE PITTS: Charles Crowe.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowe's left, I believe.

46 Next.

47 MIKE PITTS Rick Freemantle.

48 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.

49 Rick Freemantle. You know, we heard the accountant  
50 tell us earlier that approximately forty different

1 agencies that they handle, out of them maybe a handful  
2 of them have not had a fund balance decrease. Domestic  
3 housing has yet to hit the bottom, the collapse of it.  
4 The commercial building collapse is beginning to  
5 cripple the real estate market even further. We have  
6 an individual plan president who has managed to  
7 quadruple the national debt is one year and just  
8 proposed a budget that will double that in the next  
9 year. We're in a recession and leaning heavily towards  
10 a depression. Tough choices must be made. Especially  
11 here at the county level. For the employees I see  
12 three clear choices. Furloughs, reduce their salaries  
13 or flat out lay them off. Any and all areas where  
14 money can be saved must be taken by you folks. The  
15 general fund balance of 2008 was a little over  
16 Seventeen Million Dollars and represented approximately  
17 three months of this county's operating expenses. The  
18 general fund now is Two Million Dollars less, revenue  
19 is down, and expenses are escalating because of  
20 inflation. So I ask you, if you are not concerned with  
21 getting us the biggest bang for our buck, the  
22 taxpayers' dollar, then why did you bother to ask for  
23 the RFPs to begin with? Were you just playing games  
24 with those people? Were you playing games with the  
25 taxpayers? Were you leading us on? Did you want us to  
26 think that you were trying to save us money and were  
27 serious about it? This has got nothing to do with the  
28 Sheriff. The Sheriff is a fine man. Personally I  
29 don't think we need a deputy guarding a library. It's  
30 stupid. Anyone who wants to do harm to anyone is going  
31 to go into any one of these buildings that we're going  
32 to protect and it won't matter if that individual is a  
33 deputy or not, whether he's got a gun on his hip or  
34 not, they're going to do what they want to do. You  
35 know, I'm reminded of the young fellow from the city  
36 who wanted to go hunting out in the farmer's field and  
37 the farmer told him to be careful, my fields are a  
38 little messy. Didn't take the city slicker long before  
39 he stepped in a meadow muffin and ended up on his butt.  
40 And that's exactly where five of you ended up tonight.  
41 On your butt. And the taxpayers of this county are  
42 going to suffer for it.

43 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

44 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.

45 I just want to point out a couple of interesting things  
46 that were stated tonight. A gentleman running for  
47 council against Mr. Bob's seat made a statement that  
48 the counties -- other counties are doing certain  
49 things. He said Greenville County -- well he said  
50 Greenville and he said Mauldin. I'm totally unaware of

1 Mauldin becoming a county. That was kind of a shock to  
2 me. He seemed so knowledgeable. It shocked me. The  
3 second thing is the gentleman who spoke to us about the  
4 Broadway Lake. A couple of observations there. Give  
5 it to them. Let them deal with it. Another thing  
6 would be, you're in power, you own it. Tell them to  
7 raise their docks and do like Duke Power does. They  
8 don't own the land down to the water. If the water's a  
9 problem, if the dam's a problem as far as the height of  
10 the water level, if they don't like their docks going  
11 under water tell them to lift their docks to a higher  
12 level and that way it won't cost us, the taxpayers,  
13 anything. They will simply fix their problem by not  
14 having their dock so low. But I guess that would be  
15 bad to impose on two hundred and fifty houses what we  
16 all, a hundred seventy something thousand and whatever  
17 county people we have to have to bear the burden for  
18 those two hundred and fifty homes. It's a shame they  
19 left. They could have got to hear the Thousand Dollars  
20 taken back from them. The second thing about the lake  
21 is he mentioned, and I think it's a ploy and I think  
22 it's very deceptive, he mentioned three or four times  
23 - you can review his Power Point I'm sure - that the  
24 level of the lake needs to be made deeper so the water  
25 would have somewhere to go. Duh. Take a cup, fill it  
26 up, take a gallon of water and pour it on top of the  
27 cup, no additional water stays in the cup. Digging the  
28 lake deeper is something they want to do, it may be  
29 something that ought to be done, but don't come in here  
30 and make it sound like digging a hole deeper that's  
31 already full of water is going to hold more water.  
32 We're not quite as stupid as some of the constituents  
33 might be in that district. The other thing would be --  
34 this problem with what happened tonight on the  
35 Sheriff's thing. We have a hiring freeze. It sounds a  
36 little wishy. I agree with Ms. Floyd on that. We're  
37 apparently doing some hiring. But he's only got ten  
38 right now and there's seventeen positions. Is he going  
39 to stay at the ten? Is that going to be frozen? And  
40 if so, if Seven Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand  
41 supported seventeen, do you get to spend the money the  
42 way you see fit or did you just give him the money for  
43 seventeen even though he don't get to hire those seven  
44 replacements for the seven that are missing? I do  
45 think a lot of thought needed to be given to that and a  
46 lot of things didn't happen. The last thing is, y'all  
47 went back and you told us the things that you were  
48 going to talk about in executive meeting and it was  
49 lawyer stuff. I can't imagine you allowing Ron Wilson  
50 to be back there when it's about Greenpointe when he's

1 the cause of that lawsuit. Thank you.

2 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

4 Remarks from Council. Ms. Wilson.

5 CINDY WILSON: Well, I guess we've really  
6 got a big job ahead of us and I look forward having  
7 very healthy discussions with everybody on our budget.  
8 It's going to be a tough time this year but I'm glad  
9 we'll be able to at least sit down and talk. And I  
10 have some good news for everybody. I spent about  
11 Forty-five Thousand Dollars going to the State Supreme  
12 Court to get copies of the GLR 110 and they were  
13 withheld from me. I wouldn't get them for months at a  
14 time and there was some speculation that they were even  
15 altered. Four thirty on Friday afternoon I called Ms.  
16 Eddleman and asked her if she would put that on her  
17 list to do for this week, if she could get me a  
18 printout. It's all online but I'm still computer  
19 illiterate. I didn't think I would get to see it until  
20 some time this week or next. In fifteen minutes they  
21 ran off more than six months' GLR 110s. Is that not  
22 awesome? And the other exciting thing is that when I  
23 looked through it this time, I didn't see a bunch of  
24 nonsense like I used to see. So we're making good  
25 progress. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr.  
27 Waldrep.

28 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I think I've  
29 said enough tonight. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

31 EDDIE MOORE: I think we've got a big  
32 challenge ahead of us and looking forward to it next  
33 Monday for us to really address some of the problems  
34 that we're going to have if we don't address them. We  
35 missed a great opportunity tonight to save a half a  
36 Million Dollars. That would have been a good start.  
37 But we kind of threw that out the window. But other  
38 than that, I look forward to the challenge next week  
39 because I think we're going to have a big challenge.  
40 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I still stand by  
43 the Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars that we spent and is  
44 still going for all those attorneys that we paid. That  
45 money was transferred out of all kind of budgets, all  
46 kind of other accounts to pay these people. I don't  
47 know if they're still paid off or not. And to the man  
48 that got up earlier about my going into executive  
49 session, I'm going to ask you to be careful. You came  
50 mighty close to accusing me tonight of saying things



1 out of executive session. Now if you say that again,  
2 I'm going to make you prove it. All right. You don't  
3 know what you're talking about. And you haven't known  
4 what you've been talking about for the last -- what  
5 three years when you showed up here. Knowing  
6 everything about everything. But I'm going to ask you,  
7 don't make me call the Justice Department into this  
8 thing. You or nobody else can keep me out of any  
9 meeting that's county council that I -- that I choose  
10 to attend. You can laugh if you want to, but I've been  
11 here for eleven years. I've been here eleven years. I  
12 must be doing something right. Keep laughing. But I'm  
13 going to ask you to be -- please, please, You be  
14 careful now. You know what you're talking about.  
15 Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

17 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick comment  
18 regarding the actions that were taken tonight. I  
19 quoted numbers to people. I'm going to say them again  
20 because I don't know if you heard them or not. The  
21 security people that we're talking about, the safety  
22 people, everything included in there is Seven Hundred  
23 and Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Dollars.  
24 If you divide that by seventeen, that's the number of  
25 positions. That's all we're talking about, those  
26 seventeen. That comes out to Forty-one Thousand Eight  
27 Hundred and Seventy Dollars per year per man. The  
28 lowest bid came out to Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred  
29 and Sixty-six Dollars and Thirty-two Cents. That's a  
30 difference of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Three  
31 Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents per man per year,  
32 multiplied times seventeen, will put you somewhere in  
33 the neighborhood of Forty Thousand Dollars more in  
34 costs than if we had gone with the lowest bidder.  
35 Those are real numbers. I'll be glad to show them to  
36 anyone and to discuss them with anyone. I'd -- I don't  
37 like to just throw out figures off the top of my head.  
38 This is the very -- these are the very best numbers I  
39 can get. Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.  
41 Wilson.

42 RON WILSON: None.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I've got a couple of things.  
44 I'd just like to -- I'd like to thank -- I would like  
45 to thank, Mr. Burns, your staff. A couple of things, I  
46 think we had letters in there. Number one is the  
47 county road department helping the fire department  
48 during an investigation. I think here a couple of  
49 weeks ago at a church down in Mr. Moore's down on 29.  
50 That was greatly appreciated. I want the record to

1 reflect that. Also all the hard work that went in  
2 planning for the storm. Thank goodness I don't think  
3 we had to do a whole lot, but people have got to  
4 understand you've got to prepare for the worst and hope  
5 for the best. And I appreciate all the work the staff  
6 and county employees done to do that. And also I'd  
7 just like to remind council to keep this in mind about  
8 our -- and I understand the two circumstances we had  
9 last meeting and this meeting, but we voted back last  
10 year some time or another about our awards and things.  
11 Let's just keep that in mind, you know -- you know, we  
12 voted for it. If you want to change it we can change  
13 it. We voted to do that every quarter. Let's just --  
14 you know, just a gentle reminder about that. And also  
15 I'd like to remind everybody about the workshop Monday.  
16 I believe it's at ten o'clock here at the court house.  
17 I look forward to that. And also along them lines, I  
18 want to say a few -- a few things. Yes, it's going to  
19 be a difficult year. I think we can all agree to that.  
20 But what we need to do and what we've got to do and  
21 what we must do is deal in facts, get our information,  
22 and decide. And this is, you know, people wants to  
23 say, you know, this and that. You know, I think  
24 everything's on the table. We've got to look at it  
25 though before we can start and we've got to get all our  
26 facts and all our information and see what's best and  
27 what's prudent for us to do and what's best for the  
28 citizens of Anderson County. And that's what I look  
29 forward to doing. And yes, you know, we can make those  
30 decisions and will. And one last thing. Please,  
31 folks, if you've got a question before you just go out  
32 and make accusations or something, ask somebody and  
33 find out and try to get a fact. I didn't lie to you  
34 from day one that I sat in this chair up here on this  
35 council thing. I've got the facts and the things to  
36 back it up. You know, I can throw numbers out but I'm  
37 not going to just as good as the next fellow when you  
38 start saving half a Million Dollars here and a Million  
39 Dollars there and Two Million there. And it's  
40 debatable about things. I had the facts. I had the  
41 numbers and my best decision and I think I've really  
42 done what's right for the citizens of Anderson County  
43 to go through this tonight. And I'll be glad to  
44 discuss it with anybody. And y'all have a good night.  
45 If there's no objection, we'll now adjourn.  
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Regular Meeting – February 16, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
Ron Wilson - District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Mike Pitts, County Attorney  
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda N. Eddleman". The signature is written in dark ink and extends horizontally across the page.

Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... to order at this time.  
2 Ms. Wilson's going to be a few minutes late, she  
3 called, so I'll handle the prayer and the invocation.  
4 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOMMY DUNN  
5 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any  
6 corrections or changes that need to be made to the  
7 minutes of the February 2nd meeting? Hearing none I  
8 call for a motion to accept.  
9 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.  
10 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
13 accept, accept the February 2nd meeting. Mr. Waldrep  
14 seconds. All in favor, show of hands. Opposed, like  
15 sign. Show the motion carries. At this time I'll ask  
16 Mr. Pitts, if he would, comments on the citizens  
17 matters. And I would like to ask you please to state  
18 your name and district and address the Chair, please.  
19 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the only  
20 citizen signed up tonight on agenda matters is Mark  
21 Powell.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Powell.  
23 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell from  
24 Williamston, District Seven. Money saved, money that  
25 could be saved, money that has been saved. I would ask  
26 the council to continue doing what they've been doing.  
27 You've saved us a lot of money this past year. I'd  
28 also like for you to look at stuff such as parks and  
29 maybe Broadway Lake and think of things we can save  
30 money as well. It may be a good time to turn Broadway  
31 Lake into a special tax district so that the things  
32 that need to be done could be done for the two hundred  
33 and fifty or so houses that are well enough off to be  
34 able to live there on that lake instead of passing the  
35 entire expense of the entire projects that may have to  
36 be done to the entire county as far as taxpayers. It's  
37 only a three hundred acre mud puddle. It's a beautiful  
38 mud puddle, but it's only three hundred some odd acres  
39 and that is such a small, tiny, tiny, little percentage  
40 of this county as far as square miles and square feet.  
41 I wouldn't like to see a whole lot of our money spent  
42 to do anything special there. What I would like to do  
43 is have you make an ordinance that if there is a dock  
44 problem they must go to floating docks. That way when  
45 the water goes up on high level, their boats go up and  
46 their docks don't flood. If the water goes down,  
47 everything goes with it. I really think that'd be a  
48 good way to save money. And I, I still would like to  
49 say this, I've been saying it for over a year or so  
50 now, I think we need to cut some employees. I think

1 we've got an awful lot of top heavy departments. We've  
2 got a whole lot of highly, highly paid department heads  
3 and that issue needs to be looked at. Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
5 Pitts. At this time moving on to Item No. 5, ordinance  
6 third reading, No. 2010-002, Ordinance amending Chapter  
7 2 5?? of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances  
8 pertaining to purchasing and other matters related  
9 thereto. Mr. Moore.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
11 motion we go ahead and move on this third reading.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

13 TOM ALLEN: Second.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Motion was made by Mr. Moore  
15 and seconded by Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Hearing  
16 none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
17 Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries by Mr.  
18 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep and  
19 Ms. Wilson. Ms., Ms. Floyd had to be excused for a  
20 second. Moving on to Item No. 6(a), Proclamations.  
21 Proclamation commemorating the ninetieth anniversary of  
22 the League of Women Voters by proclaiming the 16th day  
23 of February as the League of Women Voters Democracy at  
24 Work Day.

25 Whereas, the League of Women Voters of the  
26 Clemson area represents all of Anderson, as well as  
27 Oconee County and Pickens Counties, for hands-on work  
28 to safeguard democracy that leads to civic  
29 improvements; and

30 Whereas, the League of Women Voters is a non-  
31 partisan political organization that has fought since  
32 1920 to improve our system of government and impact  
33 public policies through citizens' education and ??; and

34 Whereas, the League, League members are  
35 constantly striving to serve their communities to make  
36 strong, safe, fair and vibrant places to live; and

37 Whereas, the League of Women Voters believed  
38 in representing government and in the individual  
39 liberties established in the Constitution of the United  
40 States; and

41 Whereas, the League of Women Voters has always  
42 worked to promote the values and processes of  
43 representative government; and

44 Whereas, the League of Women Voters  
45 collaborates with other organizations to achieve mutual  
46 goals, increase civic participation, create lasting  
47 change in the community, and to make democracy work;  
48 and

49 Whereas, the League of Women Voters for ninety  
50 years has held the public trust for respectfully

1 bringing elected leaders and public together through  
2 non-partisan, civil means and through thoroughly  
3 advancing solutions; and

4 Whereas, this community has benefitted  
5 tremendously from the countless volunteer hours donated  
6 by League members over its ninety year history of  
7 enhancing our democracy.

8 Now, therefore, I, Tommy Dunn, Chairman of the  
9 Anderson County Council, do hereby proclaim the 16th  
10 day of February, 2010, as ALWV Making Democracy Work  
11 Day in honor of the League of Women Voters' ninetieth  
12 anniversary and urge all residents of Anderson County  
13 to pay great tribute and respect to the League of Women  
14 Voters for all they do to make our community healthy,  
15 vibrant and strong.

16 I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

17 CINDY WILSON: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: A second. Any discussion?  
19 Hearing none, all in favor, show of hands. Opposed,  
20 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
21 Moving on to Item 6(b). Mr. Burns.

22 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, a request a  
23 proclamation honoring the cooperative efforts of the  
24 Anderson County Heart and Stroke Safe Community  
25 initiative and recognizing February as American Heart  
26 Month.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'll make that  
28 in the form of a motion. Do we have a second?

29 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

30 TOM ALLEN: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Any  
32 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, a show of  
33 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
34 unanimous. Now moving on to Item 7, a Power Point  
35 presentation on financial savings of January 1st  
36 through December 31st, 2009. Mr. Tom Allen.

37 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr., thank you,  
38 Mr. Chairman. At this time I'd like to ask Ms. Davis  
39 to step forward and do a short Power Point  
40 presentation. What we're trying to show here is where  
41 we've come and been with the budget to date. And, of  
42 course, as in any case, some of the numbers have to be  
43 projected on to the end of this year. So these are the  
44 very best numbers and, and I think Ms. Davis has done a  
45 very good job of putting these together.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Allen, before we  
47 start, could Ms. Davis please tell us which numbers are  
48 being projected so that we will know. Okay, which are  
49 actual factual numbers and which ones are projected.

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. I'll be glad

1 to.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you, Ms.

3 ...

4 RITA DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Allen,  
5 members of council. This is talking about the budget,  
6 last year's budget and the current year budget, where  
7 we are. And what projected savings, if you will, what  
8 reductions that we have achieved. A team effort. The  
9 first slide that we have and we are comparing the  
10 budget year we're in now to last year's budget year.  
11 None of these are projections or actuals. It's just  
12 the officially adopted budget that County Council  
13 adopted. And you'll see that we -- other departments  
14 and the Sheriff, that we wanted to isolate the Sheriff  
15 separately because, of course, he has his own  
16 specifically identified milage. So you'll see that the  
17 total budget for the Sheriff and all other general fund  
18 departments combined was 61.7 million. The budget for  
19 the prior year was almost sixty-seven million. So  
20 there was a reduction between the two budget years of  
21 five million dollars. A lot of that was capital. We  
22 reduced our health reimbursement account appropriation.  
23 As you know, council struggled and was adamant about  
24 reducing travel, lodging, meals, registration,  
25 training, so we achieved a lot of savings by reducing  
26 those line items. And also photocopy equipment  
27 maintenance, telephone accounts, reduced those two  
28 accounts twenty percent in all departments. So also  
29 there was a focus on allowing interns to, you know, not  
30 work at the county and also part -- some part-time  
31 employees. Very limited, but some part-time were --  
32 are no longer with the county. They were not budgeted.  
33 So take the sum of all of that and the hard work that  
34 County Council put in last budget year and you see the  
35 result. A five million dollar reduction between the  
36 two budget years. The next slide we'd like to show you  
37 is where are we today or actually February 12th when we  
38 ran the numbers. How do we project that we're going to  
39 be come June 30, 2010? And you'll see that the total  
40 revenues are projected to be about fifty-six million  
41 dollars. Again, we've broken the Sheriff's Department  
42 out separately. The total projected expenditures  
43 before any more additional capital is about fifty-five  
44 million dollars. So out on the far right hand column,  
45 third row down, you've about got about a million  
46 dollars that we are projecting before any additional  
47 capital is purchased, that's where we would end up June  
48 30, 2010. However, we -- the Sheriff's Department  
49 wants about a million dollars in cars and other capital  
50 that's probably going to be critical that we purchase

1 before June 30, is approximately half a million  
2 dollars. Of course, that comes before council for  
3 approval before that happens. But if we take those two  
4 line items, the 1.5 million in capital, you'll see that  
5 we're about four hundred and seventy-six thousand  
6 dollars that we're projecting the general fund will end  
7 up a negative. A usage of fund balance. However,  
8 council allowed two million of capital to be used. We  
9 didn't have a usage of fund balance just from  
10 operation. However, the way governmental accounting  
11 works whenever we got the lease money in, the 5.4  
12 million that council approved in the '09 fiscal year,  
13 that shows up as revenue. Then when you spend that  
14 money, it shows up as an expenditure. And I hope I  
15 didn't confuse the issue there. But if I show the two  
16 million that county council says, yes, we can spend up  
17 to two million in capital, then we're -- we did not  
18 spend, we are 1.6 million, is our projection. And  
19 again, Ms. Floyd, this is, this is truly, these are  
20 projected numbers. They change daily, of course, as  
21 money comes in and money goes out. That's, that's what  
22 we're projecting. Then on the next slide we'd just  
23 like to show your original adopted budget in the middle  
24 there of sixty-one million seven hundred and seventy-  
25 five thousand. We, before any of that 1.5 million of  
26 capital that possibly could be spent, we're projecting  
27 fifty-five million in expenditure. So a favorable  
28 variance of 6.3 million dollars. Okay. What's it look  
29 like if you allow the 1.5 million in capital? That's  
30 the next slide after the 1.5. And you'll see that we  
31 come down to a 4.8 million dollar savings, if you will,  
32 when you look at the originally adopted budget where --  
33 what -- as opposed to what we project we will end up --  
34 where we will end up at June 30. And we've got down at  
35 the bottom again the other capital is about half a  
36 million and the vehicles for the Sheriff's Department  
37 would be about a million dollars. And those, the  
38 projected expenditures does include the projected costs  
39 of the legal and the financial investigation. Going to  
40 the next slide, we wanted to compare the audit numbers  
41 that you were presented last meeting where we are  
42 projected this year versus the audited numbers last  
43 year. The audit last year, the general fund ended up  
44 at sixty-two million in expenditures. We project we're  
45 going to spend about fifty-seven million. So there's a  
46 savings, if you will, there of about five million  
47 dollars. And the last slide, these are, again,  
48 projected numbers for June 30, after the 1.5 capital  
49 expenditure versus the originally adopted June 30, 2009  
50 budget. That budget was at sixty-seven million. We're



1 projecting fifty-seven million. So that -- the  
2 variance between those two components is approximately  
3 9.9 million dollars. Any questions, if I may?  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you go back to the  
6 second one, please?  
7 RITA DAVIS: Let's see, get the slide  
8 show. Okay. That slide?  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: No. It must have been the  
10 third. It's one -- that one.  
11 RITA DAVIS: That one. Yes, ma'am.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, uh-huh, that one. I  
13 am -- I need to have this explained to me. Now if this  
14 came up in the financial meeting that was held on  
15 Friday it was, I was not there because of, because of a  
16 prior commitment with our Keep America Beautiful  
17 people. And I did get some information in the mail,  
18 stuff that was passed up, but I left it at home and I'm  
19 trying to get it to come to me so, Ms. Montepara, when  
20 it comes, would you please bring it up to me? They're  
21 going to bring it in the back door. But I'm confused  
22 on this Sheriff's Department and this, this other  
23 capital here. What is the other capital? You know,  
24 what does that comprise?  
25 RITA DAVIS: Road maintenance equipment  
26 like a Gradall that council will be voting on here  
27 shortly.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Road maintenance equipment.  
29 RITA DAVIS: And possibly computers that  
30 are mission essential that the administrator and county  
31 council believes are necessary for purchase. Yes,  
32 ma'am.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but ---  
34 RITA DAVIS: And, and I might point out  
35 that those were authorized in the budget.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we haven't had  
37 any road maintenance work to be done in a while now  
38 because we didn't have a, we didn't fund that  
39 department to do road maintenance. So I don't  
40 understand the five hundred thousand -- is that five  
41 hundred? That's half a million dollars, isn't it?  
42 TOM ALLEN: Half a million.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now the Sheriff's  
44 Department, that's a -- how does that come about?  
45 RITA DAVIS: The million dollars in  
46 capital?  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Did he get that -- do  
48 we have extra money in that department?  
49 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. We -- if you  
50 look up above ---

1 GRACIE FLOYD: The Sheriff's saying yes and  
2 you're saying -- the Sheriff's saying no and you're  
3 saying yes. So which one is it?  
4 RITA DAVIS: Will he have any savings, if  
5 you will, is that what -- your question, ma'am?  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I'm questioning this,  
7 this money here. Where did it come from?  
8 RITA DAVIS: In the Sheriff's Department  
9 that is comprised of his projected revenue with his  
10 30.8 mils plus any fines and fees that he might  
11 collect.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, if I may just  
13 interrupt. That is all in his budget. I mean that's  
14 no extra money pulled in. All that was in his budget.  
15 But go ahead.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
17 That eight mils, did we have that kind of -- okay. All  
18 right. We have all this money here left, left over  
19 from our budget where we were told we might be laying  
20 folks off. Now I know that Mr. Burns told us the last  
21 time that we will not have to lay anybody off he  
22 thought. But now with all this new projection and all  
23 this savings and stuff, what does that mean? Who  
24 answers that question? Mr. Burns, thank you.  
25 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I know that we  
26 won't lay anybody off in February and I'm still hoping  
27 and feel somewhat comfortable that we won't have to do  
28 it for the rest of the year.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Even with this ---  
30 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: -- savings that ...  
32 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: But you're not sure yet,  
34 right? All right. Gina. Rita, did you do this? Did  
35 you put this together or did Gina do it, our finance  
36 director.  
37 RITA DAVIS: I prepared the Power Point  
38 presentation.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. You did a fine job.  
40 But where did the figures come from? Did you put the  
41 figures together?  
42 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. The figures  
43 were derived from our projections.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
45 RITA DAVIS: We looked at the revenues.  
46 We took Ms. Humphries' property tax revenue projection  
47 and we took ---  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Is that the one she told us  
49 was the worse case scenario?  
50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
2 RITA DAVIS: Exactly. In the worse case  
3 ---  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: So you took those figures?  
5 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: The worse case scenario  
7 figures and put them with this one.  
8 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
10 RITA DAVIS: And then we took the  
11 expenditures and we looked at them and we annualized  
12 them, but we adjusted for anything that we knew was  
13 going to happen or was not, like dues and  
14 subscriptions.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
16 RITA DAVIS: We looked at every account.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So when I  
18 -- I need more information. I don't quite understand  
19 it as I would like to, so I just need to go back to  
20 Gina who did this report with you, the two of you.  
21 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: You and Gina can answer  
23 these questions that y'all, that y'all did for me.  
24 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. We're available  
25 at any time. Yes.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?  
28 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, yeah.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
30 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. If I might say, if  
31 anybody needs a copy of this, we can, we can xerox  
32 copies of this off because it is a lot to digest.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: It is.  
34 TOM ALLEN: And, you know, when it gets  
35 thrown right at you. So I think people may need a  
36 little bit of time to look over it and maybe ask some  
37 questions. I like the numbers. I think Rita did an  
38 excellent job. And I've got to compliment her and the  
39 other department heads. Because we on council, we sort  
40 of set the tone of things and say we've got to tighten  
41 up, but they're the ones that really do the gut  
42 wrenching work to get this done. And I think Rita's  
43 done a very good job on it. So anybody that wants a  
44 copy of this, Rita, if we could we'll just xerox one  
45 off because it is going to take a little bit of time to  
46 look at I think.  
47 RITA ALLEN: Be happy to.  
48 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Rita.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
50 BOB WALDREP: Ms. Davis, just a question

1 about the computers. How much was set aside for  
2 computers, to redo the computer program that we have?  
3 RITA DAVIS: Well, of course, the MIS  
4 director ?? administrator is assessing whether all that  
5 was approved is going to be purchased or not. We've  
6 got, you know, back-up computers for, in case of  
7 disaster. And some departments like registration and  
8 election has to have laptops. It's mandated that they  
9 have laptops at the polls.

10 BOB WALDREP: Well, I just don't -- we've  
11 had an old system there that I think is probably over  
12 twenty-five years old and I was trying to get the  
13 amount of the cost of the new system. Do we have any  
14 projection?

15 RITA DAVIS: Are we talking about the  
16 AS400? I know...

17 BOB WALDREP: I think, I think. Is that  
18 included in what we're doing here to put in a new  
19 system?

20 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, Mr. Waldrep, what  
21 we're looking at right now is part of it is a back-up  
22 system. There's -- without getting into great detail  
23 there's, there's kind of like a triangle of main  
24 computer servers that back up each other. We're  
25 missing one third of that triangle. And that would be  
26 put out twenty-four way. It would be a server that's  
27 linked to downtown and another one and they copy each  
28 other as a back-up. So if, if something happened to  
29 this building we could be up and running within just an  
30 hour or two by having that system. That by itself was  
31 a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to put that system  
32 in. But I think last year's budget and this year's  
33 budget for computers was somewhere around three hundred  
34 and fifty thousand, three hundred, three hundred and  
35 fifty thousand has been set aside to buy new equipment.  
36 The rest of that money was set aside to buy replacement  
37 computers and buy new one time purchases of computers  
38 too.

39 BOB WALDREP: Well, I guess my question  
40 is, is that going to get rid of the old system and put  
41 in a new system or is this just kind of band-aid type  
42 work?

43 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, we have a couple of  
44 different operating systems that we use and I'm not the  
45 experts on getting in the deep water here. The AS400  
46 is where the bulk of our accounting and all that is  
47 held. That may be the system that you're thinking  
48 about that's pretty old and it is fairly old. But  
49 some, some departments have very little -- they don't  
50 use that very much.

1 BOB WALDREP: All right. Okay.  
2 HOLT HOPKINS: They just use the software  
3 that comes with it.  
4 BOB WALDREP: Thank you. It was just my  
5 concern, members of council, if we upgrade our computer  
6 system as much as we possibly can because I think it  
7 can be more of a liability if we don't and I just hope  
8 we'll pay some priorities on that. You know, if not  
9 completely this year, but next year to evaluate that  
10 and that would be helpful. Also, Ms. Davis, in getting  
11 us at least a quarterly financial report, would a  
12 modernization of this computer system help us in  
13 getting a quarterly report on our finances, know where  
14 we are.  
15 RITA DAVIS: Well, Mr. Waldrep, to be  
16 honest with you, the AS400 I have found that it gives  
17 me practically any -- all information I need. If not,  
18 MIS, they program it to do what we need.  
19 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
20 RITA DAVIS: That's just been my  
21 experience.  
22 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I'm not trying to  
23 create a problem. I'm just trying to know if a problem  
24 exists out there. If there's no problem I certainly  
25 don't want to ...  
26 RITA DAVIS: Not in our opinion.  
27 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well.  
28 RITA DAVIS: Not as far as the finance  
29 department. I can't speak for other departments.  
30 BOB WALDREP: Well, that was one of the  
31 things in the whole computerized system and everything  
32 that we talk about. And everything that we talked  
33 about with the presentation of Mr. Finley last time  
34 that -- the accountant that was giving us advice -- is  
35 that this idea that we keep up with financial reports  
36 on a regular basis will be very helpful to us because  
37 it gives us the pulse of how things are going. So I  
38 wanted to reflect that. And then also make one  
39 observation that we are apparently going against  
40 Parkinson's Law here of economics. Parkinson's Law  
41 says, of course, that expenses always rise to meet what  
42 income is. We hopefully are going to violate  
43 Parkinson's Law. Thank you.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Does anybody have anything  
45 else for Ms. Davis? Ms. Floyd.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Wilson's got  
48 something. If you would let him. Mr. Wilson.  
49 RON WILSON: Rita, could you get to the  
50 last line?

1 RITA DAVIS: Sure. Okay.

2 RON WILSON: That far right hand bottom  
3 column, can you summarize basically where that savings  
4 came from?

5 RITA DAVIS: I've got some notes. Again,  
6 that was -- last budget year, as you recall, we had  
7 numerous budget workshops and council gave the  
8 directive where they thought there was savings to be  
9 had, where we could cut. We did that. The accounts I  
10 mentioned before like the meals, lodging, travel, there  
11 was some part-time interns that are no longer with us.  
12 Not that many, but some. There -- the health  
13 reimbursement account that county council adopted in  
14 November of '08, we budgeted half of that amount. So  
15 the 2009 amount of two million oh eighty-three we put  
16 toward the health reimbursement accounts, we just put  
17 half of that. So that was significant savings. Less  
18 capital was budgeted because the preponderance of the  
19 capital was budgeted in the '09 budget year. However,  
20 those items that were not purchased, we did carry  
21 forward to allow to be purchased in this, this fiscal  
22 year, the council approved. So that's the majority of  
23 the savings there.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Rita, I would  
26 like to see a breakdown of those savings. Okay. If  
27 you could just list them, you know, for me  
28 individually, that will help me understand the report  
29 so much better. Okay. Because I'm not following you  
30 on some of it. But the thing that I'm just stuck on  
31 this five hundred thousand dollars for the  
32 transportation, I think it was transportation. Five  
33 hundred million dollars, excuse me, half a million  
34 dollars.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Half a million.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I keep saying  
37 thousand but I mean million, okay? I'm kind of stuck  
38 on that. Could we not -- it was said that some of  
39 that, some of those funds were listed in the budget for  
40 this year.

41 TOMMY DUNN: All of them.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Since we didn't have  
43 the road and maintenance department, let's say, because  
44 we didn't do that paving this year because we were  
45 going to cut paving out. Couldn't that money be  
46 satisfied, couldn't that be satisfied for ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: I got you.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: -- for the next fiscal year  
49 and we not use that five hundred million dollars now?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, can I?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: What happened ---  
2 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Let me. I was going to  
4 answer that if, if I can. Number one, the road  
5 maintenance department is still working.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I know.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: They're, they're doing  
8 drainage problems. Believe me, the way my phone's rung  
9 off the hook with all this rain and stuff, they're  
10 still doing that. They're still patching, patching  
11 stuff. This money, Mr. Hopkins, come on up here and  
12 help me out, but this money here is, is bond money or  
13 lease money, I get them -- so it can't be used for this  
14 and that, can only be used for equipment and certain  
15 items. Is that, is that correct?  
16 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. The lease, the  
17 capital ---  
18 TOMMY DUNN: The capital.  
19 HOLT HOPKINS: -- lease money can only be  
20 used for equipment and you're right.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: And we're paying on it  
22 whether we use it or not. I mean, we can give it back  
23 -- that's what the finance -- what we'd talked about  
24 doing before. I mean this money's been obligated. I  
25 mean we ain't got to spend it, no. But it's costing us  
26 by not using it.  
27 HOLT HOPKINS: Right. There'll be two  
28 things coming up that we do have money for in Mr.  
29 Carroll's report. The one is the piece of equipment  
30 that I'll show a short film on what it is. And the  
31 other, we are doing a patching contract just trying to  
32 hold roads together, but we're not doing any full scale  
33 paving except using C funds. But we've still got other  
34 maintenance, maintenance activities that we're trying  
35 to do.  
36 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Ms. Floyd?  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I do  
39 appreciate your patience with me, but I'm just trying  
40 to understand.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And I want  
42 everybody to feel comfortable.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, thank you. I will  
44 release -- relinquish the floor to council member from  
45 District Seven.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma'am. Ms.  
47 Wilson.  
48 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
49 think one of the things we should note is that we cut  
50 our budget from forty-six and a half million to forty-

1 eight -- I mean, excuse me, to 38.4 million roughly.  
2 So that was the bulk of the savings. We actually cut  
3 the budget from '09 to 2010. And the paving, I think  
4 we're supposed to have a bulk contract for paving going  
5 out. We, in our budget discussions this previous  
6 budget year, we decided that we would plan on doing the  
7 district paving accounts and the paving funds that  
8 would be set aside for the county in one large paving  
9 contract. And instead of doing it like later in the  
10 cycle, it would be let, I believe, in the spring. Am I  
11 saying this correctly? So that there would be the  
12 length of the entire spring into early to mid fall that  
13 could be used for paving. Obviously, with the amount  
14 of rainfall we've had and the cold weather, we wouldn't  
15 have been able to do it anyway. And Mr. Hopkins  
16 finally convinced us that if we set it up into that  
17 format, we'd probably get big -- bigger costs savings  
18 for a bulk contract instead of having a piece of it  
19 here and a piece of it there. And I hope it works.  
20 Does it look promising? Okay. The bids -- that's when  
21 the bids will come in or when in or ... Okay. So  
22 that's February 19th? And when do we project that  
23 paving would begin?

24 HOLT HOPKINS: Bids open 19th of this month  
25 and then probably won't award it until early March for  
26 a kind of a -- March 15th or April 1st start date. So  
27 it would be April probably before they really get  
28 going.

29 CINDY WILSON: Wouldn't we have a good feel  
30 for this approach, whether it's working and it's more  
31 viable to go this way, would we know by mid summer or  
32 would be know prior to our budget third reading how  
33 that's working?

34 HOLT HOPKINS: I hope to learn if that's  
35 the right process as soon as we open the bids, see how  
36 many competitors we get.

37 CINDY WILSON: So there's been a big effort  
38 on the part of staff and our council to try to make and  
39 reorganize and streamline our government and get more  
40 use for each tax dollar. So I, I thank everybody for  
41 doing that and I think we'll see an improvement. Thank  
42 you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
44 Moving on to Item Number 8, Report from Finance  
45 Committee. I believe this will be on the, on the  
46 meeting y'all had Friday, Mr. Allen?

47 TOM ALLEN: Yes.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

49 TOM ALLEN: Can we get some lights and  
50 -- lights, camera, action here? Yeah. What I would



1 like to report on next, we had a finance committee  
2 meeting this past Friday. And the purpose of that  
3 meeting was just to put everything on the table that  
4 we're either doing or may have to do in the future to  
5 try and save dollars for the county. So I'm going to  
6 go through approximately eleven items that came up and  
7 just very briefly discuss those. The first item, the  
8 first question that came up was regarding the ten  
9 million dollar general obligation bond that was let  
10 back in 2008. Where's it gone, how much money's left,  
11 what can we do with it, can we use it for something  
12 else, do we need to try and pay it off or whatever?  
13 Bottom line of that whole thing was there's only sixty-  
14 two thousand eight hundred dollars of that left that's  
15 not obligated to something. We've had McCants School  
16 over here has kind of been the money pit. There's been  
17 some cost overruns there. Things keep popping up. You  
18 know, revamping the Townsend Building and some other  
19 projects that are going on. So that bond money has  
20 pretty much all been obligated. So there's, there's  
21 really nothing -- no big savings that we can have out  
22 of that. There was also a question about a fire boat,  
23 a three hundred fifty-six thousand dollar fire boat for  
24 Lake Hartwell. That was brought up for possible  
25 purchase back in 2008. That, of course, was deleted.  
26 That's not going to happen. And that money was not  
27 part of the ten million dollar obligation bond. That  
28 was lease monies. So that money is currently sitting  
29 in the bank. And as high as the lake is right now you  
30 wouldn't be able to get under one of the bridges right  
31 now anyway, so it wouldn't, wouldn't be much help. The  
32 question about TERI employees came up. TERI'd  
33 employees, that's the Teacher and Employee Retention  
34 Incentive program, you know where you retire and then  
35 you can come back to work. We have nine TERI ---

36 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Allen.

37 TOM ALLEN: I'm sorry.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to ask ---

39 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Would you make sure in the  
41 next day or two if you could give every council member  
42 a copy of that?

43 TOM ALLEN: Sure.

44 TOMMY DUNN: I know they'd like to see  
45 it. Ms. -- I know Ms. Floyd's -- to keep her to keep  
46 from trying to write and keep up with everything. And  
47 I just want to say on the spot, make sure everybody  
48 gets a copy.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

50 TOM ALLEN: Right. We'll do that and we

1 didn't have time, I should mention this, didn't have  
2 time to get the minutes done. But that -- when those  
3 minutes come out we'll have a lot of this in there.  
4 But I'll be glad to give you a copy. This was  
5 something I typed up at home, so I wouldn't get too  
6 lost.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you and we  
8 appreciate it.

9 TOM ALLEN: I didn't want to do a Sarah  
10 Palin and write it all on my hand. I couldn't, for  
11 now.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: All right, now.

13 TOM ALLEN: Okay. But anyway the  
14 question had come up about TERI employees and so we do  
15 have nine of those working for the county. They, as  
16 they work here on the TERI plan, they're still only  
17 drawing their paycheck from the county. They're still  
18 putting into their retirement program. However, when  
19 they retire, then they'll begin to draw that money  
20 that's been placed into the TERI program. So as I  
21 said, we do have nine of those folks working here right  
22 now.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you want to take  
24 questions now or do you want to just wait?

25 TOMMY DUNN: That's what -- whatever Mr.  
26 Allen wants to -- how he wants to ---

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Take questions now or wait  
28 until you finish?

29 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, let's go through the  
30 whole thing and I'll be glad to take questions then.  
31 Sure. We discussed phone lines and cell phones, the  
32 numbers that we have in the county. So far twenty-  
33 seven land lines have been disconnected in the county  
34 and that's resulted in a savings of a little over  
35 thirty-two hundred dollars a year. We understand  
36 there's approximately three hundred and fifty cell  
37 phones that county employees have and about forty of  
38 those are Blackberries. Do we need that many? That  
39 was the question that came up. We're in the process  
40 right now of trying to consolidate some of this. Mr.  
41 Carroll, I believe, is going to be working with  
42 Verizon. They're going to be looking at, at the  
43 numbers of phones, the kinds of contracts we have and  
44 what can we do to consolidate those, reduce the numbers  
45 of phones out there and how much money can we save. To  
46 me that seems like a lot of cell phones and  
47 Blackberries. We should have something here in  
48 approximately the next sixty days after Verizon gives  
49 us kind of a read out on, on what's going on and what  
50 we might be able to do to save money. All insurance

1 programs are being reviewed. That includes everything  
2 from the health insurance programs to collision,  
3 liability, the whole thing. We need to find out can we  
4 get a better deal from the insurance companies, can we  
5 save some dollars there. That's an ongoing program.  
6 Department staffing and job descriptions. We brought  
7 up the point of when were the job descriptions last  
8 reviewed, is there anything we can consolidate, are  
9 people doing what they're supposed to be doing, is  
10 there any way to save any money there? I don't want to  
11 force this off on the personnel committee but that  
12 might be something that comes up there if they need to  
13 start really looking at, at personnel matters and job  
14 descriptions and so on. But those items are being  
15 looked at right now to see if there's anything we can  
16 consolidate, put together, and save any money. Energy  
17 savings was brought up and one point was brought up, I  
18 think it was the city was actually shutting off some of  
19 their computers at night when they weren't being used  
20 and they're saving money that way. We need to find  
21 out, can we do that? Is there any way we can save  
22 money on lighting? Duke Energy will come in and do a  
23 survey for us. They'll tell us how we can save dollars  
24 from an energy standpoint. Their payoff to that is  
25 they get a certain percentage of whatever the savings  
26 is that we realize, which is a fair deal. If we can  
27 save several thousand dollars or whatever and they get  
28 a ten percent cut, that's fine as long as we can save  
29 the money. But that's another thing that we're looking  
30 at doing. Hiring practices were discussed. Who do we  
31 need to hire, do we need to hire anybody? As you know,  
32 we passed some legislation several months ago stating  
33 that we would not create any new positions, we would  
34 fill positions that had been left vacant if they were  
35 critical. That's something that was discussed and we  
36 need to be careful in that aspect as to, to the  
37 positions being filled. Putting certain projects on  
38 hold. Are there things that we can put on hold? Some  
39 of this may fall back on the roads and bridges. Is  
40 there anything that we can slow down, hold off on, wait  
41 until the next fiscal year? Any place we might be able  
42 to save a few dollars there. Vehicle reduction status  
43 was also looked into. You know, we've already --  
44 several months ago we dropped the number of vehicles  
45 being driven home, and I don't have the numbers with me  
46 right now, but it was something like from fifty back to  
47 about twenty-seven, twenty-eight somewhere in there.  
48 And we're still looking at, at that to see if there's  
49 anything can be reduced there, if there's any way to  
50 save a few dollars. Some vehicles, older vehicles,

1 some point down the road we may even -- I think we can,  
2 sell some of those, put them out for auction. But  
3 that's being looked into right now. And finally, we're  
4 looking at what other counties are doing to save money.  
5 We have a list of items from other counties, a lot of  
6 things that they've done. Everything from salary  
7 rollbacks, to furloughs, to cutting the work week to,  
8 you know, laying employees off. There's a whole number  
9 of things that they've been doing. But these are all  
10 options that I wanted to get on the table so that,  
11 depending on what the, the next fiscal year looks like  
12 and what the state does to us, we will have considered  
13 these ideas and we'll know how to react to them. And  
14 that basically sums up what we did at the meeting and  
15 I'll be glad to, to take any questions.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have any?

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 Yeah. I have a couple of questions here. Let's go  
19 back to the TERI program, okay? We have nine people on  
20 there. And I know that these people only receive their  
21 paycheck from Anderson County, but they're also  
22 receiving insurance. Am I -- is that true or?

23 TOM ALLEN: They're just like, as I  
24 understand, they're just like another employee. Right,  
25 they're getting, yeah, their insurance. We -- right.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well these people who  
27 have retired and are saving money in a retirement  
28 account for when they retire again after five years, it  
29 seems to me that that's one area that I would like for  
30 the financial committee to take a good look at because  
31 that's a huge savings there.

32 TOM ALLEN: All right.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: These nine people, some of  
34 them are making pretty good salaries and I don't have a  
35 problem with people making money. I mean, they go to  
36 -- I mean, they've trained for it all their lives,  
37 they've worked for the money that they make. I don't  
38 have a problem. But where my problem lies is that  
39 we're going to -- the possibility still exists that we  
40 may have to furlough some people and we have these  
41 people sitting on the books making a comfortable salary  
42 and we're paying them insurance when they have exceeded  
43 the time limit. I am a state employee and I told you  
44 at some meeting that I TERI'd for six months. I  
45 retired in December, but I did not want to leave the,  
46 the school system in the middle of the year so I stayed  
47 on to June and I TERI'd. But I didn't double dip out  
48 of the pot. I quit, I resigned, I retired. Okay. But  
49 had I not, they would have had to pay my retirement,  
50 yeah, my retirement, my, and my insurance. And I don't

1 think that's fair. I think enough is enough,  
2 especially in these hard times. When the time was  
3 good, when the getting was good, it was good. But not  
4 anymore. But anyway, I'd like for you to take a look  
5 at that. And I want to ask you about the vehicles.  
6 You said you reduced some vehicles. How much have we  
7 saved in that area?

8 TOM ALLEN: I don't know how to pin a  
9 number on that right now. And, Holt, I don't know if  
10 you do either. It's -- you know, we, we would have to  
11 determine how much we saved. We know we've saved money  
12 on gasoline and maintenance and some other things  
13 because they're not being driven as much. I don't know  
14 how to ---

15 HOLT HOPKINS: We haven't calculated that.  
16 We can make an attempt at it, to put a number with  
17 that.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

19 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's ...

20 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And I think the  
21 idea about looking at the Blackberries is a good one.  
22 If there are some of our people who are carrying these  
23 things that really need them because it does all kinds  
24 of cost savings and time savings things. But I don't  
25 think that everybody need them. My little, my little  
26 forty dollar telephone a month that the county gives me  
27 so I can take county phone calls is just a -- I don't  
28 think the thing even takes pictures. It may, I don't  
29 know, I've never used that for that. But anyway, we  
30 need to take another look at that. And another thing  
31 about creating new positions. Now we said that we --  
32 the way I understand it, you said that we did not -- we  
33 did not have a freeze but we just had a, a -- we were  
34 going to not create any new positions. But we did,  
35 didn't we? We created the position in the emergency  
36 preparedness department for a, for a computer person.  
37 That position wasn't there all along. We have a parks  
38 and recreation position that was not there, that was a  
39 whole new department that we created. And I don't  
40 think that it went through the, the steps that we're  
41 supposed to take, but you want -- might want to take a  
42 look at that. And then two weeks ago we hired a new  
43 consultant. And I don't know what -- I think he was  
44 consulting for the computer thing again.

45 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: When we have a whole  
47 department of people. Plus we have two other people on  
48 the payroll, including that last new position for this  
49 computer thing, so why are we doing this? Mr.  
50 Chairman, looking at the -- listening to his report I

1 want to say to the group that you're looking at some  
2 really good things and I'm really pleased with the ...

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4 GRACIE FLOYD: ... these things that you're  
5 looking at. But we need to, we need to do it. We need  
6 to quit playing around and quit hiring people and, and  
7 let's take a good look. If you're going to cut, let's  
8 cut. But I don't want to do it like some people are  
9 crying just get there and cut out everybody. I don't  
10 subscribe to that. I want to cut out what is necessary  
11 for Anderson County to continue rolling without having  
12 to furlough our people. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I  
13 thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
15 Mr. Allen, I appreciate the committee's work and  
16 diligence on this and y'all proceed on and try to find  
17 out -- I heard several questions and still looking for  
18 some answers on that. If you would work with Mr.  
19 Hopkins, especially on the car thing.

20 TOM ALLEN: I, I will do that. And, and  
21 some very good points were brought up. And keep in  
22 mind, too, we are still looking at a moving target  
23 right now. We don't know exactly what the state's  
24 going to do to us and so on. So we just want to have  
25 all of our things on the table, all of our plans, so  
26 that we can act when we have to. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

28 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

30 BOB WALDREP: I just wondered if Mr. Allen  
31 was going to be eligible for that incentive package  
32 that we had that was proposed for saving money for the  
33 county?

34 TOM ALLEN: I would vote for me if you  
35 want to do that.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Moving right along to Item  
37 Number 9, Appointments to Various Boards and  
38 Commissions. Ms. Wilson. Mr. Waldrep.

39 BOB WALDREP: None at this time.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

41 EDDIE MOORE: None at this time.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

43 RON WILSON: None at this time.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

45 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I don't have  
48 one per se for District Two, but I do have a request  
49 for you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: If this is the time to do  
2 it.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. After serving on the  
5 Appalachian's Councils of Governments for a number of  
6 years, I was, I was removed without any explanation,  
7 without any reason why. They just voted somebody else  
8 in. But I see now where it's time to do another one  
9 and our minority representation -- representative is up  
10 for reappointment or whatever, and I would like to  
11 again throw my name in that process of being  
12 reappointed back to the Appalachians Councils of  
13 Governments. I think this is your call. And I would  
14 appreciate your consideration.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: I will. Thank you, ma'am.  
16 Anything else? At this time I would like to ask  
17 council's approval to reappoint the Innovate Anderson  
18 Board. I think I got a letter this week from them.  
19 And this is the same ones that was appointed last year.  
20 If no one has any objections it will be Ron Wilson,  
21 Eddie Moore, Tommy Dunn, David King, Terrance Husan,  
22 Tom Allen and Gracie Floyd. Is there any objection to  
23 them? I'd like -- I make that in a motion. Can we get  
24 a second?  
25 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion and second. Any  
27 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor show of hands.  
28 All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries.  
29 Moving on at this time. Acceptance of Bids. Mr.  
30 Robert Carroll.  
31 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, we have four  
32 items for consideration tonight. The first item is the  
33 Stone Haven pump station project. The low bidder is J  
34 & M Construction - two hundred sixty-four thousand nine  
35 hundred dollars. You can see the second and third low  
36 bidder. Mr. Greg Smith is here to answer any questions  
37 in particular if you have about this project before you  
38 vote.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion? Do we  
40 have a motion?  
41 CINDY WILSON: Oh, I thought you said ---  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep makes the  
43 motion. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion? Anyone  
44 have any questions for Mr. Smith?  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Can we take, can we  
46 -- may we take these with us and look over them and  
47 bring it back next meeting if need be for questions?  
48 TOMMY DUNN: I think we need to ---  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I just got this today.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think all of us did

1 but this, the Stone Haven thing is one we've been  
2 talking about for quite some time and I'm -- that's in  
3 my district, so I will just elaborate on that a little  
4 bit.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Which one is that?

6 TOMMY DUNN: That's the very first --  
7 that's the one we're talking about right now. It's the  
8 sewer, sewer thing in Stone Haven, the one we were  
9 going to do the land swap on we didn't get to do. And  
10 every time -- especially the rain that we're getting  
11 right now, we're having to pay to get these things  
12 pumped out. They was out there on Christmas pumping  
13 out. We need to get this problem, problem fixed. It's  
14 been bidded and I mean this is a problem that's been  
15 going on for a while. This is actually costing the  
16 county money for a fact.

17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

19 CINDY WILSON: I think this particular pump  
20 station's been a serious problem for about two years or  
21 more. I've, I've heard about it for a good while.

22 TOMMY DUNN: And I mean, I don't think,  
23 you know, we need to hold this, this project here up.  
24 You know, this is something that needs to move forward.  
25 So we have a motion and a second. Any more discussion?  
26 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
27 opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving  
28 on to Item 2.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: This item is the full depth  
30 patching. F & R Asphalt low bidder - three hundred  
31 forty-four thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.  
32 And again, if you have any questions, Mr. Hopkins or  
33 Mr. Owens can answer those questions.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Are there any, any questions  
35 or anything? This is the one I believe we had a list  
36 on and what they're trying to do -- I was at the bid  
37 opening on this. I don't think it come in as low as  
38 we'd like for it to have, but it's something we can  
39 work this. This is something that needs to be -- we  
40 need to get into the works to I think. When was y'all  
41 planning on starting this, Mr. Hopkins or Mr. Owens?

42 ROBERT CARROLL: I think it's within the  
43 month.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Got the weather.

45 ???: They're wanting to start.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Are there any ...

47 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: will one of you please

50 explain to me the F & R Asphalt -- this is where we are



1 right? The second one on the list?  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. Yes, ma'am.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It's road maintenance  
4 full depth patching. This is not a paving road because  
5 we aren't paving roads any more.  
6 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: We're doing -- patching the  
8 roads.  
9 HOLT HOPKINS: Right. What we're trying to  
10 do is hold these roads together until we can pave them.  
11 These are roads that are not on the current contract  
12 that, that we'll be paving this summer. These are  
13 roads that we didn't have enough money to pave, but we  
14 still need to go in and make some patches just to hold  
15 it together until we can get some paving money to pave  
16 it.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: I, I just ---  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.  
21 Hopkins, is it cost saving to patch a road rather than  
22 to just go ahead in there and just pave the road?  
23 HOLT HOPKINS: It depends on what time of  
24 the life cycle that you catch it in. These, these  
25 roads would have to have been patched before we could  
26 pave them any way, so we're, we're trying to just catch  
27 up some of the bad places so hopefully the following  
28 year we can pave them. But in some of these cases you  
29 have, you have to do the patching before you can pave  
30 it.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Does this include the  
32 city roads as well as the county roads?  
33 HOLT HOPKINS: Are there any municipal  
34 streets on it?  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: It's all county roads?  
36 ROBERT CARROLL: All county.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to add one  
39 thing. This -- in some instances this is saving money  
40 and it's better off -- I've talked to the county staff,  
41 this would give our roads -- if this is done and done  
42 properly on some roads, this will, this will bring the  
43 road up just as good as if it was a brand new asphalt  
44 job and so we're saving money. This is a process you  
45 go in and you cut out and you pave back in. So this,  
46 this is definitely a way to save money and we need to  
47 look at doing more of this, get us, get us a road of  
48 good standard. Mr. Allen or Mr. Wilson have something?  
49 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick  
50 question. Is this C fund dollars?

1 TOMMY DUNN: No.

2 TOM ALLEN: That's bidding out?

3 ROBERT CARROLL: No, sir, these - since the  
4 housing market is so bad off, we're saving money on  
5 driveway aprons and pipe, so we've shifted that money  
6 over to the patching.

7 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So you had said  
8 earlier you're using C fund monies I think to patch --  
9 to do patch work.

10 ROBERT CARROLL: Well, the bulk contract that  
11 we were talking about earlier, that is C fund money  
12 paying for that.

13 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

14 ROBERT CARROLL: But that'd be an outside --  
15 well, that'll be patching and paving of the list that,  
16 that you adopted back in October.

17 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

19 RON WILSON: Yeah. I, I mean I think the  
20 patching of these roads is critical. I mean we've got  
21 a lot of roads that if we don't patch them we're really  
22 going to be spending money. So I -- I mean even though  
23 someone remarked that maybe this should have come in a  
24 little bit lower, I mean we'd all like it lower but if  
25 we don't do something we're going to pay a whole lot  
26 more. So I'm all for doing this tonight.

27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

28 CINDY WILSON: Mr. ---

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

30 BOB WALDREP: I, I just had one question.  
31 I'm trying to understand the technique that you're  
32 speaking of. And that is you patch and then you go  
33 back and you redo the road? I, I'm at a lost to  
34 understand how you're not duplicating some effort  
35 there.

36 ROBERT CARROLL: If you drive down a road and  
37 you see a pothole, before that road can even be paved  
38 that pothole has to be dug out nice and square, a  
39 really nice patch be put back in, then you can pave  
40 over the top of it. We're just doing one half of that  
41 process in this contract. We're just going in and  
42 identifying the places that are cracked up, getting  
43 ready to be a pothole and we're trying to patch them  
44 before it spreads all the way through the road. It's  
45 kind of like a cracked windshield. If you don't patch  
46 it quick, it spreads throughout the whole ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: If I could, Mr. Waldrep,  
48 it's not spending money twice. On this right here,  
49 like Mr. Hopkins said, if we was going to pay, pay to  
50 have these roads asphalted, they would have -- these

1 holes would have to be fixed or cut out. So it's not  
2 like it would cost us in the long run, would cost us  
3 double.

4 BOB WALDREP: Well, that was, that was,  
5 that was what I was addressing.

6 TOMMY DUNN: If that's what you're ---

7 BOB WALDREP: I was just trying to gain an  
8 understanding of that. I understand there's also some  
9 kind of technique out there that's being used by the  
10 federal government called patch and pray right now.  
11 They just hope that it works.

12 ROBERT CARROLL: Well, the alternative to  
13 this is waiting a little bit longer and you have to  
14 plow the whole road up and start over and that's what  
15 we're trying to prevent.

16 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, does this --  
17 this includes the application, all the work?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Turn key job.

19 BOB WALDREP: Not just the cost of the ---

20 TOMMY DUNN: No, it's turn key. It's  
21 them doing it. The asph -- materials and labor.

22 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

25 Unfortunately in Anderson County we didn't expect the  
26 growth and the volumes and the weights of traffic on  
27 most of our roads. I can give you many prime examples.  
28 Most of our main thoroughfares were originally little  
29 farmed market roads. They never had the proper sub-  
30 base or compactions in there so their shoulders are  
31 tearing up, they were never built wide enough and  
32 crowned and all correctly. They were just paved. They  
33 were really paved pig paths. And I know the road that  
34 our family farm is on is a prime example. I remember  
35 as a child seeing cars slide off into the ditch every  
36 time it rained because there was no pavement on it.  
37 And they started out just scraping it and putting  
38 ditches in and then a little tar and gravel. And that  
39 road now gets, I guess, around ten thousand road trips  
40 a day. And it's got all these little dips and turns  
41 and it's a mess. And this is the case across the  
42 county. And I notice that starting I think in 2002-  
43 2003 may have been the last year this county really  
44 spent the kind of money that we should have been  
45 spending annually on our road work. And this past year  
46 we had the heart rending situation of dealing with not  
47 only falling revenues but trying to figure out what we  
48 had in the way of obligations and how, how to meet our  
49 just basic obligations. So I, I for one, in dealing  
50 with our budget, would hope that we can find cost

1 savings in some of the areas so that we can apply it to  
2 the road work that's so necessary. And if we can do it  
3 now before we get hit with another big major  
4 development onslaught, I think we'll be ahead of the  
5 game a bit. That's just food for thought.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma'am. Could I  
7 get a motion on the floor?

8 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move it.

9 CINDY WILSON: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: I've got a motion by Mr.  
11 Moore and seconded by Mr. Waldrep. Any further  
12 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
13 show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
14 carries unanimously. Mr. Carroll.

15 ROBERT CARROLL: All right. The third item  
16 is for the ballfield expansion at the Anderson Sports  
17 and Entertainment Center. You remember this is  
18 building two new fields, doing some additional work on  
19 existing Field 5 it's referred to which is the big  
20 minor league field, and also some drainage issues  
21 that's on that Field 5 that will correct that in the  
22 outfield. Also, the additional parking both paved and  
23 some additional gravel parking. And I believe that's  
24 the bulk of that contract. But the recommended low  
25 bidder is Cannon Construction - six hundred ninety  
26 thousand twenty dollars.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion? Motion  
28 by Mr. Waldrep and second Ms. Wilson. Now open to  
29 discussion. Mr. Carroll, did, did y'all check Cannon?  
30 Y'all satisfied with their work?

31 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. Our architects  
32 and engineers both did background checks on the top  
33 three and they were satisfied with each of them and  
34 felt that Cannon -- and checked out their subs and they  
35 all checked out. One item I left off that would be  
36 included would be there's some new planting of trees  
37 and shrubbery and so forth and irrigation is part of  
38 that. We didn't want to plant it and then let it sit  
39 out there and burn up, so there is some irrigation  
40 that's additional that's part of this price.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms., Ms. Floyd.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Did, did you  
43 also do the checking for e-verification for the account  
44 for working on the county buildings and stuff or is  
45 that the personnel's department responsibility?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, this won't, this  
47 won't pertain to that. But on, on the construction  
48 jobs that we've got going on right now, the staff's on  
49 top of that. I've checked with them numerous times and  
50 the people that's running the projects, as far as the

1 architects and engineers are, are keeping check with  
2 this.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now back to my  
4 question. Did you -- the people that will be doing the  
5 work on this, we'll have their e-verification thing  
6 checked, right?

7 ROBERT CARROLL: Ms. Floyd, I, I'd rather not  
8 answer that. I'm going to let Mr. Pitts. I don't  
9 won't to use the wrong language, but we have language  
10 in the contracts.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, it says on our  
12 personnel --

13 ROBERT CARROLL: The ??, Mr. Pitts?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: It says on our personnel  
15 form that e-verification system will be used for the  
16 Anderson County employment. Check it out. My next  
17 question. Is this the money that was, that -- Mr.  
18 Dunn, that you appropriated?

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now we  
21 came six hundred and ninety thousand dollars, isn't  
22 that --- what was the entire ...

23 ROBERT CARROLL: Seven fifty.

24 TOMMY DUNN: It was seven fifty, I  
25 believe.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Seven fifty. Wow. Okay.  
27 We're not going to have much left out of that one.  
28 Okay.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Sixty thousand dollars is a  
30 good bit if you ask me. And it might not be that much.  
31 You've got to get -- you've got some, got some other  
32 ---

33 ROBERT CARROLL: Other -- there's the  
34 engineering and architects fees.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Engineering thing and all.

36 ROBERT CARROLL: That's got to come out of  
37 that seven fifty.

38 TOMMY DUNN: When it's all said and done.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

40 ROBERT CARROLL: So we're pretty much maxing  
41 it out.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we will make it  
43 under there for that. Okay. Thank you, Mr. ...

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

45 TOM ALLEN: Just a ...

46 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

47 TOM ALLEN: Oh. Yeah.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

49 TOM ALLEN: Real quick. On the ball  
50 fields I know probably a good bit of dirt's going to

1 have to be moved and grading over there because it kind  
2 of slopes off, but does this also include bleachers and  
3 announcers' booths and things like that or is this just  
4 the field work, creating a field?

5 ROBERT CARROLL: I, I'm pretty sure just the  
6 field work and the fencing and -- I mean to create the  
7 fields. Now there may be -- I think there's some money  
8 in there for temporary fencing. I don't want to say  
9 yes or no on the bleachers. I'd have to go back and  
10 read all the description.

11 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson, did you have  
13 something?

14 RON WILSON: Yeah. I want to get back to  
15 what Ms. Floyd said. What's the answer to what she  
16 asked for, Mr. Pitts, when she asked you?

17 MIKE PITTS: A contractor dealing with a  
18 county body like this one, the obligation is on the  
19 contractor to verify the employment of its workers and  
20 the subs. That's not the county's obligation.

21 RON WILSON: So it's just an honor  
22 system.

23 MIKE PITTS: No, sir. We have -- the --  
24 our contracts are drafted such that the -- one of the  
25 contract requirements is the contractor verifies that  
26 they have followed both federal and state law in  
27 verifying that their workers are eligible to work and  
28 that they will provide upon request proof of that.  
29 That's what our contract documents say and then there's  
30 a ---

31 RON WILSON: How do we know if there  
32 doing it?

33 MIKE PITTS: We would ask ---

34 RON WILSON: How do we check it?

35 MIKE PITTS: We would ask for them to  
36 supply the, the back up documentation that they're  
37 required to get under federal and state law. And  
38 again, you can't mandate e-verify on these contractors.  
39 They have the choice of using e-verify or one of the  
40 other methods of establishing somebody's identity like  
41 a state ID card. And we -- you know, this is something  
42 we've talked about a good bit.

43 RON WILSON: Okay. I know there's less  
44 of these illegals around now since there's less work,  
45 so. But still I wouldn't want to see a job go to any  
46 of them when we have so many people in our county and  
47 in the upstate that's without employment. So that's  
48 why I'm interested in this, so. I'm still sort of  
49 puzzled as to why we can't, I mean I guess what we do  
50 is ask them if they've done what they're supposed to?

1                   MIKE PITTS:           That's right. Upon request  
2 the county can ask a contractor to provide the proof  
3 that they have verified worker eligibility.  
4                   RON WILSON:           So we don't just spot check  
5 every once in a while or go out and look at it -- the  
6 worker's on the thing and say, all right, where are  
7 your, where are your papers or whatever?  
8                   MIKE PITTS:           Not that I'm aware of. No,  
9 sir.  
10                  RON WILSON:           Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
11 Chairman.  
12                  TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.  
13                  BOB WALDREP:          Mr. Carroll, while you're  
14 there I just want to verify a county policy that I  
15 understand is in place. And that is that there is an  
16 advantage, a home court advantage of contractors from  
17 Anderson County over a certain amount. Is that over  
18 ten thousand dollars?  
19                  ROBERT CARROLL:       No, sir. It's -- what you  
20 voted on back in the fall was you increased the  
21 preference from two percent to five percent for in-  
22 county.  
23                  BOB WALDREP:          All right.  
24                  ROBERT CARROLL:       But that's capped at fifty  
25 thousand dollars. So that may be something you may  
26 want to look at.  
27                  BOB WALDREP:          It capped. Okay. So  
28 anything ---  
29                  ROBERT CARROLL:       So in other words if the  
30 project's over fifty thousand, it doesn't apply.  
31                  BOB WALDREP:          Wow. Okay. That -- but  
32 anything below fifty thousand it does apply to. Okay.  
33 All right. The second question I have, and this is  
34 based on somewhat of a complaint, you might say, from a  
35 bidding process that I received from an individual. Is  
36 there credit given in some way to contractors who come  
37 in and do certain amounts of evaluation or work in --  
38 before they make a bid to give information to the  
39 council about what's needed? Is there some kind of  
40 credit that they get for that kind of ...  
41                  ROBERT CARROLL:       No, sir.  
42                  BOB WALDREP:          In other words if -- that's  
43 just kind of gratuitous thing that a contractor would  
44 do hoping to get the business by giving you that  
45 information.  
46                  ROBERT CARROLL:       Right. A lot of times, you  
47 know, a department if they have a need they may have  
48 expertise in that field, but they may feel that they  
49 need additional expertise and they may contact one or  
50 multiple vendors about what they can offer. And that's

1 -- I guess that's just part of customer service.

2 BOB WALDREP: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I  
3 just think we need to re-examine the, the five percent  
4 rule and the cap here with regard to ---

5 TOMMY DUNN: Well. And that's something,  
6 that's something, you know, we need to think about and  
7 good.

8 BOB WALDREP: Right.

9 TOMMY DUNN: But keep in mind, you know,  
10 we're trying to save money and we want, want to look,  
11 look at things too. So you've got to weigh the pros  
12 and the cons.

13 BOB WALDREP: Right.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Keep that in mind.

15 BOB WALDREP: Yeah. I, I try and put some  
16 balance on that. But it seems like we're saving --  
17 these people are, you know, with the big money.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Well they are, but you've  
19 got to look at too the taxpayers of Anderson County,  
20 looking after them too. So it's a fine balance in  
21 that. And I hear you, Mr. Waldrep, but you've got to  
22 also think about the taxpayers.

23 BOB WALDREP: Well, I know. I just think  
24 that we need to think about that. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Just to follow up on what  
29 Mr. Waldrep has said. There is value, and I'm sure we  
30 could look at a measure of it when you have a home  
31 grown business bidding on a job, if their payroll and  
32 their ad valorem taxes and all are paid in the county,  
33 there, there is a value there. And maybe that would be  
34 good for us to look at it. Because if we go, for  
35 example, say a bidder's two and a half to five percent  
36 less than a local one, yet they pay their property  
37 taxes and they pay their payroll and everything out of  
38 the county, there may be a measure of benefit to the  
39 county government and to the county taxpayer by staying  
40 local. So I would -- I for one would like for us to  
41 look at that. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Call for the  
43 question -- the vote here on how it went, so all in  
44 favor of the motion of the ballfields being awarded to  
45 Cannon Construction, a show of hands. Mr. Allen. In  
46 favor? All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
47 carries unanimously. Mr. Carroll, moving on to Item  
48 Number 4, I believe it is.

49 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. I think the last  
50 item and Mr. Hopkins has a presentation before we go



1 through the bids.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Hopkins.

3 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, I know you're  
4 running low on time, but may I indulge you for about  
5 six more minutes with a short video?

6 TOMMY DUNN: If we -- somebody make a  
7 motion. I think this will be important and --  
8 important information. Somebody make a motion to  
9 extend time six more minutes?

10 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion and a second.  
12 All in favor of extending time six more minutes, show  
13 of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
14 unanimously. Six more minutes, Mr. Pitts.

15 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. This is a video  
16 showing what a Gradall is and some of its many uses and  
17 let me just jump right into this.

18 GRADALL VIDEO PLAYING

19 HOLT HOPKINS: I'd like to stop it there  
20 and just make a point on what he's saying about how it  
21 replaces so much. The most we use this machine for is  
22 cleaning out ditches. Typically without this machine  
23 it takes us -- we need a motor grader, a backhoe, dump  
24 truck and two flagmen. So there's an operator on each  
25 one of those pieces of equipment. There's five people  
26 on that job doing, doing ditch work, cleaning out  
27 ditches. This one operator and one dump truck and one  
28 dump truck driver, that's two people, can do the same  
29 work with this and it can be done in the rain or the  
30 sunshine. The other way will make a total mess if we  
31 do it with the motor grader or a backhoe. We just  
32 simply can't do it without dragging mud out in the road  
33 and doing this. This machine -- and the one we're  
34 looking at is the one with the cab up front that's  
35 highway speed. Not the one with tracks and other  
36 things, but the one that go, is going down the highway.  
37 That's the one we're looking for and, and it can  
38 replace -- I mean two people can do the work of five.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Now you said  
40 that it would be ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I apologize.  
43 You said that it, it would -- you said that you would  
44 -- without this piece of equipment you would need one  
45 person to drive it, one person on the truck, one person  
46 ---

47 HOLT HOPKINS: On a motor grader?

48 GRACIE FLOYD: And two people ...

49 HOLT HOPKINS: Flagging.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: You're still going to need

1 two people flagging.

2 HOLT HOPKINS: Somebody on the backhoe.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Aren't you?

4 HOLT HOPKINS: Ma'am.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: You didn't count the  
6 flaggers in when you said you could reduce the number  
7 of people working.

8 HOLT HOPKINS: Well what we typically do  
9 with this machine, the dump truck driver gets out and  
10 flags traffic around. When we're doing a motor grader  
11 operation, we have such a long area that we have to do  
12 the work that it takes one on each end.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Go on with the film.

14 GRADALL VIDEO PLAYING

15 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. In the essence  
16 of time, I'm just going to let it run. It's really a  
17 ten minute film but we don't have to see the whole  
18 thing. I just wanted you to get a feel for what this  
19 machine can do. The biggest thing is the bucket can  
20 twist and turn and you can grade with it and do it, do  
21 it all from sitting right up on the asphalt and it  
22 won't tear up the asphalt like a trackhoe or that.  
23 And, like I said again, we've got several hundreds of  
24 work orders right now because of all the normal  
25 rainfall we've been getting. If we tried to put a  
26 backhoe in this time of year just to run the bucket in,  
27 pull it out, or sit up on the road, we'd make a mess  
28 with a backhoe. Where this we can actually do all the  
29 cleaning up by just dipping it out and throwing it in  
30 trucks without getting into the ditch. Now on this bid  
31 it's two hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars, is  
32 the bid. This is a pretty specialized machine and we  
33 only got one, one bidder on it. But the one, the  
34 Gradall that we currently have back at the office is  
35 not -- we shouldn't repair it. We'd have to put about  
36 fifty thousand dollars into it to get it fixed up and,  
37 and going and we'd like to replace it.

38 TOMMY DUNN: This is a replacement?

39 HOLT HOPKINS: It's a replacement. Yes,  
40 sir.

41 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

42 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson first, please.

44 CINDY WILSON: It looks awesome, but are  
45 you saying that you're replacing employees and  
46 equipment with this piece of equipment.

47 HOLT HOPKINS: No. What I'm saying is I  
48 don't have to pull them off of other, other jobs that  
49 they're doing to go out with the ditching crew to, to  
50 do the work that this one -- just two men can go do

1 this while the others are doing maybe even another  
2 ditching project, project. In the summertime we'd have  
3 two different crews, one with this doing little quick  
4 fixes that, you know, it may just need a little dipping  
5 out at the driveway pipe, where the big crew can go out  
6 on a long road and do it. But we have to -- we can  
7 only use the big crew during the summer when it's nice  
8 and dry. This one would eliminate probably half of the  
9 work orders we have right now just because it just  
10 needs a little bit of dipping of the ditch out,  
11 cleaning out the ditch. But we couldn't do it in wet  
12 or damp conditions, any other way with it.

13 CINDY WILSON: It's on tracks and on  
14 wheels?

15 HOLT HOPKINS: No. The only one we're  
16 looking at is not this one but the one that has the cab  
17 up front that you can drive it at highway speeds.  
18 That's the way it can get all around the county  
19 quickly. This, this here is the one, one we're looking  
20 at.

21 CINDY WILSON: And there was only one  
22 bidder, there's no other ---

23 HOLT HOPKINS: Well Gradall is a  
24 specialized equipment that comes from the company  
25 Gradall and I don't know of anybody else that has the  
26 articulating bucket and design like this.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep's next, please,  
29 I believe.

30 BOB WALDREP: I just had a couple of  
31 things. Holt, first of all, we've got somebody that  
32 can operate this equipment I suppose?

33 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

34 BOB WALDREP: Seems like it would be good  
35 to use that guy there that -- whose doing this. But do  
36 we, do we get any kind of trade-in on some of this  
37 equipment that we have out there that we'd like to  
38 dispose of it? It just -- I thought that we were going  
39 to do somewhat of an assessment of all the equipment  
40 that we have that we may not need if we're replacing  
41 equipment.

42 HOLT HOPKINS: Right. We had some of the  
43 equipment that we put budgeted, in the budget process,  
44 we did plan on trading in. We're also going, you know,  
45 just to try to keep the price of the machine down. I  
46 don't think we're planning on trading anything on this.  
47 We didn't put it in the package. But in the past we  
48 have put a trade-in value so that we could hold the  
49 price down and not put so much on credit. We've also  
50 got a lot of, a lot of other equipment that we're

1 looking at auctioning off or putting on that e-  
2 government trade or, you know.

3 BOB WALDREP: Well like, like we're  
4 sitting there with a piece of equipment that needs  
5 fifty thousand dollars worth of repairs, you say?

6 HOLT HOPKINS: We're going to sell it as  
7 soon as we can.

8 BOB WALDREP: Yeah. Okay. I, I just want  
9 to keep up -- us to keep up with getting rid of that  
10 equipment that's just sitting around rusting, you know,  
11 somewhere. Okay. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

13 EDDIE MOORE: What I wanted to ask is as  
14 far as why don't we have three bidders? I know there's  
15 more than one equipment dealer out there that carries  
16 Gradall equipment. I can think of five or six. Why  
17 didn't we send proposals to the other companies?

18 HOLT HOPKINS: Did we invite others? How  
19 many did we invite, do you know? Go to the microphone,  
20 Tony.

21 TONY OWENS: Here he won't let him bid on  
22 one outside of his region.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Sort of like Caterpillar.

24 TONY OWENS: Like all of them.

25 TOMMY DUNN: You can't, yeah.

26 TONY OWENS: That's one reason we didn't  
27 put that equipment with this bid too because we knew it  
28 would be sole source and he gets what he wanted. And  
29 we didn't back and put it on a competitive ...

30 EDDIE MOORE: You can leave the region and  
31 ask for a bid from another region. I don't understand  
32 that.

33 TONY OWENS: We did that. I don't think  
34 the regional manager would allow them to bid outside  
35 their region.

36 EDDIE MOORE: I never heard of that.

37 TOMMY DUNN: They do do that. I know  
38 first hand on fire trucks. You won't buy, you won't  
39 buy a Pierce fire truck -- if you buy a Pierce fire  
40 truck from the state of South Carolina, upstate, you  
41 going to, you going to buy it from Spartanburg. And  
42 the same way that -- Caterpillar used to be that way  
43 too in Greenville.

44 HOLT HOPKINS: We, we advertised it like we  
45 normally do in the local paper but also in the SCEBO  
46 out of Columbia which goes across the nation so.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

48 HOLT HOPKINS: But we didn't get any  
49 outside calls that bid, bids.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Holt, my question was  
4 -- I have two questions. One was the fact that would  
5 the person -- would we need to train a person to use  
6 this? I know you said we had someone, but is he going  
7 -- is he or she going to need additional training in  
8 order, in order to operate this equipment?  
9 HOLT HOPKINS: We, I believe we have two or  
10 three that are trained up on it and ready to go. We  
11 were renting one just a few months ago.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, Holt, Mr.  
13 Hopkins, Mr. Hopkins, now you said earlier that this  
14 would be a part of the half a million dollar capital?  
15 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. That's what  
16 we're asking.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: And we said that the money  
18 will have to be used for this. The money cannot be  
19 transferred or go anywhere else but towards this.  
20 HOLT HOPKINS: Towards equipment in  
21 general.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Towards equipment. Okay.  
23 Mr. Hopkins, do we need this piece of equipment now,  
24 this fiscal year? Or is this something that we need to  
25 just hold onto the money to, to, in case something else  
26 should happen and we're going to need more money for a  
27 capital purchase? Or do you think it's okay for us to  
28 go ahead and spend this money for this one right now?  
29 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Owens has beat me up for  
30 six months begging for this one machine. He had six  
31 hundred thousand in the budget wanting other stuff.  
32 But this one because of the rainfall, we need it now.  
33 We're falling way behind in our work orders and Tony's  
34 taking a beating on the telephone because he can't get  
35 there.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Tony, you want to  
37 tell them to call me?  
38 TONY OWENS: Want to talk to them people  
39 that's talking to me.  
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And okay, since  
41 you're the one asking for this piece of equipment, as  
42 your director said, this is something that we need now.  
43 We couldn't just put this -- we couldn't put this big  
44 purchase off until we get more comfortable with what we  
45 have?  
46 TONY OWENS: In road and bridges we need  
47 it immediately to get it fixed.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Need it immediately. I'll  
49 go with that. Thank you.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. Mr. Wilson. I

1 just would like to, like to add to, and y'all correct  
2 me if I'm wrong, Mr. Carroll or Mr. Hopkins, this money  
3 if we don't spend it, we're still paying on it. Right?  
4 I mean we borrowed this money.

5 ROBERT CARROLL: That's correct.

6 TOMMY DUNN: We need the thing in my  
7 opinion, I've gotten, I don't know about the rest of  
8 y'all, but I get numerous calls when it's raining about  
9 ditches and everything and they're doing, doing a good  
10 job trying to get caught up. And I believe I heard you  
11 say you've been leasing one?

12 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. We're not currently,  
13 but we have.

14 TOMMY DUNN: You have been and so that's  
15 costing money too. Anybody want to make a motion? Ms.  
16 Wilson makes a motion. Second?

17 TOM ALLEN: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds the  
19 motion. Are any more discussion? Had a good bit I  
20 think. Any more at all? All in favor of the motion,  
21 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the  
22 motion carries unanimously.

23 HOLT HOPKINS: Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, are we going  
26 to discuss this purchase over ten thousand dollars?

27 TOMMY DUNN: We can, we can in a second,  
28 it comes up here in council comments. At this time,  
29 Requests by Councils, Council Members. Ms. Wilson.  
30 Mr. Waldrep. Mr. Moore.

31 EDDIE MOORE: None at this time.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Only one. I would like to  
34 appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars from  
35 District Two's recreation account to the Anderson and  
36 City County Rescue Team dog division.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion. Do I have  
38 a second?

39 TOM ALLEN: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson seconds. Any  
41 further -- are there any discussion? Hearing none, all  
42 in favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
43 the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Ms.  
44 Floyd?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: That's all, Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

47 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson. And I have  
49 none. At this time take the Administrator's Report.

50 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just one

1 remark. We've had some calls and inquiries about the  
2 Stephenson Road Bridge and that will be on the agenda  
3 for the next council meeting. It has already been bid  
4 out. And we're presenting that information to council  
5 at the next council meeting.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time,  
7 Mr. Pitts, Citizens' Comments.

8 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Please state your name and  
10 district and address the Chair, please.

11 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven,  
12 Williamston. It, it is kind of mind boggling to have  
13 to sit here and hear certain people say when times were  
14 good we spent like crazy but now times are bad we've  
15 got to be more careful. It just tears at my nerves to  
16 hear the people -- the person who was so out to spend  
17 our money wildly now be the person who whines about  
18 everything you guys try to do. It's just -- it  
19 behooves me how that can, that can happen. The  
20 building behind us, get with the city. They're going  
21 to use most of that thing it looks like. See if they  
22 want to give us our two million, ten million, whatever  
23 it is we paid for the thing to be fixed up and let them  
24 have it. Are we going to use any of it? It's kind of  
25 disappointing to watch our county tax dollars go to be  
26 subsidized for like a buck a year for everybody who  
27 wants to use it. If the city's going to be the main  
28 occupier of the building, let them be the owner of the  
29 building. Townsend, all they needed was paint and  
30 carpet. Boy, that sure didn't come to be true. Double  
31 dipping, that came up tonight and this is going to step  
32 on Skipper's toes a little bit. You know, one hears if  
33 you ever come out of the military, you can get a job in  
34 the government, government entity really quick. It  
35 would be an interesting thing if you want to find out,  
36 we've got nine TERI people. You know, designed for  
37 teachers but was abused by everyone else. It would be  
38 interesting to know how many employees are in this  
39 county that have already got an income coming in with a  
40 retirement pension. Any of that becomes double  
41 dipping. And I say the Sheriff's Department because a  
42 lot of police departments have retired military or ex-  
43 military people, not necessarily retired just ex. But  
44 I would love to know how many people are actually  
45 retired and are drawing an income. The other thing is  
46 insurance for employees. A while back I think y'all  
47 considered that as far as employees here in the county  
48 paying part of their health insurance. I don't think  
49 that passed. I think it would be a good thing to  
50 reconsider and to look at that. We in the industry, we

1 pay our own insurance and/or we have to help pay the  
2 employer who is gracious enough to allow us an  
3 insurance that has a group plan to help us out on, on  
4 the stuff. The last thing I want to say is back to  
5 Broadway Lake. And I hate to keep harping on that.  
6 But when you have people that stand before this council  
7 and present to you that if you dig a hole deeper with a  
8 steady flow of water coming into it, when the rain  
9 comes, it's going to hold more. There's people in this  
10 room that argue with me over that fact and, you know,  
11 if you could block all the little rivers, all the  
12 little creeks that feed Broadway, dig it deeper, it'd  
13 be an ugly little empty -- ugly empty hole that holds a  
14 quart. If you dug it to be a gallon and stopped the  
15 water, you could hold three more quarts. But guess  
16 what? If you dug it a thousand foot deep, it would  
17 fill up as you dig it and it would not hold one ounce  
18 more water. I don't know why in the world people in  
19 this county who are over committees are so absent  
20 minded or dumb. They can't understand it.

21 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

23 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

24 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, Chairman.

25 Elizabeth Fant, District Three. I do want to remind  
26 that -- all council members that you do have a  
27 fiduciary responsibility to your constituents and that  
28 always keep in mind that whatever you vote for, please  
29 do not look out for special interests because the  
30 public will see through that. I'm still concerned  
31 about the business of the park police and how that  
32 happened. I don't know that the Sheriff wanted the  
33 people to begin with. I think everybody was pretty  
34 clear that the park police should not have even  
35 happened. If he wanted to take some of the those  
36 people, that was well and good. I think we all pretty  
37 well have determined that if any of those people are to  
38 stay that yes they should go under the Sheriff because  
39 the Kroger Annex Building does need certified police  
40 people. However, the way that that was conducted was  
41 very poor. It smacked of the business of the old  
42 county council. It was not clear and accountable. It  
43 was clear and accountable only that it was not clear  
44 and accountable. Your job as council people are to  
45 satisfy the public's need to know, not just pacify us.  
46 There should have been a Power Point presentation to  
47 explain figures and numbers from the get-go because  
48 everybody, including the vendors, all had different  
49 information. I have several questions that I want  
50 answered. If the park police issue had been on the



1 radar for almost a year, why was there not a cost study  
2 done from the get-go? When there was an RFP was  
3 finally asked, why were they not given more than nine  
4 days? If it had been on the agenda all this time, they  
5 could have had two months for that and could have  
6 gotten a much better RFP ready for vendors. When the  
7 question surfaced from the vendors, why weren't the  
8 county personnel available for questions? I understand  
9 that Mr. Carroll gave his information. He asked  
10 Sheriff Skipper what his intake was on that and he  
11 said, well my deputy was responsible for that and  
12 evidently that was Taylor Jones and he was nowhere to  
13 be found. Why not, why was he not here to answer those  
14 questions? The numbers on that are still questionable.  
15 There were seventeen people listed for ...

16 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE ONE

17 TOMMY DUNN: Council members. Mr.  
18 Wilson. Mr. Allen.

19 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Just a quick comment.  
20 I'd like to make a note that the county has been doing  
21 it's good deeds again and we were able to, to secure a  
22 grant for twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars for  
23 the Sandy Springs Water Department so that they can  
24 upgrade from manual to automatic monitoring systems. I  
25 just wanted to get that in the record. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
28 want to tell you about a meeting I attended last night.  
29 It was at the airport. I had, I had some questions  
30 that I wanted to get answered so I just dropped in on  
31 them. And it was a very, very good experience. While  
32 I was there though, the lights went out on the runway.  
33 It not go on -- out on the inside, but the lights did  
34 go out on the runway. They, they told me that they've  
35 been having trouble with those lights and they needed  
36 something to be done about it. We've talked about it  
37 earlier and then they just went out and I could see  
38 just what the problem was. Mr. Chairman, if -- I  
39 talked to your appointee, Mrs. ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: Watkins.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: -- Watkins, you know, last  
42 night. And I think that if you, if you can get some  
43 time, also I need to talk with you about something else  
44 that came out of the meeting ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: -- as well. Okay. I would  
47 invite all of you to go and spend a little time with  
48 them. Also, I went to the KAB conference over last  
49 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. It was a really,  
50 really good conference and you're going to hear more

1 about that. The -- I think we're supposed to honor our  
2 people doing the quarters. Am I correct, Mr. Chairman?  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I don't have  
4 the exact date, but yes, ma'am, you're right.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well ---  
6 TOMMY DUNN: We just got a letter -- all  
7 of us should have a letter about when this is.  
8 TOM ALLEN: The 22nd.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: It's the 22nd of -- that'll  
10 be March. The second meeting of March. Okay. Ms.  
11 Eddleman, would you please put that down for me, the  
12 22nd of March. I do have some -- I want the KAB award  
13 recipients to be here with us that night. And Mr.  
14 Dunn, I'll talk with you about the airport because  
15 there's some things there. And let's see what -- I had  
16 some questions about this thing here, but I know you've  
17 been trying to get us to, you know, to move on and I  
18 respect that. So I'll, I'll just hold these questions  
19 and maybe I can get them in the next time. And I just  
20 thank y'all so much.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. And  
22 feel free if you've got questions any time, Mr. Burns  
23 will be glad to answer them, or any of the staff, I'm  
24 sure. Ms. Wilson.  
25 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Just a thank you  
26 to all of my fellow council members and our staff for  
27 helping us get numbers and have really good  
28 discussions, productive discussions, and our county  
29 citizens who've been coming to the meetings. I think  
30 we're going to be able to put all of our heads together  
31 and come up with a workable budget. Thank you.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr.  
33 Waldrep.  
34 BOB WALDREP: Just a quick question. I  
35 wanted to check with Mr. Burns on the status of the  
36 Green Pond situation. Would you tell us a little bit  
37 about that?  
38 RUSTY BURNS: On the PCB money, Mr.  
39 Waldrep?  
40 BOB WALDREP: The -- yes, yes.  
41 RUSTY BURNS: We were expecting an  
42 announcement before the end of last month and now we  
43 understand, talking with people in the governor's  
44 office, that it will possibly be another two to three  
45 weeks. We do not have an exact date, but we are  
46 monitoring the situation on Green Pond and Brown Road.  
47 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Fine. I just -- you  
48 don't foresee any real problems there then, do you?  
49 You think everything's okay?  
50 RUSTY BURNS: We're working to make sure

1 everything's okay with what ability we have.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well if there's any,  
3 anything that we can do to make it better. Thank you.  
4 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Mr.  
6 Moore.  
7 EDDIE MOORE: Nothing at this time.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I have just a  
9 couple of comments. I appreciate Ms. Floyd's comments  
10 about the airport, and I, I have and I know several  
11 other members have too been out there. I've been to  
12 several committee meetings and I look forward to going  
13 again. I've tried to go all committee meetings at  
14 least once. I've still got a couple to make. And  
15 along I just want to clarify one thing in case anybody  
16 gets any misunderstanding something said tonight about  
17 the recreation department. It was created but it was  
18 all done within house and moved around and everything.  
19 And according to -- every time I come by that office  
20 and see the people in there and the people I talk to  
21 and the staff and everything, it must be greatly needed  
22 because people really appreciate it, the job their  
23 doing. And I want to thank the job the staff's doing  
24 and all what they're doing as far as the roads and  
25 everything and how wet it was and during our ice storms  
26 and everything. Really helped out on a couple of  
27 instances, they helped out and really paid off on  
28 safety issues. And I appreciate all the council  
29 members keeping it short tonight and thank all the  
30 citizens for coming out. Meeting adjourned if no  
31 objections.  
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Regular Meeting – March 2, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding, District #5  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chairman, District #3  
Tom Allen - District #4  
Ron Wilson - District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Mike Pitts, County Attorney  
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator  
Chase Heatherly - Intern  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

**ABSENT**

Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina     )  
County   of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON

Absent

Ron Wilson

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the March 2nd meeting of the Anderson County  
3 Council to order. At this time we'd all please like to  
4 have the Invocation led by Ms. Cindy Wilson, please,  
5 and the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON

7 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, if you have  
8 any cell phones or anything on, please turn them off.  
9 I know sometimes we forget. And I'd like to make a  
10 couple of announcements. Item Number 6 on tonight's  
11 agenda has been removed, Item 6 on tonight's has been  
12 removed. And Mr. Wilson called earlier in the day and  
13 he's, he's out of town on business. He will not be  
14 able to be here. At this time are there any changes or  
15 corrections that need to be made to the minutes of the  
16 last meeting? Hearing none, do I have a motion? Mr.  
17 Moore makes a motion to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds.  
18 All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

19 TOM ALLEN: I did have a question.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

21 TOM ALLEN: On, on the opening page, I  
22 don't know, we might want to change it. They've still  
23 got the president and vice, or I mean chairman and vice  
24 chairman incorrectly listed. So that's just something  
25 that needs to be.

26 TOMMY DUNN: We take care of that, then  
27 changes, then changes there and then we'll been, in  
28 order of housekeeping we'll get, get rid of them. Now  
29 with them changes, any, all in favor of the motion  
30 again, show of hands, please. All oppose, like sign.  
31 Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time we  
32 go to Item Number 4, Citizen's Comments. If you would  
33 please state your name and district and address the  
34 chair, please, and keep the matters on the agenda  
35 matters tonight. Mr. Pitts.

36 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first  
37 citizen signed up this evening is Lawrence Davis.

38 LAWRENCE DAVIS: I live on Cox Road. I'm  
39 here to ask y'all's help in getting the speed limit  
40 reduced on that road before somebody gets killed. The  
41 number of accidents on that road are unbelievable. The  
42 Highway Patrol doesn't know why the speed limit is  
43 forty-five when all the other roads like that are  
44 thirty-five. Highway 29 that it joins is fifty miles  
45 an hour. I don't know how we got to forty-five on this  
46 little road. But there's farm equipment on it. Jimmy  
47 Glenn and I both have big hay balers. We bale hay, we  
48 pull trailers out of there. You can't get out of the  
49 driveway safely without having somebody up the road to  
50 see if anything is coming. So we, and all the

1 residents of Cox Road, signed a petition that we  
2 presented to y'all. We need help. We're asking for  
3 your help.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

5 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, could I ask a  
6 question?

7 TOMMY DUNN: Can't do that, Mr., I wish  
8 we could but our, our rules won't let us. When we, we  
9 can talk about it when we come, when that comes up.

10 BOB WALDREP: All right.

11 TOMMY DUNN: If you would. Mr. Pitts.

12 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

13 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
14 Rick Freemantle from District Six. Briefly, just would  
15 like to throw my support behind this ordinance 2010-  
16 003. Glad to see that you guys are continuing to look  
17 into these matters, this one here dealing with the  
18 county vehicle policy. I think there was one meeting  
19 back you had some talk kicked around about looking at  
20 the cell phones and Blackberries and things of that  
21 nature in the county. I had the extra time to waste,  
22 believe it or not, and decided to go on line and look  
23 at the online expenditures. And I think I read this  
24 right, but just for one month which was December of  
25 last year, it was over eighty thousand dollars worth of  
26 phone bills. There has got to be some waste in there.  
27 And I hope -- happy to hear that y'all are kind of  
28 looking into those areas. We need to really impress  
29 upon everyone that works for the county that we have  
30 got to do whatever we can to restrict the expenses of  
31 our county government to match the times that we're  
32 living in. And again, thank you for looking into these  
33 things.

34 MIKE PITTS: Next is Freeman Tye.

35 TYE FREEMAN: Yes, my name is Tye Freeman.  
36 I'd like to also talk to you about the Cox Road. The  
37 speed limit was raised to forty-five instead of thirty-  
38 five. We've had numerous accidents, just like Mr.  
39 Davis says. If you pull out now there's a passing  
40 line. Also we'd like to talk about the passing lanes  
41 on this road that are unsafe. They're in curves,  
42 they're coming down hills, there's not visible for  
43 passing lanes. So we'd like to have that also  
44 addressed and maybe looked into. Whenever you pull out  
45 and there's people passing, coming your way and you  
46 can't even see them, then it's a pretty dangerous  
47 situation. So we'd just like to have your help on the  
48 speed limit and also look into maybe some -- changing  
49 this to where there's no passing. It was also  
50 increased to a passing zone whenever the speed limit

1 was raised. And we just haven't really understood why  
2 that was done. Thank you.

3 MIKE PITTS: Leslie White.

4 LESLIE WHITE: Leslie White, District Six.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Pull up the mike.

6 LESLIE WHITE: I knew you were going to say  
7 that. I was trying to lean up. Just a quick comment  
8 on the executive session that's on the agenda for  
9 tonight. Is it possible for that to be designated in  
10 future agendas as to -- I mean I know that you can't  
11 tell us what you're receiving -- what your -- the legal  
12 advice that you're receiving necessarily is, but on  
13 what subject that might be. Because as I think you're  
14 all aware there are some of us that are a little  
15 concerned with all the lawsuits that we have in the  
16 county right now, some of which are involving some  
17 sitting council members and them being privy to the  
18 receipt of legal advice about those lawsuits. And I'm  
19 not accusing anyone of anything. I'm not even implying  
20 that. I'm simply saying that smart business says  
21 that's not an okay thing to do. And so, like tonight  
22 if you could just say we're meeting in executive  
23 session to receive legal counsel about, you know, bids  
24 or about a lawsuit. And then be willing to tell us if  
25 it's the lawsuit that we want to know about. You know,  
26 or tell us what the lawsuit is. We're receiving legal  
27 advice in, you know, the suit Smith versus Joe,  
28 whatever. I just think that would be helpful. And  
29 again, I would ask the question if anyone has looked  
30 into what is the proper procedure in a situation like  
31 this. I don't know that anyone really has given us, or  
32 to my satisfaction, what the real answer to that is.  
33 What is the legal precedent there for a sitting council  
34 member who may be a subject of a lawsuit being involved  
35 in the executive session where you receive legal advice  
36 about that very lawsuit? I know it's a touchy subject.  
37 I appreciate that. But I would just think for  
38 everyone's benefit, y'all's, each one of you, including  
39 those members, the county attorney, and those of us on  
40 this side of the rail, it would, it would behoove us to  
41 know that. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

43 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

44 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District  
45 Three. Good evening. I'm talking on Number 7, the  
46 update on the 3.8 million grant from the FAA. I read  
47 the article in the paper today and it sounds like that  
48 would be a nice thing. I mean grants generally are  
49 free. And I'm glad that Mr. Hopkins is bringing it to  
50 your attention to look at. But I also realize that



1 from the information on the grant that the state will  
2 have to pay a hundred and one thousand one hundred and  
3 eighty-seven dollars for this project, as will Anderson  
4 County have to pay a hundred and one thousand one  
5 hundred eighty-seven thousand. And if this were not  
6 brought before council, how would that have worked out?  
7 Because you guys are the ones that got to figure out  
8 the budget and we don't have this extra money. It'd be  
9 nice to have some extra planes coming through Anderson.  
10 But I wonder at this point, this time, whether it's  
11 worth it. We really need to be spending that money on  
12 roads. One other thing that's not on the agenda, but I  
13 need to mention it before the end, the Anderson Humane  
14 Society is opening a spay and neuter clinic and it will  
15 have its open house on March the 20th in a building  
16 across from the School District Five. If you have any  
17 extra money, it would be a great thing, either from  
18 your recreational money or whatever, to just help them  
19 get started, get the building ready, whatever. Even a  
20 hundred dollars from your recreation account. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At  
22 this time, Item Number 5. Ms. Floyd, do you need a few  
23 minutes to get this, this Item Number 5, we can go to  
24 Item -- well 6 is cancelled.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I  
26 appreciate this, your kindness. First of all, may I  
27 apologize? I had to wait on transportation to get  
28 there to pick me up today so this is why I'm late.  
29 Item Number 5, is that Mr. Chapman?

30 TOMMY DUNN: That's the Young Marines.  
31 Yes, ma'am.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: That's okay. In my district  
33 we have an organization that we're very proud of. It's  
34 called the Young Marines. It's being supervised by men  
35 from our community, people who really care about our  
36 children, and people who don't only talk the talk, they  
37 walk the walk as well. We are very privileged to have  
38 Terry Chapman here with us today who's going to talk,  
39 going to give us a brief outline about the Young  
40 Marines. Mr. Chapman.

41 TERRY CHAPMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
42 County Council. My name is Terry Chapman. I'm from  
43 District Two, Appleton Mill, Old Town-New Town, but  
44 tonight I leave my district a little bit in my back  
45 pocket because this is for all districts. I've -- some  
46 of you might not know, especially in the audience, who  
47 we are. We're the Anderson County Young Marines.  
48 We're a group of young people, boys and girls, from the  
49 ages eight to eighteen. We teach them the basic  
50 military moves, manners, discipline. We do what our

1 shirt says, we want to teach them honor, courage and  
2 commitment. To be honored of who they are and where  
3 they are, and the courage to be what they want to be,  
4 and commitment to be the best at what they desire.  
5 Trying to teach a drug free atmosphere for the young  
6 people. Regardless of what the society or people try  
7 to label, there are some good young people, especially  
8 in Anderson County. All of them's not bad. The  
9 majority of them's just not had a chance to achieve  
10 what they can in life. So we, we want to try to help  
11 them. We do -- not just myself but there's many  
12 others. If I'd brought some more information -- I  
13 should have, I didn't think about bringing some  
14 pamphlets for other people to see. But if they have  
15 any questions, my name's in the book and they can call  
16 me and I'll explain it more. But it's just a super  
17 program. I've been involved with young people a lot of  
18 years now. I used to be young myself once. And I know  
19 what it is to have leadership. I was fortunate enough  
20 to have a man named Henry Spake, a ball coach, to teach  
21 me. So I, I know what it has to have a leader. But  
22 what I come before you tonight is when we -- we was  
23 before you before and made the presentation of the  
24 colors and the flags, I told you most of our kids are  
25 eight to twelve. We have some a little bit older but  
26 none of them have jobs. But I come before you tonight  
27 asking if the county council could see fit from each  
28 district, because we have some from every district of  
29 -- I don't want to put no price on it. I, I just ask  
30 you to search your hearts and see if you could help us.  
31 I was going to come just asking for a hundred dollars a  
32 district, which I hope we can get. But I, I'm looking  
33 that maybe you just see where you can maybe get more --  
34 like I say, I know money's short and things in this  
35 time. But we had a local church, Belmont Church of God  
36 of Prophecy, give us a building over there on their  
37 property. The only thing, we're decorating it, doing  
38 it, and I've got to put heat and air in it and it's  
39 ready to go. And I've got a friend who runs a business  
40 can, can do it for around a thousand dollars. And we  
41 don't have it. But I ask county council if they would  
42 help because, like I said, it's, it's not for me, it's  
43 not for the Marines per se. You don't have to be Army,  
44 Navy, Air Force, Marines or anything to be part of it.  
45 But it's a good organization that helps kids and to  
46 achieve, like I say, their goal in life, whatever it  
47 is. Some of them might one day be the chairman of this  
48 council, or might be the county lawyer, or any other  
49 place, or any other magnitude they want to grow to.  
50 They might even be president. And I want to know that

1 I've done everything that I can to help any young  
2 child. And like I say, a lot of this money goes to is  
3 to help one's -- for tuition. We've cut ours to  
4 thirty-five dollars. Everybody else is a hundred and  
5 fifty. I've -- I go around and, and go to ROTC from  
6 Hanna and Westside and all the other ones, and as far  
7 as Asheville seeking uniforms so they wouldn't have to  
8 buy them. Most of them's charging a hundred and fifty  
9 dollars. But we try to keep it to the bare minimum,  
10 but there's some that still can't afford that and some  
11 -- especially families that's got two or three. And I  
12 just ask county council if they could see in their  
13 heart and could find the monies to help us at this  
14 time. And I appreciate your time. Thank you.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
16 we'll be moving on to Item Number 7, Update on 3.8  
17 million dollar grant from the FFA. Holt Hopkins.

18 HOLT HOPKINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
19 First I'd like to -- I don't think I've formally  
20 introduced the airport manager to all of county  
21 council. This is Mr. Steve Vibbard. He's been with us  
22 since, what, November now? October. And he's hit the  
23 ground running. A lot of projects are going on out at  
24 the airport, a lot of things that was already in the  
25 works, and he's just picked up another big project  
26 here. What we're getting ready to show you, originally  
27 what -- has been on the airport's capital improvement  
28 plan for -- projected out over the next three or four  
29 years. The FAA came to us and said we'd like to  
30 accelerate some of this, we have some left over money  
31 from other grant monies, and if you can -- if you're  
32 prepared to do the project, we can find the money for  
33 you. So, and this is, this is what's in your packet,  
34 it's the chart. It's -- one thing that's different  
35 than what's in your packet is there was four basic  
36 components to this grant. One being an update of the  
37 master plan for the airport. That's not -- that's no  
38 longer going to be done this year. We're going to move  
39 it to the next year. But there's three main project --  
40 parts to this. Before I zoom in, off the end if you're  
41 looking at your screen to the right, that's runway two  
42 three. That's over near the 24 side of the runway.  
43 There are several trees in -- that are encroaching up  
44 into the approach path that the FAA is asking us to  
45 take down. A lot of it's been on county property, but  
46 there's other properties that we've got to go talk with  
47 the owners, Tri County Tech and others, about cutting  
48 some trees down. The FAA is paying those costs and  
49 that's part of this grant too. But to zoom in, this  
50 yellow part is the main part of this grant. It is

1 being done to beef up the apron and the, the taxiway.  
2 Thank you, sir. It might be better if I do it here.  
3 Let me do it this way. Everything in yellow here, the  
4 airplanes come in and they park right in this area. If  
5 you've ever parked a heavy plane on that or if you've  
6 been out there, them setting, especially on a hot  
7 summer day, they'll sink into that asphalt. This is a  
8 rehab to rebuild that taxiway or that apron area to  
9 prevent those heavier planes from sinking up in the  
10 asphalt. And if I remember right, it's all going to be  
11 concrete in that area.

12 STEVE VIBBARD: Concrete ??.

13 HOLT HOPKINS: Another part of the -- all  
14 right. It will also include the taxiways. One thing  
15 they're also going to do, they're going to go out and  
16 study our existing runway as well. Right now they have  
17 us rated at, at one level on a weight of planes.  
18 They're going to look and see -- they've paved it so  
19 many times in the fifty years that the runway's been  
20 there, fifty plus years, that they think that there may  
21 be enough asphalt to support a heavier plane on the  
22 runway and not have to put any extra money there. So  
23 they're going to check that to see if they can raise  
24 the rating. One of the goals, we, we have actually had  
25 correspondence from Clemson University saying that,  
26 that if you can tell us we can land a 727 or land a  
27 737, we'll start using your airport instead of going to  
28 GSP. So that's where this money -- I mean, that's the  
29 reason that we're trying to do this. We're also  
30 getting a lot of freighters that are fairly heavy.  
31 We've already been getting basketball team chartered  
32 flights in there and they're coming in in DC9's. I'll  
33 let you ...

34 STEVE VIBBARD: Those are the Embraer ERJ-  
35 145 express jets. We're getting a lot of the caravans  
36 now too. Martin, Martin Air, which is bringing UPS in  
37 and out of the airport. They're not as heavy as the  
38 bigger jets, they're just ...

39 HOLT HOPKINS: A DC9 is like a thousand ---

40 STEVE Vibbard: One thousand pound airplane.

41 HOLT HOPKINS: -- pound plane. Anyway,  
42 that's the point of all of this. One thing I would  
43 like to point out, the hundred thousand dollar match  
44 that, that you're paying for is not coming from the  
45 general fund. It's coming from the airport's cash  
46 account. That money has been put there for -- from  
47 either land sales or revenue that's being generated by  
48 the fees that the airport is charging its customers.  
49 So no, no tax money will have to pay that match.  
50 That'll be airport funds that's already existing. The

1 reason we're not asking you to vote for it is because  
2 you passed a resolution not too long ago saying as long  
3 as it's in an enterprise fund, you didn't have to vote  
4 on it. But we still wanted you to be aware of it  
5 because we're quite proud of this, that we're able to  
6 get this grant money this quick because it would have  
7 been spread out over years. Also the budget ordinance  
8 allows enterprise fund to do this. But again, we  
9 wanted you to be aware of it, make sure you didn't have  
10 any concerns about what we're doing here.

11 TOMMY DUNN: If -- at this time, I think  
12 time's expired. And I know this is going to take --  
13 council people's got questions and whatnot. So can I  
14 get ten more minutes for Mr. Hopkins? I make that a  
15 motion.

16 CINDY WILSON: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it. All  
18 in favor of extending this time ten more minutes, raise  
19 your hand.

20 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Motion carries unanimously.

22 CINDY WILSON: May I?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Wait, excuse me. You  
24 through, Mr. Hopkins, you got any ---

25 HOLT HOPKINS: That's it in a nutshell.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Ms. Wilson.

27 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick question.

28 Would the federal government manage a bid procedure on  
29 this or would this be something the county would  
30 manage? And is this a fairly near term time table to  
31 get started?

32 HOLT HOPKINS: I'll let you answer that.

33 STEVE VIBBARD: It's pretty much a quick  
34 turn around. This -- our engineering firm, LPA Group,  
35 will be handling it. March 12th is our bid ?? begins  
36 evaluation process. And we go into March 13th and  
37 14th, LPA, which our engineering firm will evaluate the  
38 bids. March 15th, LPA, which is our engineering firm,  
39 will prepare the grant application based on the lowest  
40 response bid for the responsible bidder and forward to  
41 the county for printing, executing and transmitting via  
42 email, fax, express courier to John Marshall at the  
43 FAA. On March 16th, the FAA will prepare the grant,  
44 offer transmit to the county. March 17th the County  
45 will accept the grant offer and return via email, fax,  
46 express courier to John Marshall at the FAA no later  
47 than the closing of business.

48 HOLT HOPKINS: To answer your question on  
49 the bidding out, we, we will actually be the ones  
50 bidding it out and we will have to come back to you

1 because, I mean, that's our bid procedure now. Before  
2 we can award this contract, we'll come back to you. A  
3 lot of this is, what Steve just told you about though,  
4 is the application for the grant. We don't have the  
5 grant in hand, but we have to evaluate the bids to fill  
6 out the application. And then once we get the grant in  
7 hand, we'll come back to you and ask permission to  
8 actually award the low bidder on this project. We will  
9 be managing it, but it will have tons of oversight by  
10 the FAA and the state aeronautics ??

11 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Ms. Wilson  
12 -- you got anything else, Ms. Wilson?

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Holt, what about  
16 the lighting? Now I, I read through the information  
17 that you sent us and I can't, I can't determine whether  
18 or not we can use some of those funds to improve the  
19 lighting out in that area. But can we do that?

20 HOLT HOPKINS: We believe that at least  
21 where the yellow part touches where the lighting is on  
22 the taxiways, we will be able to improve the lighting  
23 there. But we're working with the state, we met with  
24 them, what, Thursday or Friday?

25 STEVE VIBBARD: Thursday.

26 HOLT HOPKINS: Looking at trying to find  
27 some emergency funds at -- to let everybody know, we  
28 have a serious problem with our lights out there right  
29 now. They're old and antiquated and all on one  
30 circuit. When one side goes out, the whole system  
31 blows. So we've been having to put a whole lot of  
32 money into just keeping it running. The state is  
33 trying to help us find the money to go after some  
34 emergency funds to get the whole system redone. But  
35 anything outside of this yellow area will have to be  
36 handled in another grant, another bid.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: But the yellow area shows  
38 the crux of the application for the money. Am I  
39 correct?

40 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. For this  
41 project.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: For this project. But if we  
43 can get, if we can eke out a little money to improve  
44 the lighting in this area, we should -- that would be  
45 most of it, would it not?

46 HOLT HOPKINS: They -- the aeronautics  
47 folks told us they think they can at least cover some  
48 of the lights in this area. But the problem on the  
49 lighting runs on the taxiway parallel to the runway all  
50 the way up. That whole taxiway is giving us fits, and

1 even the other taxiways too, right?

2 STEVE VIBBARD: Right.

3 HOLT HOPKINS: But see, it's all tied  
4 together on one circuit and that's part of the problem.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. How can we attract  
6 these new vendors that will come in and use our runway  
7 if we don't have the proper lighting? Because the  
8 night that I was out there, the whole thing went  
9 totally black. And I asked how can they bring those  
10 planes in with no lights? And you said they had to use  
11 their instruments and all of that. But ---

12 HOLT HOPKINS: It is hurting us, but we are  
13 trying to address it as quick as we can. Just haven't  
14 had the grant money or the funding to take care of that  
15 too.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: How much would that cost us,  
17 Holt?

18 STEVE VIBBARD: Looking at 1. -- probably  
19 1.8 mill to do the runway lighting. That's all the  
20 lighting to go on the airport and signage.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
23 Mr. Waldrep.

24 BOB WALDREP: I just had one little quick  
25 follow-up on, on the lighting. Following up on what  
26 Ms. Floyd was talking about. We're -- are we saying  
27 that this -- all of this money has to be designated for  
28 this improvement of the platform or can it, can it be  
29 shared with the lighting?

30 HOLT HOPKINS: Only the area that I'm  
31 talking about that this project can probably replace  
32 some of the lighting, right in here. Only where the  
33 yellow areas are.

34 TOMMY DUNN: To answer Mr. Waldrep's  
35 question though, you can't share the money, it's got to  
36 stay where it's designated.

37 HOLT HOPKINS: We can't -- the FAA has been  
38 programing this money for the past year and they, they  
39 don't change very quick. But we're trying to go after  
40 another funding stream to pay for the rest of it.

41 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Is anything imminent?  
42 I mean, I know you're trying. I just wonder -- because  
43 it seems kind of important to me to have the lighting,  
44 might be a little bit more important than the platform.

45 HOLT HOPKINS: And, and I understand what  
46 you're saying. But this is really a recent occurrence.  
47 I mean, we've been having repairs but all of a sudden  
48 it just went to pieces about a month ago.

49 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: The -- trying to remember

1 what I was going to tell you. But there is another pot  
2 of safety money that, that they're supposed to be  
3 getting back with us probably in two weeks to tell us  
4 if we can get that.

5 TOMMY DUNN: I think some things up. Our  
6 airport manager's, I think's got it -- working on it  
7 and give him a little bit of time and see if what he --  
8 if he needs us to do something, he can come back and  
9 make a recommendation or something, him or Mr. Hopkins  
10 both. I think they -- seems like they've got --  
11 working on a solution, sounds like.

12 HOLT HOPKINS: And if I could just point  
13 out, the runway is operational. It's just that  
14 taxiway. And in this case what they do is turn around  
15 on the runway and come back and then if they had to to  
16 get the fall of the lights back to the terminal. So it  
17 is a workable solution, but we don't need to let it be  
18 a permanent.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, do you have  
20 anything? Mr. Allen?

21 TOM ALLEN: No, sir.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Hopkins,  
23 appreciate it. I've heard good things about the  
24 airport manager and appreciate the job y'all are doing.

25  
26 STEVE VIBBARD: Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we're moving on  
28 to Item Number 8, Ordinance Third Reading, Number 2009-  
29 033, ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 98-019 as  
30 previously amended by Ordinances Numbers 99-029, 2000-  
31 063, 2001-014, 2001-046, 2002-017, 2002-036, 2003-022,  
32 and these -- I'm not going to read all these into the  
33 thing. There's about twenty of them. I mean this is  
34 the third reading we've been talking -- this is  
35 relating to the Industrial Park of Anderson and  
36 Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

37 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we move it.

38 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion on the  
39 floor to move, move this. Do I have a second?

40 TOM ALLEN: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second, Mr. Allen.  
42 We're in discussion. Any discussion at all? Hearing  
43 none, show, show of hands in favor of the motion. All  
44 opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
45 unanimously. We'll -- thank you, Ms. Rozakos, for  
46 being here in case we needed you. Thank you very much.  
47 At this time we're going to Item Number 9, Ordinance  
48 First Reading, Number 2010-03, ordinance amending  
49 Section 55-32(a) of the Anderson County Code pertaining  
50 to the county vehicles policy and matters related



1 thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. An  
3 ordinance amending Section 55-32 of the Anderson County  
4 Code pertaining to the County's vehicle policy and  
5 matters related thereto.

6 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
7 body politic and a corporate and political subdivision  
8 of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through  
9 the Anderson County Council, previously adopted Chapter  
10 55 of the Anderson County Code which sets forth the  
11 personnel policies of the county; and

12 Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to  
13 amend Section 55-32(a) in order to provide that with  
14 the exception of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office  
15 personnel, no county employee may take a county owned  
16 vehicle home at the end of the work day.

17 Now, therefore, be it ordained by Anderson  
18 County Council in meeting duly assembled, Section 55-  
19 32(a) of the Anderson County Code is hereby amended in  
20 order to add the following sentence: No county  
21 employee may take any county owned vehicle home at the  
22 end of the work day. The remaining terms or provisions  
23 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances not revised  
24 or affected hereby remain in full force and effect.  
25 Should any part or provision of this ordinance be  
26 deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court  
27 of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not  
28 affect the rest and remainder of this ordinance, all of  
29 which is hereby deemed separable. All ordinances,  
30 orders, resolutions and actions of Anderson County  
31 Council inconsistent herewith or to the extent of such  
32 inconsistency only hereby are repealed, revoked, and  
33 rescinded. This ordinance shall take effect and be in  
34 full force upon the third reading enactment by the  
35 Anderson County Council.

36 And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
37 Chairman.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Do we  
39 have a second? Ms. Wilson -- Mr. Moore makes the  
40 motion. Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Any  
41 discussion?

42 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, I ---

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

44 EDDIE MOORE: -- I have put in each of the  
45 council member's chair a -- I talked over at the ACOG  
46 meeting and also at the Association of Counties in  
47 Columbia last week, I talked to a good many, Mr.  
48 Waldrep and myself, we talked to a good many county  
49 representatives that were there. And I will just run  
50 down a few of them. Y'all have pretty much all of the

1 information before you. I'm still waiting on a few  
2 more and as soon as those come in, I'll put them in  
3 your box and I'll try to make sure that Ms. Eddleman  
4 gives you a notification that those have arrived.  
5 Basically, in Greenville County there's only a few  
6 vehicles that are driven home. It's -- pretty much  
7 they have parked it. And it's been some time coming  
8 for Greenville County, according to a couple of the  
9 councilmen over there. They estimate the savings at  
10 over a million dollars a year by parking, just on wear  
11 and tear on the vehicles, gas and tires, and the  
12 service, it extends the service of the vehicle so they  
13 don't have to replace any of the vehicles. I also  
14 included the policy that Johnny Mack Brown, former  
15 Sheriff, he has in there also. That's the Sheriff's  
16 policy which is separate, which we're not addressing  
17 tonight, but that was kind of for information. I think  
18 the Sheriff probably already has a copy of this.  
19 Greenwood County, only essential personnel, such as the  
20 24/7 on-call personnel, of course law enforcement,  
21 public safety, and the coroner carries cars home. It's  
22 very limited in Greenwood County. In Pickens County,  
23 they also have an extremely tight policy, on-call roads  
24 and bridges, emergency medical, the animal control, and  
25 only four or five department heads that are on call,  
26 and of course, law enforcement. Also, if you'll look  
27 back in the back, Oconee County -- and I'll pretty much  
28 read on theirs, the only county employees in Oconee  
29 County that have assigned vehicles and authorized to  
30 commute from work to home are as follows: County  
31 Administrator, public works director and his designee  
32 that are on call, vehicle maintenance employee that is  
33 on call, rural fire chief, deputy fire chief, animal  
34 control officer that's on call, the coroner, and the  
35 emergency management director and rescue squad  
36 coordinator. Abbeville County, I talked with John  
37 Campell down at Abbeville County on Abbeville County  
38 Council and they -- it's also in your packet also, they  
39 have severely limited, and only up until recently, the  
40 coroner didn't even have a vehicle in Abbeville County.  
41 And recently, they have added him on to the list. But  
42 they're very restricted on who carries vehicles home.  
43 And I've touched base on a lot of counties on -- we  
44 have, you know, with sewer treatment plants or whatnot,  
45 and they have, if they have someone that's on emergency  
46 call, that one person drives a car home and that's  
47 pretty much across the counties. Some of the counties  
48 didn't even have that. They came in and picked up the  
49 vehicle. They said that since the county seat is  
50 pretty much centrally located, they would come in and

1 pick up the service vehicle and then, you know, go on  
2 to service. And I do understand also, I think there's  
3 a need to probably amend it for -- because I know our  
4 fire marshal and I know the emergency management  
5 director and the EMS training coordinators, and I do  
6 know that we need -- those need to be added that they  
7 can take the cars home. I do know we have needs for  
8 people that definitely needs to take the vehicles home.  
9 I think we probably would need to address that, you  
10 know, maybe if y'all would look, the information that  
11 the other counties have provided me. And I'll have the  
12 rest of the information to you, hopefully, tomorrow  
13 some time. I'm trying to get the last of the  
14 information. I didn't get it in time to get it to you,  
15 and I don't have it yet either. But I think we could  
16 probably curtail a lot of the cars that are going home  
17 currently and only the essential people and we could  
18 probably save a tremendous amount of money on the wear  
19 and tear and the gas with the price of gas today. And  
20 I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This may not be  
25 a, a bad idea for us to look into it. But I have a lot  
26 of questions. First of all, I'm just now getting this  
27 thick packet of information. We haven't had time to  
28 look through it or to answer questions for it. Another  
29 problem I have is that the company -- I mean, the  
30 counties that we're being compared to are smaller than  
31 we are. You're talking about Oconee Counties, Pickens  
32 and Greenwood. They don't have the personnel that we  
33 have, nor do they have some of the entities that we  
34 have here in Anderson County. For example, the Civic  
35 Center, the airport, and public information, thank you,  
36 and other public people. Also, it would have been good  
37 to have had a list of those who are having the -- who  
38 are driving the cars now. Do we have such a list?

39 TOM ALLEN: It should be in your  
40 package. If not, I've got it.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Which packet?

42 TOM ALLEN: In your book, it should be  
43 under nine -- what item are we on, 9(a)?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't see that, but  
45 anyway. I will ---

46 TOM ALLEN: Here.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, thank you. I  
48 will take a, I'll take a, I'll take a look at that to  
49 see, to see what -- to see how we compare with  
50 everybody else. But the thing that bothers me is that

1 we can easily cut out all the cars except the Sheriff's  
2 car, I don't want to play around with that one. But  
3 what about the travel, what about the increase in  
4 travel payments? I think if we pay fifty-five cents a  
5 mile now, do we -- would we do better by paying the  
6 fifty-five cents per mile or would we do better by  
7 allowing some of these people to have cars? The fact  
8 that, that we have a public information officer who has  
9 always had transportation but now that department has  
10 been relieved of its car, the car's been taking away,  
11 but yet that person is expected to go out after hours  
12 to do certain things for the, for the county. As well  
13 as our Civic Center director, he, he has things going  
14 on at the Civic Center in the evening time. They're  
15 going to take his car too and then we're going, then  
16 we're going to have to pay him mileage to get back and  
17 forth. These are the concerns I have. I wish that we  
18 had gotten a chance to see this rather than have to  
19 come here to look at it and then try to make a decision  
20 on first reading tonight. I would like to accept this  
21 for information only tonight until we can get all the  
22 information together, Mr. Chair, and take a look at it  
23 and go through it then. Thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

25 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just had a couple  
26 of comments because as you know, I've been on the motor  
27 pool committee, vehicle committee, whatever you want to  
28 call that. And we started this approximately last May,  
29 looking at the number of vehicles that were being  
30 driving home. And at that time, we had fifty-five  
31 vehicles being driving home by county employees. We're  
32 now down to twenty-four. Everybody up here has that  
33 list. I have extra copies if anybody wants to see who  
34 it is and who's driving home and what they're doing.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me a minute, Mr.  
36 Allen. Time. If we could ask for ten more minutes,  
37 please. I think this is pretty important. Mr. Waldrep  
38 makes a motion to extend time ten minutes. Ms. Wilson  
39 seconds it. All in favor of the motion, please show of  
40 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries.  
41 Ten more minutes, Mr. Pitts. Thank you, Mr. Allen.

42 TOM ALLEN: All right. So anyway, we're  
43 down to twenty-four out of fifty-five and we keep  
44 chopping away at it, we are narrowing it down. I think  
45 to say no vehicles should be driven home, I think might  
46 be going a little bit far, because all these examples  
47 from all the other counties do allow certain vehicles  
48 to be driven home. So I think what we have right now  
49 such as the -- well, let me just give you an example,  
50 take litter control for instance. If someone on litter

1 control gets a call that somebody's out here dumping  
2 trash, old couches, or whatever along the road, they  
3 can't go out in their private vehicle with no markings,  
4 no radio, no siren, no lights, no nothing and maybe  
5 pull a gun out on somebody and say I'm here to arrest  
6 and that person's going to say who in the heck are you.  
7 You've got to have some vehicles still being driven  
8 home by those people that are on call. And, as I said,  
9 we are chopping this list down and I think we're pretty  
10 much doing what these other places are doing. If you  
11 look at Greenville County, they have it broken down,  
12 one, two, three, four, five, five basic areas. Public  
13 works, we have public works. Animal control, well that  
14 comes under the Sheriff now. But roads and bridges, we  
15 have certain people there that are on call.  
16 Construction project engineer, a certain person on  
17 call. The administrator. So we're basically doing  
18 what these other places are doing. And as Ms. Floyd  
19 said, we have, we have things that maybe other counties  
20 don't have, like the litter control, like the airport,  
21 and so on. So we are going to have a few more vehicles  
22 than some counties may have to have. And that was all  
23 I had.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd just like to  
25 say, you know, I asked you to look at this here a  
26 couple of weeks ago, the finance committee about this  
27 and work on this, and I appreciate the work Mr. Moore's  
28 done. And, you know, I've said I think we need to --  
29 we've got room to park some cars. But I would like  
30 time to study this too and come back next meeting with  
31 some recommendations. I'd like to make the motion we  
32 table this until next meeting night.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,  
35 show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries.  
36 And y'all, if we would, Mr. Moore and Mr. Allen, any  
37 councilman got any questions get -- I'd like to talk to  
38 some department heads to see, because what I don't want  
39 to see happen is if somebody in the sewer's got to have  
40 a car, I don't want anybody's sewer to back up because  
41 -- and things like that right there we need to follow.  
42 But I think there is some list on this twenty-four we  
43 can trim. And I appreciate the work Mr. Moore's done.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, Mr. Chair.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Also, I would  
47 ask that the committee or whomever is going to study  
48 this thing, I know Mr. Moore just said that he's going  
49 ...

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1 GRACIE FLOYD: ... I would like to see  
2 everything the committee is going to study as they work  
3 through this now. Okay. Thank you.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.  
5 TOM ALLEN: If I could just make one  
6 other quick comment.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr., Mr. Allen.  
8 TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly, in  
9 regarding -- regarding monetary savings, we do want to  
10 determine what that is. It's probably easiest to do it  
11 maybe at the end of the fiscal year when we start  
12 wrapping numbers up. But something we need to be  
13 careful of, if we just look at dollar amounts on  
14 gasoline savings, that, that may misconstrue things a  
15 little bit because of the way gasoline prices  
16 fluctuate. We might want to look at something like how  
17 many gallons of gas have we saved because if last year  
18 the average gallon of gas in fiscal year 2008 and 9  
19 might have run at two dollars and thirty cents and in  
20 fiscal year 2009 and 10 it might be running two dollars  
21 and forty-five cents. So it's going to look like we're  
22 paying as much or more for gas when in actuality we  
23 have cut back on gallons. So that was one point, was  
24 all.  
25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
27 EDDIE MOORE: One other quick point you  
28 was talking about the smaller counties. Greenville  
29 County's included in this. And when talking with Mr.  
30 Deal, there are only five cars from Greenville County  
31 that's taken home, there's five cars.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: And thank you.  
33 EDDIE MOORE: Also, Charleston County, I  
34 do not have that information yet, but I talked with  
35 them and they're sending it back to me. Basically,  
36 they have shut it down, so they've saved a lot of  
37 money. And I will have that information to you.  
38 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
39 EDDIE MOORE: The lower -- down in  
40 Charleston.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Like I said, if  
42 y'all would get together and work on this together, I  
43 would appreciate it. And as soon as y'all get some  
44 information, pass it on to the rest of us so we have  
45 time. We would appreciate it. Thank you.  
46 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Waldrep.  
48 BOB WALDREP: In gathering that  
49 information, it'd be helpful to me to know in  
50 particular which cars are going to be affected, if you

1 can.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Exactly. And I think if you  
3 haven't got, Mr. Allen's got a list here, Mr. Moore's  
4 got it too, of twenty-four cars that's driven home now.  
5 So we need that -- everyone needs to look at that list.  
6 You need to get a copy of it tonight if you don't got  
7 it. I think Mr. Allen's got some extra ones.  
8 TOM ALLEN: I thought it was in your  
9 book, but I have the extra copies.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: I hadn't -- it wasn't in  
11 mine.  
12 CINDY WILSON: It was in the package, you  
13 know, not in the ...  
14 TOM ALLEN: Oh.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
16 TOM ALLEN: It was in the pack, you  
17 should have a copy.  
18 CINDY WILSON: Don't look far but it was in  
19 the ---  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
21 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.  
22 CINDY WILSON: May I real quickly?  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
24 CINDY WILSON: It looks to me like we could  
25 narrow the list way, way down. I, I agree that there  
26 might be a few essential services that are on call  
27 twenty-four/seven. But the list we were given with the  
28 twenty-four on there, I don't think that's even  
29 complete. I think, for example, right now, doesn't our  
30 coroner take his vehicle home, maybe a couple of them  
31 from the coroner's office. I'm not sure we've got all  
32 of the information just yet and maybe we can double  
33 check everything.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: And, and that's something to  
35 check on too and I just want to throw this out there  
36 and we can move on. But the coroner's an elected  
37 official, I don't know if we can take his car if we  
38 want to, that's something we'll have to check and see.  
39 I don't know.  
40 TOM ALLEN: Right. That's, that's why  
41 that's not on there.  
42 CINDY WILSON: Oh, it says excluding  
43 elected ---  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Chair.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: I tend to agree with what  
47 she was saying because I saw a list at the beginning of  
48 this and it had other names on here that's not on here  
49 now. And one of the -- I think it was the list that  
50 you all got at the beginning when you all were talking

1 about this. And there are some names that's not on  
2 here now.

3 TOMMY DUNN: They've still got cars?  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm talking  
6 about. There was fifty-five to start with and they've  
7 been trimmed down, I believe Mr. Allen just said, to  
8 twenty-four, so they won't -- all the names won't be on  
9 the original list. But we'll -- Mr. Allen needs to  
10 check and make sure ---

11 GRACIE FLOYD: But this is the list now,  
12 right?

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Supposed to be. Yes,  
14 ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I only see one  
16 name that we can taken off. That'll give us twenty ---

17 TOM ALLEN: That's, that's as of two  
18 days ago.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good.

20 TOMMY DUNN: And we'll double check on  
21 that. Okay. Moving on then and we'll report next  
22 meeting night on that and I would appreciate it.  
23 Moving on to Item Number 9(b), Ordinance to authorize  
24 and accept the transfer of authority to conduct  
25 multiple county elections scheduled for November of odd  
26 number of years for the towns of West Pelzer and Honea  
27 Path to the Anderson County Restoration and Election  
28 Commission and other matters related thereto. Mr.  
29 Pitts, you got anything you need to add to this?

30 MIKE PITTS: No, sir. I sure don't.  
31 It's fairly self-explanatory and I believe -- I know  
32 Katie Smith with the Registration and Elections  
33 Commission is here to answer any specific questions  
34 that you might have and I believe she did a  
35 presentation either at the last meeting or the meeting  
36 before that. But the towns of West Pelzer and Honea  
37 Path have asked the county to conduct their elections.  
38 State law allows that. Both towns have passed  
39 ordinances asking for that authority to be transferred  
40 to the county. This would be the ordinance accepting  
41 that authority. It's just important to point out that  
42 it would be at no additional cost to the county and all  
43 of this would be contingent upon the United States  
44 Department of Justice okaying it. You have to apply  
45 and get their, get their blessing to do it.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
48 motion that we accept this.

49 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion from Ms.  
50 Floyd to accept. Do we have a second?



1 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
2 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep seconds the  
4 motion. Any further -- any discussion? Hearing none,  
5 all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed,  
6 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
7 Moving to Item 10, Resolutions, Number R2010-017, a  
8 resolution endorsing the Cell Phones for Soldiers  
9 Program, and matters related thereto, Mr. Tom Allen.  
10 Mr. Allen.

11 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr.  
12 Chairman. Let me just read through the resolution very  
13 briefly here and I'll put this in the form of a motion.  
14 Briefly, quickly. Resolution 2010-017, a resolution  
15 endorsing the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program and  
16 matters related thereto.

17 Whereas, to a military family, a phone call  
18 home is priceless. The Armed Forces Services Exchange  
19 operates telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait,  
20 Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships.  
21 Anywhere service members are deployed. All of these  
22 locations stay busy around the clock to keep up  
23 communications between deployed troops and their loved  
24 ones, but these phone calls are expensive. A phone  
25 call from overseas can cost seven to eight dollars per  
26 minute;

27 Whereas, Cell Phones for Soldiers uses  
28 proceeds from donated, used cell phones to purchase  
29 prepaid calling cards for American troops. The program  
30 was founded by teenagers, Robbie and Brittany Berquist  
31 from Norwell, Massachusetts, with a whole twenty-one  
32 dollars of their own money. Their goal is to help our  
33 soldiers serving overseas call home by providing  
34 prepaid phone cards. Since 2004, their non-profit  
35 charity has raised almost two million dollars in  
36 donations and distributed more than five hundred  
37 thousand prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving  
38 overseas;

39 Whereas, Cell Phones for Soldiers addresses an  
40 everyday emotional need that everyone has experienced,  
41 imperative to phone home to hear a familiar voice while  
42 far away;

43 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
44 body politic and corporate and political subdivision of  
45 the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its  
46 County Council, wishes to endorse the Cell Phone for  
47 Soldiers Program.

48 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
49 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

50 1. The Cell Phones for Soldiers Program is

1 hereby endorsed by Anderson County personnel and are  
2 hereby directed to make materials and collection points  
3 available to the public so the citizens of Anderson  
4 County can participate in this worthwhile and patriotic  
5 program.

6 2. The resolution shall take effect and be  
7 in force immediately upon enactment.

8 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 2nd  
9 day of March, 2010. And I put that in the form of a  
10 motion.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Allen. Second  
12 by Ms. Wilson. Any, any further discussion, any  
13 discussion?

14 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

16 BOB WALDREP: I need to ask Mr. Allen, is  
17 this is a 501(c)(3), that would be ---

18 TOM ALLEN: Yes.

19 BOB WALDREP: -- that we could donate ...

20 TOM ALLEN: It would certainly be. I,  
21 I'm going to presume, and I know you get in trouble  
22 when you do that, that this is certainly a non-profit  
23 organization. Yeah. 501(c)(3), yeah.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

26 TOM ALLEN: Go ahead.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. That's a good  
29 question. I'm all for this. I think it's a good  
30 thing. But we used to be constantly told to be careful  
31 of that, especially when we're donating, you know,  
32 using the county money that we have to be sure that  
33 these different entities are 501. So in view of that,  
34 I think we need to -- I don't know how ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: I think they just shook  
36 their head, Ms. Floyd, they are. Is that right, Mr.  
37 Pitts and Mr. Burns?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts.

39 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. According to  
40 their website they do have 501(c)(3) designation. I  
41 haven't seen the paperwork on it, but their website  
42 says they are.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: So can we, can we go with  
44 the -- do you feel comfortable about just us going with  
45 the website?

46 MIKE PITTS: I do for something like  
47 this.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Ms. Floyd?  
50 Mr. Allen.

1 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just had another  
2 quick comment. The old cell phones like this, you can  
3 turn these in and what they'll do with them, sometimes  
4 they can reprogram these phones and actually give them  
5 to the troops to use. Other times they have to just  
6 take them apart and use bits and pieces out of them.  
7 Either way, what they can do is that you turn in so  
8 many cell phones and through a system that they have  
9 they can actually get minutes from phone companies so  
10 that the soldiers can have prepaid phone cards. And  
11 I'd just like to note too, that now a days, I'm talking  
12 about in the year -- in 2000 here, when I was in the  
13 military some time ago and people that were in sixty-  
14 seventy years ago, the old saying used to be, you know,  
15 if the military wanted you to have a wife they would  
16 have issued you one. Well now a days we depend an  
17 awful, awful lot on guard and reserve troops. They've  
18 all got families. We have a lot more folks in uniform  
19 overseas with husbands at home, wives at home, children  
20 at home. And it really makes a big difference now a  
21 days when they can make a phone call home. That was  
22 all I have.

23 TOMMY DUNN: That's great. Any more  
24 discussion? All in favor of the resolution, show of  
25 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the resolution  
26 carries unanimously. On Resolution, Resolution 10(b),  
27 Resolution Number R2010-018, a resolution lowering the  
28 speed limit on Cox Road (C-10-0094) and matters related  
29 thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore. Mr. Moore.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
31 This resolution would be lowering the speed limit on  
32 Cox Road and other matters related thereto.

33 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, the  
34 county is a body politic and corporate and political  
35 subdivision of the State of South Carolina; and

36 Whereas, Cox Road (C-10-0094) is located  
37 within the unincorporated area of Anderson County;

38 Whereas, Section 56-5-1540 of the South  
39 Carolina Code of Laws provide wherever local  
40 authorities in their respective jurisdictions  
41 determine, on the basis of an engineering and traffic  
42 investigation, that the maximum speed permitted under  
43 this article is greater or less than is reasonable and  
44 safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway  
45 or part of a highway, the local authorities shall  
46 determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum  
47 speed limit thereon;

48 Whereas, residents living on Cox Road have  
49 petitioned the County Council asking that the speed  
50 limit be reduced on Cox Road from forty-five to thirty-

1 five;

2 Whereas, County Council wishes to declare a  
3 reduced speed of thirty-five miles per hour on Cox Road  
4 provided said, said reduction complies with state law.

5 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
6 Anderson County Council in a meeting duly assembled  
7 that in an event justified under state law, the speed  
8 limit of Cox Road shall be reduced to thirty-five. And  
9 further, the county administrator is directed to  
10 request that county personnel take all necessary and  
11 appropriate measures to change the traffic control  
12 devices along said road.

13 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
14 force immediately upon enactment. I put that in the  
15 form of a motion, Mr. Chairman.

16 CINDY WILSON: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
18 Moore makes the motion. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
19 discussion?

20 CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: This is in District Seven  
24 for a great deal of the road and there have been some  
25 serious troubles. I would like to propose an amendment  
26 to this resolution at the one, two, three, fourth  
27 paragraph down. It says, Whereas, residents living on  
28 Cox Road have petitioned the County Council asking that  
29 the speed limit be reduced on Cox Road from forty-five  
30 to thirty-five miles per hour. I would propose that we  
31 add, And that the passing zones be removed. It's very  
32 unsafe over there. And Mr. Waldrep, I think you share  
33 a little bit of this road, and Ms. Floyd also shares a  
34 little bit of this road.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don't.

36 CINDY WILSON: Yes, you do.

37 TOMMY DUNN: You wouldn't -- you don't  
38 share none of that do you, Ms. Cox?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't, I don't.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Have you got that motion,  
41 Ms. Wilson?

42 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

44 BOB WALDREP: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep makes --  
46 seconds.

47 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

49 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to ask Mr.  
50 Hopkins maybe if he's familiar with this Cox Road. I

1 guess the, the passing thing kind of concerned me with  
2 the layout of the passing. Have you had an opportunity  
3 to look at any of that, Mr. Hopkins?

4 HOLT HOPKINS: I haven't looked at it  
5 recently. The passing lanes were changed several years  
6 ago. We had several non-residents, people that used  
7 the road to pass through to put the request in that our  
8 engineers take a look at it and see if it could  
9 accommodate passing lanes. Based on their engineering  
10 judgment at that time, that's why they painted those  
11 passing lanes on there. The speed limit was set during  
12 that same time based on their studies at that time.

13 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

14 TOMMY DUNN: It's Mr. Waldrep's.

15 BOB WALDREP: Well, I guess the only I  
16 have is that it would be good to have a little bit of  
17 input from the engineers with regard to what effect ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: Let -- if I can just say  
19 this, Mr. Waldrep. I don't think -- all we can do by  
20 the law, Mr. Moore, is we're asking them to look at  
21 this. We can't -- I mean that law, if I understand it  
22 right, Mr. Pitts, is they've got to -- if we do this  
23 tonight, the engineer's still got to give their  
24 blessing or come back to us or something. Isn't that  
25 correct?

26 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

28 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well that, that was  
29 the question. I also had a fundamental question here  
30 about what, what we're doing here, how much authority  
31 we have to do what we're doing. And I -- of course,  
32 this is like a county road, it's not a -- not in the  
33 state system at all. Okay.

34 TOMMY DUNN: We just replaced that bridge  
35 here awhile -- a year or so ago.

36 BOB WALDREP: Yeah.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Okay. Ms. Floyd.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, thank you.  
39 Recently we did some work on Cox road, did we not? We  
40 fixed a bridge down there.

41 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That is not in my  
43 district. My district does not go up Highway 29 where  
44 Cox Road comes out on 29. Nor does it go on the, on  
45 the other end, so that's not my district. But it's a  
46 road that I have traveled a lot going back and forth to  
47 that side of town and to Hanna High School. I, I  
48 remember ...

49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd would have the  
50 floor.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: I do remember when that --  
4 when those passing lanes were there. I'm hoping that  
5 -- sometime the traffic does move kind of slow on that  
6 road because of the farm equipments and everything  
7 else. And so I'm hoping that some of those passing  
8 lanes we can -- that it can be worked out so that we  
9 can keep. And I thank you.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Allen.

11 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Yeah.  
12 I had a couple of questions. I believe from the new  
13 bridge on out to 29 is thirty-five miles an hour  
14 anyway. It has some curves in it. From the bridge,  
15 basically from the bridge coming back to Old  
16 Williamston Road is pretty straight because you've got  
17 golf course on one side pretty much and farms on the  
18 other. And we've heard tonight that oftentimes  
19 there'll be hay balers and farm wagons and stuff out  
20 there. If you put no passing zones in there at all,  
21 does that mean if somebody gets stuck behind a hay  
22 baler, they're there for the next half hour to get  
23 through Cox Road? Also, I had a question, this is  
24 being done as a resolution. Is there -- I mean, a  
25 resolution's good for a year. Would -- after the  
26 study's done, would this have to be resubmitted as an  
27 ordinance then to make it permanent or would we leave  
28 it as a resolution?

29 HOLT HOPKINS: I take it that this  
30 resolution is instructing staff to take some action and  
31 ---

32 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

33 HOLT HOPKINS: -- unless council wants us  
34 to take action again, I mean ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: It would last.

36 HOLT HOPKINS: It would stay there until  
37 council told us to take action.

38 TOM ALLEN: Take it off. Okay. That's  
39 fine. That, that was my only two points.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Any more discussion  
41 on the amendment? Ms. Wilson's amendment is what  
42 we're going to be voting on of no passing lanes. Any  
43 discussion on that? All in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
44 amendment to put the wording in there of no -- removing  
45 the passing lanes, show of hands. Show the motion  
46 carries. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Ms.  
47 Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen in  
48 favor. Ms. Floyd voting against. Now we're back to  
49 voting on the motion, the original motion, as amended,  
50 of Ms. Wilson's amended -- amendment with her amendment

1 of no passing lanes. All in favor of the motion, show  
2 of hands.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Now which motion? This is  
4 the original motion?

5 TOMMY DUNN: This is the original motion  
6 as amended. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
7 carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Moore.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- okay. Mr. Chair.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: I need some procedure rules  
12 here.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I voted on that last  
15 one.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: I intended to abstain from  
18 it because I don't agree with the motion as amended, so  
19 I wanted to abstain. So can I vote now to -- may I  
20 reconsider my vote?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Just show -- let the record  
24 show the motion carries, six -- five oh. Ms. Floyd's  
25 abstaining. No against. Ms. Floyd voted no?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: No, yes.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I'm sorry. Ms. Floyd  
28 voted no for both times, both amendment.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. At this time,  
31 excuse me, at this time, Appointments to Various Boards  
32 and Commissions. Ms. Wilson. Mr. Waldrep. Mr. Moore.

33 EDDIE MOORE: None at this time.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

37 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I have none. Moving on at  
39 this time, Request by Council Members. I'm sorry.

40 Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Robert Carroll. Mr. Carroll.

41 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

42 Tonight we have two bids for your consideration. First  
43 item is the Stevenson Road Culvert Replacement Project  
44 which I believe is in District Three. The low bidder  
45 was Pickens Construction - six hundred six thousand six  
46 hundred forty-two dollars and twenty-three cents.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, do you have  
48 anything? Do you want to make a motion or ...

49 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion to accept it.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion.

1 Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any discussion?  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, please.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: The paving contract, is that  
5 for District Three too? That's just -- the first one  
6 is for District Three?  
7 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: But not the second one?  
9 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: The second one is overall  
11 paving?  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You answered my  
14 question. Okay. And this one is for a ...  
15 TOMMY DUNN: The first one?  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: The first one's that road  
18 down Stevens Road off 81 South, down there -- it's been  
19 -- we've been talking -- I mean the last council talked  
20 about it.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I remember. But you  
22 see when you don't have it -- yeah, you have it there.  
23 Okay. Thank you.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Any more  
25 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show  
26 of hand. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
27 unanimously. Moving on to Item number two, bid  
28 process.  
29 ROBERT CARROLL: Item number two is the 2010  
30 paving contract. Again, Pickens Construction was low  
31 bidder - one million eight hundred forty-seven thousand  
32 four hundred ninety-six dollars ninety-eight cent.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Do you want to make a  
34 motion?  
35 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion to accept.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
37 accept. Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any discussion?  
38 TOM ALLEN: Just a quick ---  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
40 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Now this will be the  
41 primary paving contract for this coming year?  
42 TOMMY DUNN: This is, this is the roads  
43 ---  
44 TOM ALLEN: This will cover the whole  
45 county and do -- because that question will come up.  
46 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. This is mostly C  
47 funds is paying for some -- all -- the biggest chunk of  
48 this. But there is one project in there that had  
49 already been funded that we added to this.  
50 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.



1 TOMMY DUNN: This is the list we seen  
2 months ago I think and approved, sent to them. Any  
3 other discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
4 motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
5 motion carries unanimously.

6 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. At  
8 this time we move on to the Request for Council  
9 Members. Mr. Allen.

10 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have any  
12 request?

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. But I need to ask a  
14 question first.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. We received a  
17 letter -- well I received a letter from the Homeland  
18 Park Community Task Force. When is this event supposed  
19 to take place? Okay. Thank you. I will -- I have  
20 none at this time.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. Mr.  
22 Moore.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank  
24 you. I have a -- I'd like to appropriate fifteen  
25 thousand of my paving account to assist in paving at  
26 Parker Bowie Recreational Complex down there.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I have a motion. Do  
28 I have a second? Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?  
29 All in favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign.  
30 Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Moore --  
31 anything else, Mr. Moore?

32 EDDIE MOORE: None further, Mr. Chairman.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep, you  
34 have any requests?

35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
36 appropriate five hundred dollars out of my recreation  
37 fund to the Cell Phones for Soldiers.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any -- a second?  
39 Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Any discussion? All in  
40 favor of Mr. Waldrep's motion, show of hands. All  
41 opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
42 unanimously. Anything, anything further?

43 BOB WALDREP: That's all.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

45 CINDY WILSON: District Seven's in the red  
46 by four thousand dollars.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

48 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: And I have none at this time  
50 neither. Moving on to Item, Item Number 14, Request

1 for executive session. I make the motion to go into  
2 executive session on legal matters to discuss -- take  
3 legal advice on the Joey Preston lawsuit.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

5 CINDY WILSON: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor. Opposed, like  
7 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We'll be  
8 gone -- shouldn't be gone but a short ten, fifteen  
9 minutes.

10 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11 TOMMY DUNN: We'll just give it just a  
12 second here. She has to go to the restroom.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman and members of  
14 the audience, please accept my apology again.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
16 motion to come out of executive session?

17 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to go out of  
18 executive session.

19 BOB WALDREP: Second.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
21 to come out. Mr. Waldrep seconds. All in favor of the  
22 motion, show of hands. Opposed, like signs. Statement  
23 -- we took no action, took no votes in executive  
24 session. We just took some advice. Do we have a  
25 motion to come out of executive session?

26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
27 motion that we reject the offer made by Joey Preston.

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.  
30 Moore and a second by Ms. Wilson. Further discussion?  
31 Hearing none, all in favor, show of hands. Go ahead.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Thank you. Fellow  
33 council members, I would advise -- I would ask that we  
34 take a good look at what was presented to us and maybe  
35 let's try to work something out on behalf of Anderson  
36 County, on behalf of the taxpayers of Anderson County,  
37 and on behalf of everybody that's involved. We, we  
38 have spent a lot of money on this and if -- I think  
39 that the public has had enough. So I think that we  
40 need to look very carefully at what we're doing here  
41 and try to come to some terms where we can settle this.  
42 Let's not, let's not listen to a one of few people who  
43 may have our ears. Let's listen to the whole, let's  
44 listen to the body, let's listen to the people. Thank  
45 you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more  
47 discussion? Hearing none, the show -- a vote on the  
48 motion. All in favor. All opposed. Show the motion  
49 carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn,  
50 Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd objections to it, opposed.

1 Moving on to Item Number 15, Administrator's Report.  
2 Mr. Burns.  
3 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing to report.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.  
5 Citizens Comments. Mr. Pitts.  
6 MIKE PITTS: Leslie White.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, please, I  
8 again ask you to state your name and address or  
9 district at least and address the Chair, please.  
10 LESLIE WHITE: Leslie White, District Six.  
11 Again, Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate an answer to  
12 the question earlier. Obviously, tonight was a prime  
13 example of that -- exactly what I was talking about  
14 earlier with regards to executive session. And I would  
15 just like to have an answer to that question from our  
16 county attorney and if not from there, then maybe he  
17 could advise me as to who the best person to answer  
18 that question would be, whether that represents a  
19 serious conflict of interest because I think some of us  
20 see it that way. Regardless of the parties involved,  
21 the circumstances lend themselves to it being a  
22 conflict of interest. And if, if that's going to be  
23 the case, I just think a lot of us out here would like  
24 to at least have that answer. And I would appreciate  
25 that, if Mr. Pitts could answer that. If not, if he  
26 could tell me the best place to have that answered.  
27 Thank you.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
29 Pitts. Remarks from Council. Mr. Allen.  
30 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I have two comments.  
31 What Ms., Ms. White just stated, I would kind of like  
32 to say something too, but I don't know that I'm the one  
33 to do it and I don't know if Mr. Pitts can as far as  
34 just very, very basically what was presented. Can, can  
35 we say anything, Mr. Pitts, or ... I think, I think  
36 the, the public does deserve an answer to that because  
37 there's -- I know there's going to be misunderstandings  
38 as to what occurred.  
39 MIKE PITTS: I'm not aware of anything  
40 that would prohibit the -- addressing the details of  
41 the offer, but I would recommend that it just remain  
42 unsaid.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
44 TOM ALLEN: Yes.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: I think you misinterpreted  
46 and I might be mis-speaking, but Ms. White's -- her  
47 question is if there's a conflict, not saying there are  
48 one, but if there's a conflict with council people  
49 being in, in on executive session, can it be held out.  
50 That's the -- I think that's the question she's, she's

1 asking to be answered by the attorney or someone else.  
2 I think that was, that was her question she asked  
3 earlier tonight.

4 TOM ALLEN: Earlier. Yeah. I may have  
5 misunderstood her this time then.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

7 TOM ALLEN: I thought she wanted a  
8 little more information. All right. I'll pass over  
9 that and go on to something else I wanted to comment  
10 on. And this, this concerns the Young Marines, Mr.  
11 Chapman's group. I want to pay them a compliment  
12 because last year at the Veteran's ceremony over at the  
13 Veteran's monument when it came time for the color  
14 guard to present the color -- colors, the color guard  
15 wasn't there. They didn't show up. Well, who was  
16 going to do it? Well, the Young Marines stepped  
17 forward, totally on the cold, and did an excellent job  
18 of it. And some of those flags were bigger than the  
19 kids carrying them, but they did a super job. And I  
20 want to compliment him and his Young Marines for that.  
21 Thank you, Mr. Chapman. That was all I had.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I wasn't here  
24 when the comment was made on whatever is it, whatever  
25 it is about, but I've got a -- I have an inkling that I  
26 do know what the concern is. Before you can do  
27 something like that to keep somebody from going into a,  
28 a session that this person was duly elected and have  
29 the right to attend, you have to first prove  
30 wrongdoing. You have to first prove that -- you have  
31 to prove why this person -- a person cannot be, cannot  
32 be -- go into executive session. When you prove that,  
33 when you prove that -- I don't think you can, I don't  
34 think you can. I know what you say, I know what you  
35 think you know. I know what you have heard, but you've  
36 got to prove it, you've got to prove it. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Nothing tonight, Mr.

39 Chairman.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

41 BOB WALDREP: Everybody be safe going

42 home, it's icy. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

44 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd just like a  
46 couple things also too and echo the words please be  
47 safe going home. And secondly, Mr. Burns, I'd like for  
48 you to times -- when we talked about our last work shop  
49 about thirty days, I would like to stay on this. I  
50 think we're getting a handle on sort of what the

1 state's doing. I think we heard what is it, fifteen to  
2 twenty percent reduction in, in our money? So, I mean,  
3 I think we need to be -- and this is where I'm coming  
4 from also on this, like Mr. Moore's resolution tonight  
5 our ordinance about the cars. We need -- all this  
6 needs to be tied together. We need to start working on  
7 this and not, you know -- our budget is, I know is  
8 tight and we're in good shape this year compared to  
9 what, you know, what the people's ??. But we need to  
10 prepare for next year. Everybody's telling us, even  
11 the state, so we need to, we need to get started as  
12 soon as possible. If you would work with Mr. Allen and  
13 your staff and Mr. Allen's finance thing and let us  
14 know what we need to be doing, any of the council  
15 members, let's get started on this process. Because it  
16 is going to be a tough year and we need to get started  
17 on it as soon as possible.

18 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and y'all have a  
20 good night. Motion to adjourn?

21 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to adjourn.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Regular Meeting – March 3, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

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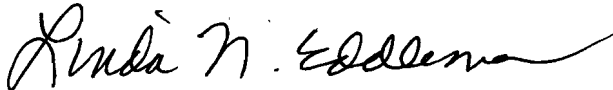
**PRESENT**

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
Ron Wilson - District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Holt Hopkins – Interim Administrator  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

EDDIE MOORE, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
CINDY WILSON  
TOMMY DUNN  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
RON WILSON

1           INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD  
2           EDDIE MOORE:       We now go to Item 3 on the  
3 agenda, the approval of the minutes. Do we have any  
4 corrections on the minutes from our last meeting?  
5           GRACIE FLOYD:       Mr. Chair, there was some  
6 typographical errors in the last minutes. At this time  
7 -- I mean, in the last minutes that we just received,  
8 I'm sure we all caught them, but it's just a matter of  
9 your maybe correcting them with the secretary.  
10          EDDIE MOORE:       Do you have some marked up  
11 for ...  
12          GRACIE FLOYD:       No, sir. I didn't mark them  
13 up. I thought that when you read the minutes that you  
14 all would run across them, so I didn't mark them up.  
15          EDDIE MOORE:       Linda, we'll touch base and  
16 make sure we've got the typos corrected. Do I have  
17 motion to approve?  
18          TOMMY DUNN:       Mr. Chairman, I make a  
19 motion to approve the minutes, but with corrections of  
20 typos or any spelling that needs to be done.  
21          BOB WALDREP:       Second.  
22          EDDIE MOORE:       We have a second. All in  
23 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.  
24          GRACIE FLOYD:       Mr. Chair, concerning the  
25 minutes, when do you think the person will have the  
26 rest of the minutes ready, because we are way behind?  
27          EDDIE MOORE:       Linda, do you know about  
28 when the rest of the minutes will be done? Okay. At  
29 this time I would like to make a motion to amend the  
30 agenda. We have the two resolutions as put in the  
31 packet was the wrong two resolutions. Those numbers  
32 that's in the packet should have been, what, 26 and 27;  
33 is that correct, Linda?  
34          LINDA EDDLEMAN:    Yes, sir.  
35          EDDIE MOORE:       24 and 25 are the other two  
36 which is covered in the agenda. 26 and 27 are the  
37 other ones that -- if you look in your agenda packet  
38 the numbers are incorrect that's on there. The two  
39 that got left out is 24 and 25. The ones that's in the  
40 packet is 26 and 27. 24 and 25 was left out. You do  
41 have copies of them now. Do I have a motion to accept  
42 the amendment to the agenda?  
43          BOB WALDREP:       Mr. Chair, point of order.  
44 I think these need to be separately amended because  
45 there are two separate council people that are involved  
46 and so I think that there should be a vote on each one  
47 where the council member involved would then abstain.  
48          EDDIE MOORE:       24 and 25 is these two.  
49 They were left out of the agenda.  
50          BOB WALDREP:       Okay.



1 EDDIE MOORE: The other ones, the number  
2 that's in the book is 26 and 27.  
3 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I just want to make  
4 sure I'm voting on the right one.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second? Ms.  
6 Wilson seconded it. We have a second. Any discussion?  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't  
8 understand how these two were left out. Was it a  
9 secretarial mistake again? Or just what happened here  
10 because these two amendments here are important. And  
11 to not have them in there so we can go over them with  
12 the others, I just don't understand that. Could you  
13 please tell me if it were a secretarial mistake again?  
14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I add to  
15 that?  
16 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.  
17 CINDY WILSON: In here, Resolution 2009-26  
18 was the 4-H resolution and it's actually a different  
19 number and we were going to do that recognition at the  
20 next council meeting and not this council meeting.  
21 EDDIE MOORE: So they should have been 27  
22 and 28 then. We got our numbers mixed up is what we  
23 have.  
24 CINDY WILSON: And also this particular  
25 item honoring our 4-H young people will be at the next  
26 council meeting, not this one. We need to withdraw ...  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
28 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Back to my question. I'm  
30 still somewhat confused. So you're telling me now 26  
31 should not have been in the packet tonight. Is that  
32 correct?  
33 EDDIE MOORE: That's correct.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Even though it's written out  
35 here on the agenda and I've had this agenda ever since  
36 Friday, the mistake wasn't caught until today?  
37 EDDIE MOORE: It was pulled today.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: And then you inserted 25 and  
39 24 today?  
40 EDDIE MOORE: 24 and 25 has been on the  
41 agenda. We did not have copies. They should have been  
42 here and they were not here. And that was the ones  
43 that I put it and that's these two right here.  
44 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, we also had  
45 the county offices closed yesterday. That's why things  
46 are delayed.  
47 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We have a motion  
48 and we have a second. All in favor of amending the  
49 agenda raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it be  
50 shown that Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep

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2 BOB WALDREP: Abstain.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep abstained. Ms.

4 Wilson voted yes. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Floyd voted no.

5 We now go to Item 4 on the agenda which will be citizen  
6 comments agenda matters.

7 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, there are four  
8 citizens signed up for agenda matters. Thomas  
9 Henderson.

10 THOMAS HENDERSON: County council and all, I  
11 appreciate it, Mr. Hopkins. I appreciate y'all coming  
12 out that time and looking at Lewis Drive. I'm talking  
13 more or less on the resolution on 17 (b), what we got,  
14 the paper, on February the 7th. I don't know exactly  
15 what time I was handed this paper, sometime around  
16 dinner time. Bill McAbee, which is an old county  
17 council member, is the one that come to my door and  
18 handed it to me. I understand that y'all got the same  
19 letter that I got, that we're supposed to go to court  
20 on the proper closing of the road. And most of my  
21 people that live around me are poor people. We don't  
22 have a lot of money and we are wondering if the county  
23 is going -- because they gotta answer this letter too  
24 -- are they gonna help the community and the community  
25 involved with the council or how are we gotta do that  
26 to get this thing resolved? I appreciate everything  
27 that the new council's done. Y'all have been out and  
28 seen the road closure. We've got kids that's missed  
29 the bus the first day the road was closed because they  
30 didn't even know nothing about it. And some of these  
31 kids is renters down the road. They don't even own  
32 these properties. And it's affecting these people as  
33 much as it's affecting us as landowners. It's also  
34 they saying they wanting to take more land from us and  
35 -- on our side and we've been paying taxes to the  
36 center of the railroad for twenty-five, some of them a  
37 little bit longer than that, years. And they're  
38 wanting to take about five -- about eight point seven  
39 or something like that more land than our surveyors  
40 told us when we bought the property that was even on  
41 there. So we're supposed to have fifty foot on each  
42 side of the railroad and the railroad is telling us  
43 they got fifty-seven something feet.

44 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

45 THOMAS HENDERSON: So somebody is telling us  
46 wrong. And everybody that's had different surveyors  
47 over the years that's bought the property down through  
48 there has had different surveyors survey it and they  
49 says it's fifty foot on each side and the railroad is  
50 wanting more. When they closed this road the people in

1 the Lewis Drive area and the Ellison Circle did not  
2 know anything about this until we started coming to  
3 council meetings and realized that they was closing the  
4 road without nobody knowing. How come somebody from  
5 the council didn't come down through there and tell  
6 people? That's all. Thank you.

7 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Rick Freemantle.

8 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
9 My name is Rick Freemantle from district six. I'd like  
10 to throw my support behind Item number 8 here, Ms.  
11 Margaret Thompson and Mr. Chad Summerall. I believe  
12 what they are trying to accomplish here would be a good  
13 thing for our county and for our country. I'd also  
14 like to make a few comments or basically a few  
15 questions, if you will, on the report to the people.  
16 I'm hoping that's gonna happen tonight. As everyone  
17 knows we have a financial investigation going on right  
18 now in this county. And as I understand it, what I've  
19 heard, one Senator Scott, South Carolina Senator no  
20 less, visited this building a short time ago, a few  
21 weeks ago, and left here with a box or maybe two boxes  
22 of contents and items from our finance department. In  
23 my opinion he probably should be arrested because he  
24 has probably impeded that financial investigation. I  
25 would like to further state that from what I've heard  
26 the language and the behavior displayed by this sitting  
27 senator is and was a disgrace to State of South  
28 Carolina. Next item I'd like to address is the  
29 Palmetto Agriculture Consultants. I've just got a few  
30 questions. I don't know if you all are going to be  
31 able to ask questions, but if you are these are some  
32 questions I'd love to have some answers to. First, I'd  
33 like to know how much this county has paid for this  
34 contract so far. I'd also like to know how much, if  
35 any, food has made its way to our schools.

36 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

37 RICK FREEMANTLE: I'd like to know who owns  
38 the farm that Ms. Schaum lives on. I would also like  
39 to know just how many years Ms. Schaum and her husband  
40 have been acquainted with Mr. Preston. Thank you.

41 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mark Powell.

42 MARK POWELL: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.  
43 Mark Powell, district seven. There's a lot of things  
44 on the agenda. The people who want a special tax  
45 district, I can't say more than I feel sorry for those  
46 people. I personally rode out and looked at their  
47 roads like some of you have. It is a sad state of  
48 affairs when people in this country, this county, buy a  
49 house on a road, especially when a new developer comes  
50 in and says it's a construction road and they are led

1 down the path that this is construction, we're gonna  
2 build a bunch of houses, make a bunch of profit. I  
3 understand from all the ownership Aho does not own the  
4 property before they develop it. They simply bought  
5 lots from the developer. But I do think it's very sad  
6 that these people have to pay extra tax dollars, a  
7 couple of hundred bucks each for the next eight or nine  
8 years in order to fix the roads that some developer  
9 made plenty of money, to have to spend. I was at a  
10 hearing recently. This pertains to number 11. I was  
11 told that Anderson County has received a hundred and  
12 seventy million dollars worth of benefit from  
13 lobbyists. Now I do prefer Item number 17 (a), (b) and  
14 (c) to be referred to as lobbyist than I do consultants  
15 because I think it makes it more on a level that we can  
16 all understand. We all hear on the media about how  
17 Washington is full of lobbyists and how much money  
18 lobbyists get paid and how much under the cover, under  
19 the blanket money passes through. But I've never  
20 thought that Anderson County has the rosy, golden  
21 parachute three year contracts. As you research  
22 lobbyists I haven't found any personal records of any  
23 lobbyists getting a three year contract. Lobbyists are  
24 kind of at an at-will thing to my understanding, but  
25 I've never found one yet that has a three year buyout  
26 contract like the ones we here in Anderson County pay  
27 our lobbyists. And even though Homeland Park has  
28 improvements and there's going to be some awards given  
29 tonight, I do think it's sad that we have to publically  
30 recognize people who signed onto a lawsuit ---

31 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

32 MARK POWELL: -- saying that we were not  
33 following procedure. We have to listen to them tell us  
34 we did things bad last night because we're not  
35 following procedure. You know, everyone in this  
36 country ought to do things for their neighborhood. I  
37 very much commend people who help out their  
38 neighborhoods. But you also have to be accountable to  
39 yourself. And a lawyer who gave -- I sat there in that  
40 hearing thinking, oh no, oh, we're terrible, this is  
41 bad, we're losing, except for half truths were given.  
42 So even though Homeland Park is improving it is sad  
43 that we have to listen to it after they have cost our  
44 county money to defend us against a lawsuit that was so  
45 frivolous as the one that we had to defend ourselves  
46 from. Thank you.

47 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Elizabeth Fant.

48 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, Council  
49 Chairman, council members and audience. In every  
50 downturn there is opportunity. When things look bleak

1 opportunity blossoms for the positive. Because of the  
2 economy past deeds of administrator and council  
3 Anderson County is in severe straits. Bombarded by  
4 lawsuits due to actions or inactions of former council,  
5 the new council is hampered by these events. But  
6 because we now have five members who are honest,  
7 accountable and motivated for positive government and  
8 given the electoral mandate, good will prevail. The  
9 recent meeting for ALL the Alliance for Local  
10 Leadership, was chaired by Stephen Pelletier,  
11 Appalachian Council or Governments. He stated that the  
12 will of the people elect the council and that the  
13 council supervises the administrator, clerk of court  
14 and attorney, and not the other way around. The  
15 decision of which firm to hire is of utmost importance.  
16 Lawyers are generally of two categories; they are  
17 either just and righteous or clever and deceitful.  
18 Thankfully tonight with council's guidance we're  
19 getting the first type. Anyone can file a lawsuit, but  
20 frivolous, unsupporting suits only put money in the  
21 lawyers' pockets. They pay millions of dollars to jam  
22 pack courts, hindering and delaying the judicial system  
23 of citizens who have real rights who have been  
24 violated. Anyone who came to the presentation last  
25 night would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to  
26 realize that all three actions taken 11/18/08 by  
27 council were illegal. This new suit instigated by  
28 Floyd, Bradshaw, who has a criminal record, the  
29 Monteparas, Fred Foster and Cord Seabrook is a farce.

30 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

31 ELIZABETH FANT: You guys better be ready to  
32 fork out some bonus dollars for the latest event. I  
33 applaud volunteer efforts. While it's nice to get an  
34 award for it, most all volunteers never get the  
35 recognition. Indeed the fate of our nation will  
36 probably be done by major volunteers as money becomes  
37 non-existent for projects. I salute the Monteparas  
38 for their Homeland Park efforts. However I am  
39 sorrowful that you have been guided into this illegal  
40 fray. Your comments also on Anderson Talk Zone, Wyatt  
41 and Angel, have been totally trashy and mean spirited.  
42 How can you be awarded this award and in the same time  
43 trash the county in which you live in. And for all  
44 this hoopla and all of the disrespect that has been  
45 shown many times ...

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of  
47 order, please.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, first  
50 of all, is the speaker addressing agenda matters?

1 Secondly, the speaker is pointing out private citizens.  
2 The people that she has name are not members of this  
3 council. I understand that the speakers are supposed  
4 to address themselves to you, to the Chair. And this  
5 speaker has not done that.

6 ELIZABETH FANT: I certainly have. I've been  
7 addressing lawyers, the agenda lawyers, which is 5 and  
8 6 and also the award.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Item number 6 has the two  
10 items. I would appreciate it if you would just address  
11 the chair.

12 ELIZABETH FANT: Okay. I have one last  
13 comment. That all this hoopla that is going on, just  
14 as Shakespeare said, it's full of sound and fury and  
15 signifying nothing.

16 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, those are all the  
17 citizens signed up for agenda matters.

18 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Resolution R-  
19 2009-23. This will be honoring the Anderson and Honea  
20 Path Free Clinic. Do we have anyone here from the free  
21 clinic today before I do the resolution? Could you  
22 come forward and tell us a few things about it before I  
23 do the resolution?

24 MELISSA POWELL: My name is Melissa Powell.  
25 I am the assistant director at the Anderson Free  
26 Clinic. And we serve low income, uninsured residents  
27 of Anderson County, providing medical care, dental care  
28 and pharmacy services.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. The resolution  
30 -- I'm so tickled to be able to do this tonight. This  
31 resolution honors and recognizes the Anderson and Honea  
32 Path Free Clinics in expresses an appreciation for the  
33 volunteer work that the Anderson and Honea Path Free  
34 Clinics performed to keep Anderson County citizens  
35 healthier, especially those who cannot afford medical  
36 and dental work, and other matters relating thereto.  
37 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina a body politic  
38 and corporate and a political subdivision of the State  
39 of South Carolina is deeply involved in and affected by  
40 all the events in the lives of its citizens and  
41 recognizes that the good health of all citizens is  
42 viable to the community. And whereas, Anderson County  
43 has been blessed in having literally dozens of Anderson  
44 County residents and others, including many, many  
45 health care professionals, donate time, money, energy,  
46 resources, materials, experience and love to create,  
47 open, operate, manage and staff free clinics for  
48 medical and dental work and prescription services in  
49 both the City of Anderson and the Town of Honea Path.  
50 And whereas, Anderson County sees and is fully mindful

1 of the importance that free clinics have in preserving  
2 and protecting the overall health of the entire  
3 community which is in turn critical for the overall  
4 well-being of the entire community. And whereas,  
5 Anderson County, acting by and through its county  
6 council, desires to honor and recognize the Anderson  
7 and Honea Path Free Clinics and all of their health  
8 care professional staffs and volunteers and express  
9 appreciation for the volunteer work that Anderson and  
10 Honea Path Free Clinics perform to keep the citizens of  
11 Anderson County healthy, especially those citizens who  
12 could not otherwise afford medical and dental work.  
13 And further desires to emphasize the importance of  
14 these institutions to the citizens of Anderson County.  
15 Now therefore, be it resolved by Anderson County  
16 Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson County,  
17 acting by and through its county council, hereby  
18 proclaims Friday, March 13, 2009, Anderson Free Clinic  
19 Day in honor and recognition of the Anderson and Honea  
20 Path clinics and all of their health care  
21 professionals, staffs and volunteers, and hereby  
22 encourages all citizens to fully support the Anderson  
23 and Honea Path Free Clinics by wearing Walk With The  
24 Docs t-shirts to work this day. That will be on March  
25 13th. This resolution shall take effect and be in  
26 force immediately upon enactment. This resolution  
27 shall take effect and be in force immediately.  
28 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 3rd day of  
29 March, 2009. Do I have a second?

30 CINDY WILSON: Second.

31 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your  
32 right hand. Unanimous. I want everybody to give them  
33 a hand for what they do for us.

34 APPLAUSE

35 EDDIE MOORE: You're not gonna get out of  
36 here without a picture. Come on down. Come on,  
37 council. I want everybody in this.

38 MELISSA POWELL: On behalf of the board,  
39 staff, volunteers and the almost three thousand  
40 patients at the Anderson Free Clinic and the Honea Path  
41 Free Clinic, I would like to say thank you to the  
42 council for this recognition. And also to the Anderson  
43 Community for their continued and generous support of  
44 the Anderson Free Clinic and the Honea Path Free  
45 Clinic. We are celebrating our twenty-fifth year of  
46 community service because of your support. Thank you.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much.

48 APPLAUSE

49 EDDIE MOORE: The Resolution R2009-24 has  
50 been taken off the agenda. Is that correct, Ms.

1 Wilson?

2 CINDY WILSON: Yes. It will be on next  
3 council meeting.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: 24 been taken off? You said  
5 24. Now which one is it?

6 EDDIE MOORE: 26, Item (b). Okay. We'll  
7 go to Item (c), Anderson County Pride Awards to the  
8 Homeland Park Community Task force. Ms. Floyd.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chair, I  
10 don't think we have to vote on this resolution tonight.  
11 Do we, Mr. Artigliere? These are our Pride Awards.

12 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: I do believe that you do  
13 vote on the Pride Awards, just to accept all of them.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.  
15 Chairman, I make a motion that we vote on the Pride  
16 Awards that we're going to present tonight.

17 EDDIE MOORE: I second it. All in favor  
18 raise your right hand. Unanimous.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to ask the  
20 Homeland Park folks please to come up. Mr. Dunn, since  
21 we share this district together would you like to join  
22 me down here please. I am so very pleased with this  
23 group. They represent district two and district five.  
24 They have received an award from the State of South  
25 Carolina, not the council, but the State of South  
26 Carolina. This is the first time any citizens has  
27 received this award.

28 APPLAUSE

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. That too shows  
30 my pride. This award usually goes to entities, like  
31 Keep America Beautiful or things like that. But this  
32 award tonight was presented to this group of people.  
33 Why? Because of the work they have done at Homeland  
34 Park. You know, we have heard about people who have  
35 lived in Homeland Park. But these folks here live in  
36 Homeland Park. They love their area. They're taking  
37 care of their area. I'd like to present the Pride  
38 Awards first.

39 MS. FLOYD IS INAUDIBLE DURING THESE PRESENTATIONS

40 APPLAUSE

41 GRACIE FLOYD: That's all I have for that  
42 one. And I thank you.

43 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 6. Was  
44 that part of it too?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, sir. Just put  
46 everything together.

47 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 7,  
48 Rebuilding and Investing in America. I'm very happy  
49 about this one. I know when my mom and dad -- they was  
50 always going during World War II and everything, it was



1 always a big deal for them doing savings bonds. A lot  
2 of people called them war bonds. And they didn't have  
3 much, but I think they probably had a handful of those  
4 over probably ten years there during and after the war.  
5 So it kinda means a lot to me you know, especially on  
6 savings bonds. That's the reason I title it Investing  
7 in America. I'll now turn it over to y'all.

8 THIS PRESENTATION IS ALSO INAUDIBLE

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of  
10 order. The audience cannot -- they have said that they  
11 cannot hear him.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Can you get a little closer  
13 to the mike so the people can hear you?

14 MALE: Sure. Is that better?

15 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. That's better.

16 MALE: Okay. Sorry. Thank you.

17 Our approach to savings bond drives is rather unique in  
18 that we meet with employees one on one so that not only  
19 do they understand the value of savings bonds, but so  
20 they understand more the value of saving and what that  
21 means to them and their families and what it can mean  
22 to the county as employees. The thing that we address  
23 for the county is that when people are more financially  
24 well they're really better employees because they worry  
25 less about their bills and saving and having money for  
26 emergencies and things like that, so they think more  
27 about their job. And on the sheet that I gave you, or  
28 that we handed out to you, there's a couple of articles  
29 we point out where people like USA Today and CNN  
30 publications will point out how people who don't save  
31 or aren't financially well have more problems with  
32 depression and stay off the job more. So it's a  
33 benefit not only for the employees but for the county,  
34 the value of savings bonds themselves. And the savings  
35 bond program is very unique nowadays because one of the  
36 sheets we gave you it shows that it's a complete  
37 program in that not only are there two types of bonds,  
38 there's a Double E bond which we're all familiar,  
39 pretty much, I would think, and I think that's what you  
40 alluded to Mr. Chairman when you said, I remember those  
41 bonds from my grandparents or my parents. They're  
42 bonds that are bought at face value and they have a  
43 fixed interest rate. There's a newer bond that's  
44 called the I bond that's indexed to inflation so the  
45 rate varies based on the inflation index and that bond  
46 has averaged a little bit higher rate over the last ten  
47 years. It's over four and a half percent. It's  
48 indexed to inflation. You buy the bond at its face  
49 value rather than half the face value. Both of the  
50 bonds are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of

1 our government. And the value never really goes down.  
2 The interest rate can change a little on the I bond,  
3 but you don't lose money when you put money in bonds  
4 because it's guaranteed by the government. And you  
5 don't pay taxes on the bonds like you do on many other  
6 forms of savings. So it's a very positive kind of  
7 investment. Also in today's savings bond program, if  
8 the employee elects, the employee can protect their  
9 savings goals. Just as you have group insurance that  
10 helps employees protect their family, there's insurance  
11 available within the bond program that can help protect  
12 the goals. So if you're saving for a child's college  
13 education or a new home or an emergency fund and  
14 something happens to you, your goals can be there for  
15 your family. The money can be there. And the same  
16 when you reach your goals, your financial wellness can  
17 be protected. And the way we really run the savings  
18 bond drive is through you and your organization,  
19 through your human resources department and your  
20 managers who really make the big difference. We help  
21 provide really the tools and the resources so that we  
22 don't take away from county resources, but help the  
23 managers reach the employees in their respective  
24 departments so that we can communicate with them about  
25 what the savings bond program is all about. And we do  
26 this by creating excitement. We raffle off savings  
27 bonds. We give away patriotic looking little teddy  
28 bears which everybody really likes. So by creating  
29 excitement -- and we also use a video messaging, and  
30 the video messaging provides -- it's a lifestyle sort  
31 of thing so that if we meet with the younger employee  
32 who's single, they see a message aimed at them. Or if  
33 you have a young family, or if you've got a lot of this  
34 stuff like I have and you're more of a pre-retiree  
35 you'll see a little bit different message, perhaps  
36 buying bonds for your grandchildren. So that the  
37 county and the commissioners know it's a consistent  
38 message and you know exactly what it is. And I think  
39 before we conclude and leave you time for questioning,  
40 we'll show you an example of our video in that we'll  
41 show you an example of the kind of message we use with  
42 a focus group. It's a five minute message that  
43 explains the savings bond program and the benefits to  
44 the county.

45 VIDEO PLAYED

46 END OF TAPE 1, SIDE 1

47 MALE: As I said a moment ago,  
48 that's a sample of the video, but the video the  
49 employee sees is much different. It's aimed at them  
50 and their savings goals and their lifestyle as compared

1 to this. But it's of the same type of quality as this  
2 one. I guess to conclude, Mr. Chairman, as you said  
3 earlier, you're familiar with savings bonds. I'm sure  
4 most of the people in the room are familiar with them.  
5 When you conduct a savings bond drive, however, many  
6 employees think of savings bonds as a very low interest  
7 rate, long-term type of savings vehicle. And they've  
8 changed so much so we've got to get their individual  
9 attention. And the way we do that is working through  
10 your management teams through department managers  
11 throughout the county. So they really make the  
12 difference. We simply work to help them bring out the  
13 best value of why people should save, why employees  
14 should save, and how they can go about it. And in  
15 doing that we can have an impact on the savings rate  
16 and on the productivity rate in the county. It doesn't  
17 cost the county any money except employee time to do  
18 it. And what we pointed out on one of the sheets we  
19 passed out, is there's a really good return on  
20 investment for that time. Because just making a slight  
21 increase, a slight improvement in the productivity rate  
22 or the retention rate of employees in county can make  
23 substantial savings for the county in terms of  
24 productivity and in terms of employee value. So  
25 basically, that's the savings bond program. It's a  
26 very good vehicle. We work on behalf of the county by  
27 saving the human resources department time because  
28 we're a resource really to the county and to the human  
29 resources department. We wanted to leave time for  
30 questions, if any of you have any questions that we can  
31 answer. There's much more we can say about savings  
32 bonds, but in light of the time we wanted to make it,  
33 as I say, as conducive to your time as possible.

34 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

35 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

36 CINDY WILSON: In light of the tanking  
37 markets, y'all look really good. This will certainly  
38 get all of our attention.

39 MALE: We appreciate that. It's a  
40 flight to safety and many people are welcoming us. The  
41 volume of our savings bonds drive has gone up quite a  
42 bit in the last few months, to say the least.

43 BOB WALDREP: Any other council member  
44 have any questions?

45 EDDIE MOORE: I think it's really a good  
46 program. It's good to invest in America. That's the  
47 reason I put the title tonight on that. I think it's a  
48 real good thing. It's good, especially if you're gonna  
49 have children that's gonna go to college, really a  
50 pretty good way to do it. Like you say, it doesn't

1 hurt too much when it's just a little bit every week.  
2 I know back when I worked at TVA years ago I used to  
3 get a bond every week. And really it adds up really  
4 quick. It's a good investment.  
5 MALE: You don't miss it after you  
6 do it for just a short period of time, just a few  
7 dollars a week. You're correct.  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much. I  
9 appreciate y'all coming down and maybe you can give Mr.  
10 Hopkins some information to pass on to the employees.  
11 MALE: Thank you for your time.  
12 We'll follow up after the meeting.  
13 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much. We now  
14 go to Item 8 on the agenda, presentation regarding  
15 illegal aliens. Ms. Floyd.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I thought that -  
17 - Mr. Artigliere, I thought I was gonna have something  
18 in the package to pass out tonight concerning this.  
19 Did you prepare it for me? I think we talked about we  
20 were gonna do it in title only, the ordinance, and you  
21 were gonna put something in the packet that would  
22 pertain to that.  
23 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Yes, ma'am. Give me just a  
24 second please.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Have I overlooked it?  
26 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair. Ms. Floyd, I  
27 believe if you look in the Section 15(c).  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: 15?  
29 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: In your agenda packet.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,  
31 with your permission I think we can do all of this at  
32 one time. It may mean that we have to add to the  
33 agenda. It seems that maybe we could save time if I  
34 would move up 15(C) and put it here under 8.  
35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. That's fine.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we have to vote on that?  
37 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. Do you want to amend  
38 the agenda?  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. That's in the form of  
40 a motion.  
41 EDDIE MOORE: We have motion on the floor  
42 to amend the agenda. Do I have a second.  
43 CINDY WILSON: I'll second.  
44 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any  
45 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.  
46 Unanimous.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Fellow council  
48 members, tonight I'm going to introduce Ordinance 2009-  
49 009 which will be offered in title only. I'm offering  
50 it in title so that Anderson County can seek additional

1 guidance and collect more information regarding the  
2 enactment of similar ordinances throughout South  
3 Carolina. So that ordinance number will be 2009-009.  
4 But at this time I would like to do -- I would like for  
5 you to please listen to a presentation that's gonna be  
6 given by Mrs. Margaret Thompson and Mr. Chad  
7 Summerall. Would y'all come to the microphone now.  
8 This presentation is to help us determine how we are  
9 going to write the ordinance or if we are going to  
10 write an ordinance that would help us keep tabs on our  
11 illegal aliens. We do know that there are some people  
12 from this town who are here who are doing legal work  
13 and have all of the paperwork that they need to be  
14 working here. But then we also know that there are  
15 people who are not legally working here. These are the  
16 people that we want to try to curtail on our jobs and  
17 working in our, in our, in our counties. This is no  
18 way limited to certain groups. This is for people who  
19 are here without the proper paperwork being done and  
20 doing work in the county that they should not be doing.  
21 I'm gonna turn it over now to Ms. Thompson.

22 CHAD SUMMERALL: Okay. I'll start us off.  
23 Let's see, invest in America. Is that what we was just  
24 talking about a minute ago? Okay. That's a good one.  
25 That's real good. We need to invest more into the  
26 American worker. How many people in this room have  
27 family out of work that's in the construction business?  
28 Raise your hands. Is that allowable? Okay. Painters,  
29 drywall, brick masons, framers, you name it, they're  
30 sitting at home while these guys, these illegals are  
31 working seven days a week. Matter of fact, I passed  
32 four van loads going to the interstate a minute ago  
33 coming over here, slap full, I mean, paper tags. This  
34 hiring practice has stopped the housing industry dead  
35 in its tracks. I think we have a house builder or two  
36 on the board, on the council. They'll know where I'm  
37 coming from with this. These guys are -- they're  
38 working, like I say, seven days a week while we legal  
39 citizens are sitting home bankrupt and in the  
40 unemployment department. I'm the owner of my company  
41 so I can't even draw unemployment. That's even worse.  
42 Let's see. Margaret, you want to add any of this? I  
43 got so much to say I ...

44 MARGARET THOMPSON: Thank you very much for  
45 having us tonight. I'll just make it and get it right  
46 to the point. Smoking in America is not illegal, but  
47 we certainly banned it in the City of Clemson. Living  
48 more than one in a house is not illegal, but we  
49 certainly limited it to more than two unrelated persons  
50 in the City of Clemson. So what I'm driving at here is

1 we can do an ordinance here that when somebody comes  
2 here to do business with the County of Anderson, that  
3 they will verify not only the main contractor, but that  
4 main contractor will verify their subcontractors. And  
5 the only way to do this is through e-verify. I have  
6 four ordinances here; Beaufort, Dorchester, Aiken and  
7 Pickens County. Pickens County really cuts to the  
8 chase. They basically say, if you come to their county  
9 to do business that you will verify, using e-verify, to  
10 verify the workers before they will award you a  
11 contract. I became suspicious of all of this,  
12 particularly on low bids. Low bids really send  
13 something up my spine. Because that usually tells me  
14 something, it doesn't pass the smell test because  
15 somebody's gotta be working on that project illegally  
16 so they can hire cheap labor. That is a tell-tale  
17 sign. I was in law enforcement twenty-five years. I  
18 mean, there's just not much that this kind of stuff  
19 gets by me. And there's no doubt in my mind that they  
20 were on the work site that day at the Anderson City  
21 Fire Department. Taxpayers' money paying for that,  
22 undocumented workers, and there's no doubt that they  
23 had been on several projects right here in the City of  
24 Anderson. One recently I'll call the Chiquola Hotel.  
25 It's rampant. Now, I worked for Sheriff Stone for  
26 twenty-five years. When he decided to run for re-  
27 election a year ago, and he's the longest running  
28 sheriff in the state by the way, I went to him and  
29 said, you know, if you want my support and my vote  
30 you're gonna have to crack down on this. Well, buddy,  
31 he did. They've deported more than any other county in  
32 the State of South Carolina. And what they do, they  
33 don't profile them by their race, but they check  
34 everybody that comes in their system. Everybody. I  
35 don't care what color they are. This could be done  
36 here. And I don't know if it's being done here in  
37 Anderson County, but it needs to be done. If you'll  
38 pick up -- if you'll go online and read the Upstate  
39 Today which is a local paper in Clemson and Seneca, you  
40 will see a jail blotter. You go under there and look  
41 under particularly Hispanic names, you'll see more than  
42 three ID's, more than one driver's license in  
43 possession. Folks, it's easy to get this stuff. You  
44 can go on google and get a fake ID. And I think any  
45 American employer or anybody that's an elected official  
46 should be ashamed of themselves for allowing this to  
47 happen. First of all, the American employer who hires  
48 these people without even checking them, in my opinion,  
49 is not an American. Anybody that takes the oath like  
50 y'all do and you don't do something to compact this to

1 protect this gentleman and all the other people that  
2 are here, they're American workers, you should be  
3 ashamed of yourselves. We've been called racial  
4 profilers and all this. That's not the case. This is  
5 being in this country illegally. Just because somebody  
6 is here for a better life is no excuse to break the  
7 law. There's no excuse to break the law. They will  
8 wait and have their children when they're like eight  
9 months across the border. This is what has bankrupted  
10 the State of California for about fifty-eight billion  
11 dollars. So, and everybody's too scared because  
12 they're afraid of maybe they won't get re-elected  
13 again. Well it certainly happened in our national  
14 election. They exploited those people like they're  
15 being done now. It doesn't matter if they're in this  
16 county legally as long as you get their vote. It's  
17 awful. It's moral -- it's morally wrong. And you  
18 know, y'all could put a stop to it. It can be stopped  
19 here on the local level. And the thing you need to do  
20 is you just need to start checking. If you e-verify  
21 you're not profiling, cause all it looks at is a  
22 number. Is it a hundred percent correct? Nothing,  
23 nothing is a hundred percent correct. This is under  
24 the Department of Homeland Security. And why should  
25 anybody who pays taxes, and I understand taxes are a  
26 big issue in this county, pay for somebody, or any  
27 contractor who has hired these people and are here  
28 unlawfully? I think it's a darn sin. And I'm gonna  
29 keep fighting for people like Chad and the other  
30 workers here. I don't do things cause it's popular. I  
31 do things cause I think it's right. I've met up with a  
32 lot of opposition concerning this subject and people  
33 will say to me, how do you know they're illegal? My  
34 question back to them is, how do you know they're  
35 legal? The work site out there at the City Fire  
36 Department, they have not shown us one piece of  
37 documentation to let us know what they've done. Not  
38 one piece. They've said they checked them, but they've  
39 not shown us any documentation. Three weeks ago I was  
40 stopped by the highway patrol on I-85 for speeding. I  
41 was speeding. Came up to me, said, see your driver's  
42 license, see your insurance and registration. I handed  
43 him all that. Now, if I have said, well, trust me, I  
44 have all that stuff, I do have a driver's license, do  
45 you think he'd have let me -- just say, okay, Ms.  
46 Thompson, you can go. Well I still got a ticket.  
47 That's what I'm trying to tell you. They're in the  
48 restaurants. They're here on the side of the roads.  
49 They're picked up at Lowe's in trucks. They're picked  
50 up at Home Depot. And you know, it's like, well how

1 hard they work and the conditions they come from. Are  
2 you saying that we as Americans are gonna have to lower  
3 our standards because they don't want any better? The  
4 Wal-mart in Central, they send back at least a half a  
5 million dollars a week, back to their country. That's  
6 money that could be spent here. So don't feel sorry  
7 for these people. They know exactly what they're  
8 doing. Exactly what they're doing. Sure.

9 CHAD SUMMERALL: Let me add something to  
10 this. The general contractors are the ones -- these  
11 illegals are getting some of the money, going back to  
12 Mexico with some of this money, but the majority of  
13 this money is staying with these general contractors.  
14 They're buying new equipment, new tractors, eighty  
15 thousand dollar Lulls, and we gotta go back to  
16 wheelbarrows because we can't even afford to pay a  
17 tractor payment, you know, to move our brick mortar  
18 around on these little jobs because -- but go to all  
19 these big schools going on, you see tractors. They got  
20 more equipment than they know what to do with. That's  
21 some taxpayers' dollars. These general contractors  
22 should not be allowed to be on -- I know homebuilders  
23 is different, I'm talking about general contractors. I  
24 did notice the city council was made up of lawyers and  
25 general contractors, etcetera. To me, I'm not a law  
26 person, I don't know anything about the law, but this  
27 is a good education for me. It seems like it would be  
28 a conflict of interest. I wouldn't want to personally  
29 put myself in that position, to be a builder. But all  
30 the builders are doing it. The homebuilders started  
31 this mess by importing this cheap labor, I'm not gonna  
32 call it illegal, just cheap labor. And they're all  
33 sitting at home now starving too, along with your real  
34 estate people. It all ties to the housing industry.  
35 But it's gone now. It's not coming back until these  
36 guys are out of here. People from Homeland Park should  
37 feel this too. They should know, look around the  
38 neighborhood to see who lives -- who's migrating in  
39 from other areas. It's very easy. Shouldn't have to  
40 be a law passed in your own community to hire people  
41 from the community. I don't understand why it's such a  
42 big deal. And why did the city council get so mad  
43 about me bringing this stuff up? They were more  
44 offended than Laser Construction, honestly. And that's  
45 got me wondering why they're so mad? I mean, ...

46 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
47 question please?

48 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

49 CINDY WILSON: I've observed this going on  
50 about eight or nine years and it's progressively



1 becoming worse. Do y'all have the language of an  
2 ordinance that we should be looking at? I think that's  
3 the main concern. Because if I understand this  
4 correctly, for example, whenever Anderson County has  
5 construction projects going, like we have a number of  
6 items going pretty soon, then we should be able to ask  
7 the winning contractor of the bid to prove that his  
8 subs and his employees are legal through e-verify.

9 MARGARET THOMPSON: South Carolina law that  
10 passed this year permit cities and counties to adopt  
11 their own ordinances. If we can adopt an ordinance  
12 that bans smoking that is perfectly legal, we can do  
13 something about this. And it's time to get the dear  
14 out of the head light look and do something about it.  
15 Because it's wrong. In the stimulus package that the  
16 president just passed and signed there was a  
17 stipulation in that law, or in the stimulus package,  
18 where they would verify all workers. Oh, no, that got  
19 taken out. Because these contractors, these un-  
20 American contractors want this cheap labor. That's  
21 what they want. And we're all paying for it. We're  
22 all paying for it. And you know, you just gotta say  
23 you've had enough. This is the person represent ...

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought maybe you were  
25 wrapping it up.

26 MARGARET THOMPSON: Well, we can. I guess  
27 mainly do you have any questions because I've been  
28 following this for ...

29 RON WILSON: I have a question.

30 MARGARET THOMPSON: Yes, sir.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

32 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
33 know I've read a lot of material where there's been  
34 cities and counties and even states that pass laws  
35 about illegal immigration and it seems to be that the  
36 other side is well funded with the leading foundations  
37 of this country now litigating and fighting a lot of  
38 those laws that are put up.

39 MARGARET THOMPSON: That's La Rosa.

40 RON WILSON: Yes, and others. I mean the  
41 Ford Foundation, for example, is one of the prime  
42 financiers of this litigation. My question is, is  
43 there a model law, I know you passed this out, but a  
44 model law that could be used by counties that, I know  
45 nothing is sue-proof and we know it better here in  
46 Anderson than anywhere, but is there one that's less  
47 likely to be challenged in court than ...

48 MARGARET THOMPSON: All these ordinances that  
49 Beaufort, Aiken, Dorchester and Pickens County, all of  
50 them have gone legal process. They weren't just

1 presented and passed. They went to the legal challenge  
2 and everything. And the reason we're so -- we want to  
3 do e-verify because e-verify does not know a color, it  
4 does not know a county. But it sure does -- and what  
5 it does, if somebody comes up as a no match, that  
6 doesn't mean you're going to call in law enforcement.  
7 That means that, hey, look, your social security  
8 numbers don't match. And I can guarantee you there are  
9 I-9's sitting in these contractors desk right now where  
10 they've gotten letters for no match on social  
11 securities and they continue to work these people.

12 RON WILSON: I know the angle, I think  
13 it's from Beaufort ---

14 MARGARET THOMPSON: Yes, sir. Now they have a  
15 countywide business license. I'm sure that would be  
16 very uncommon ---

17 RON WILSON: That was the way they  
18 thought they could get around it was by using the  
19 business license, right?

20 MARGARET THOMPSON: They sure did, they sure  
21 did clean up a lot of -- they ended up colleting quite  
22 a bit of revenue because people weren't being exactly  
23 forthright. And it caught a lot of that, which is a  
24 good thing. That would have to be y'all's ball to deal  
25 with on going with a countywide business license. But  
26 personally I would be for it, but I don't live down  
27 here. But I think we can take a baby step, and at  
28 least, if nothing else you've alerted the contractors,  
29 look, we want things to be done right. Like I said, it  
30 has no color. And anybody that is opposition to this,  
31 I find that very suspicious because if somebody is a  
32 contractor and they do this, you can guarantee there's  
33 something else in their lives that is just not right.  
34 That gets down to your character. And that's when I  
35 question those people's character if they are hiring  
36 these people.

37 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

38 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: I just have a question. I  
41 think you're on the right track. We definitely need an  
42 ordinance. No question about it. I have some  
43 questions though about the enforcement of it. Let's  
44 say if I'm a subcontractor, I'm a brick mason, and I've  
45 got two or three people that work for me that are on e-  
46 verify. I'm good to go. So I get the job. The next  
47 day I'm short a couple of people and I find one of  
48 these van loads going down the road that may be full of  
49 illegals and I bring three or four of them onto the  
50 job, how is this going to be enforced? And it may be

1 in some of these regulations, but I was just curious.  
2 MARGARET THOMPSON: Well, the labor and  
3 licensing board is gonna come down on them, for one  
4 thing.

5 TOM ALLEN: Who's going to check it on  
6 the street though.

7 MARGARET THOMPSON: Let's go back to that.  
8 Building and codes. If you find this out, you can pull  
9 that vendor's contract and say, okay, you're suspended  
10 for a year. You're not going to get anymore business  
11 with us. Maybe give them a -- sometimes they try to  
12 play dumb, like, oh, I didn't know this, but they know.  
13 They know exactly what's going on.

14 TOM ALLEN: And I agree. If there  
15 contracts get pulled a time or two they will learn.  
16 But who's going to -- I mean will the sheriff be  
17 driving down the road and see somebody ---

18 MARGARET THOMPSON: No, sir.

19 TOM ALLEN: -- you know, laying bricks  
20 and ---

21 MARGARET THOMPSON: I wish they could, but  
22 they don't.

23 TOM ALLEN: That's why I just wonder  
24 about the enforcement, that's all.

25 MARGARET THOMPSON: Where it would come back  
26 to, sir, it would hurt that contractor. And then once  
27 that contractor gets a bad reputation of something,  
28 nobody's gonna want to use him.

29 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

30 MARGARET THOMPSON: Thank you.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Thompson and Mr.  
32 Summerall, I thank you so much for bringing this up. I  
33 want to tell my council members, I've already started  
34 the process of getting an ordinance for this. I've  
35 talked with Adam Artigliere and asked him if he would  
36 draft such an ordinance. In his research he found that  
37 the contracts that we use to hire our builders and our  
38 contractors has a clause in there that says that they  
39 must not hire illegal aliens. Mr. Chairman, if it's  
40 okay with you I'd like Mr. Artigliere to talk about it.  
41 But then I would like to retain the floor.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Artigliere.

43 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair. Thank you, Ms.  
44 Floyd. The contracts that we've worked on and the  
45 contracts that we help put out, McNair Law Firm, at  
46 least for the past three years since I've been here,  
47 one of the clauses that we actually put in the contract  
48 itself not only refers to adherence to federal and  
49 state law but also specifically references IRCA, which  
50 is the federal law regarding illegal immigration and

1 that they have to comply with that. There's also, as  
2 was referenced earlier, a recent state law which  
3 basically requires what we're talking about requiring.  
4 We've also worked on a couple of the county ordinances  
5 that were mentioned tonight. There are things that  
6 need to be looked into and there are parts of the  
7 ordinances that need to be addresses. There's not a  
8 one size fit all model ordinance for these types of  
9 things. It was also alluded to tonight that Beaufort  
10 County, for example, has a business licensing system.  
11 Pickens County was also set up a similar type of a  
12 system where they -- companies that want to work on  
13 county projects have the ability to register with  
14 Pickens County and with the purchasing department. I'm  
15 still trying to get my hands on their purchasing code.  
16 I've spoken with the county attorney over in Pickens  
17 County and I'm trying to get exactly how that works and  
18 get a good idea about that. That's how your internal  
19 enforcement will work. I can tell you right now, the  
20 contracts the we have, that we've reviewed and we've  
21 looked at, all have these types of clauses in them  
22 where we can pull the contract if we find out that they  
23 are breaking federal law and that they're no adhering  
24 to IRCA. I faxed some information to Ms. Floyd the  
25 other day. I've also spoken with Holt about it. This  
26 is something that Holt and I have been looking at and  
27 working on for the past three years. And we've talked  
28 about it and we've worked with Mr. Carroll about it, as  
29 well. With regard to those individual contracts, an  
30 ordinance itself, we can certainly help out and work  
31 with that as well.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Could you get to mike so  
33 everybody can hear you?

34 MARGARET THOMPSON: If you can include in that  
35 ordinance, or a contract, that they use e-verify.  
36 That's gonna send that contractor a very strong  
37 message. And they're gonna say, whoa, you know,  
38 because you can throw those I-9 forms in your desk  
39 drawer all day, and get those no match letters back,  
40 which they totally ignore.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

42 MARGARET THOMPSON: Thank you.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: This is one of the things  
44 that we're trying to decide now, whether we already  
45 have this covered under the contracts that we give  
46 these people, or do we need an ordinance. Mr.  
47 Artigliere and I will be working together taking your  
48 suggestions to take a look at it. The next meeting  
49 we'll have the second reading of the ordinance. Or we  
50 will be coming back talking to you further about the

1 contracts that we have. Anything else, Mr. Artigliere,  
2 we need to add to this.

3 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Floyd. If  
4 I could just answer one question that was brought up.  
5 On most of the county's projects there are county  
6 representatives there to monitor the project. We just  
7 need to work very close with getting a legal procedure  
8 and policy in place that will guide our staff on how to  
9 implement anything that's within the state law. And  
10 that's where I think Mr. Artigliere ...

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, okay. All right. Mr.  
12 Artigliere did you have anything else to add to this  
13 conversation?

14 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: No, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. I'll be  
16 working with you further as we continue to try to get  
17 this thing done so we can protect the workers in our  
18 area. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

20 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

22 BOB WALDREP: As we go through this  
23 legislation, and I'm certainly interested in it and  
24 think it's worthy of promotion, I guess the thing I'm  
25 more unfamiliar with than anything is implementation of  
26 how the sheriff's involved in this, how the county --  
27 the enforcement. I would hope that we would be able to  
28 do a little bit of fiscal impact on what it would cost  
29 to implement this program. And that would be something  
30 that we would need to look at because certainly we want  
31 to protect the workers, we just gonna have to need to  
32 budget, I would think, a certain amount of funds for  
33 the purpose of seeing that this would be implemented.

34 MARGARET THOMPSON: Sir, this isn't gonna cost  
35 you a thing. E-verify is easy. They bring in the  
36 contract, get the main contractor's name, get the  
37 subcontractors and who's working under that  
38 subcontractor, you send them through e-verify, they'll  
39 have the results back in thirty seconds. It's free.  
40 There's no cost to this whatsoever. The only thing  
41 that's costing is having this here illegally with our  
42 schools, hospitals and other social services. That's  
43 where the cost is. But this program, the e-verify, is  
44 absolutely free. All you got to do is include it in  
45 your contracts that that's what they will use. There's  
46 no, all due respect, there's not study that has to be  
47 done. It's real simple. You just include e-verify in  
48 your contracts.

49 BOB WALDREP: Well, that's what I didn't  
50 understand. I've never know anything to be free in

1 Anderson County. And if this is the first one ...  
2 MARGARET THOMPSON: I assure you this is free.  
3 BOB WALDREP: If this is free, I  
4 congratulate you on that. My question is, somebody  
5 looks to me like, has to do some checking, has to do  
6 some enforcement or something. That's what I'm kind of  
7 lost---  
8 MARGARET THOMPSON: The enforcements will come  
9 if they don't follow the rules and they will lose that  
10 contract. That's where it comes in because that's  
11 their bread and butter. They will lose that contract  
12 to work, or if you ever want to do business with them  
13 again.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.  
15 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order Ms. Floyd.  
16 Mr. Waldrep still has the floor.  
17 BOB WALDREP: I just -- you know, I'm here  
18 to be educated. I'm not arguing with anyone.  
19 MARGARET THOMPSON: Yes, sir. I understand.  
20 BOB WALDREP: I'm just bringing up the  
21 point because I want to fully understand if we do have  
22 some responsibilities in the county, if we're gonna  
23 have to have somebody dedicated to personnel to looking  
24 at this, you know. I just didn't know the answer to  
25 that question.  
26 MARGARET THOMPSON: Well, whoever handles your  
27 contracts, it would seem like if it's some kind of  
28 procurement officer who handles that, that they would  
29 be the one to recheck it and make sure all the  
30 paperwork ---  
31 BOB WALDREP: So it would be like the  
32 purchasing department?  
33 MARGARET THOMPSON: I don't know who they're  
34 delegating to do that. But this is no cost. I'm gonna  
35 tell you right now, folks, this is going to come across  
36 very unpopular. You're gonna get some really -- you're  
37 gonna get plenty of opposition because your buddy's  
38 gonna call you at home say, I voted for you and gave  
39 you money, we don't need to do this.  
40 GRACIE FLOYD: So what else is new?  
41 MARGARET THOMPSON: If they had e-verify in  
42 their contracts, you'd hope you'd make somebody and  
43 honest contractor, but that remains to be seen. But  
44 thank you.  
45 BOB WALDREP: Well, I just wanted to say  
46 that several years ago I received a letter from a  
47 contractor. And I was quite moved by the fact that he  
48 talked about that he followed all the rules. That he  
49 had -- excuse me, that he followed all the rules, that  
50 he kept his workmens' compensation, he bought his

1 business licenses and yet he was really being run out  
2 of business by the fact that he had unfair competition  
3 from people who basically did not pay the taxes.

4 MARGARET THOMPSON: Yes, sir. And that's  
5 what's happening ---

6 BOB WALDREP: So I just want you to know  
7 I'm very moved by that, you know. And I appreciate  
8 your presence here and explaining. I just wanted to  
9 ask this question too, though. The Pickens County --  
10 you said Pickens County had done the best job as far as  
11 their ordinance was concerned.

12 MARGARET THOMPSON: It's not complicated.  
13 There's two pages to their ordinance. And you get  
14 Beaufort's and it's that thick. Of course they have a  
15 county business license, a totally different animal.  
16 But they're basically saying, this is what you're gonna  
17 do to get a contract with our county. You're gonna use  
18 e-verify. And you're gonna verify that the people that  
19 you're using on this work site are here in this country  
20 legally.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Our time has expired on this  
22 matter.

23 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you. That's  
24 all I have.

25 EDDIE MOORE: I think we could probably  
26 talk about this -- I'm interested in myself, but I  
27 think the discussions we need to do, if you'll bring us  
28 some information on the ordinance, and I would like for  
29 the sheriff to be involved in this since he's gonna be  
30 involved in the implementation of it. And I would like  
31 the sheriff to be involved so that we can -- he would  
32 definitely be involved in enforcement.

33 MARGARET THOMPSON: Well, thank y'all for your  
34 time. I really appreciate it. Thank you for listening  
35 because there's other counties that haven't wanted to  
36 listen to this and we know the reason why.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much, Ms.  
38 Thompson.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I asked for the  
40 floor before we ended this.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, our time has  
42 expired.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Well may I ask that we  
44 extend the time for it, please?

45 EDDIE MOORE: We're over like fifteen  
46 minutes now, beyond it. So we really need to go onto  
47 other agenda items.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: So you're denying me the  
49 fact to ask for an extension of the time?

50 EDDIE MOORE: You can ask. Ms. Floyd has

1 asked for an extension on the item.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: In the form of a motion.  
3 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?  
4 RON WILSON: Second.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. All in  
6 favor raise your right hand.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, how much time?  
8 I didn't catch it. How much are we asking over?  
9 EDDIE MOORE: She asked for five minutes.  
10 TM: I'd got a question too, I'd  
11 like to ---  
12 EDDIE MOORE: Extended five minutes then.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: I asked for fifteen minutes.  
14 It was fifteen minutes. I wanted to say that Mr.  
15 Hopkins told us a few minutes ago -- Mr. Hopkins, would  
16 you please repeat to these folks what you said a few  
17 minutes ago about the implementation and about the  
18 monitoring of this process.  
19 HOLT HOPKINS: Ms. Floyd, I know on most of  
20 the road projects we have somebody out there with the  
21 contractor the whole time. Depending on what we can do  
22 within the law without creating any kind of liability  
23 for the county, we could use the e-verify within the  
24 guidance of the law and check those things. We do need  
25 to work with the attorney's office though to make sure  
26 we're not profiling or doing anything that could get  
27 the county in trouble. So there are some sticky issues  
28 that we need to work through before we have third  
29 reading of this. But in most cases, we have folks  
30 involved in the project on a daily basis, so that staff  
31 could handle it.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: So you say in most cases, in  
33 most cases of our contract -- wait a minute. In most  
34 cases of our contract, Anderson County usually has  
35 people out there working with these builders.  
36 HOLT HOPKINS: Making sure we're getting  
37 what we're paying for.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Making sure we're getting  
39 what we paid for. Okay. So that answers Mr.  
40 Waldrep's question, I hope, that it would not cost --  
41 it would not be a big cost to Anderson County. And as  
42 far as the contract, that may be the way to go, just by  
43 inserting the e-verify method into the contract. It's  
44 as simple as that. I thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.  
46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to ask Mr.  
48 Artigliere, what's the intent -- we've sort of talked  
49 around about this ordinance. What is the intent of the  
50 ordinance. Is it just county contracts? Or is it all



1 buildings? I mean, what are we looking at?

2 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: The Pickens County ordinance  
3 is the one that I've seen and looked at. There are  
4 actually three parts to the Pickens County ordinance  
5 that I could ascertain. There's the contracting part  
6 which basically says that, as Ms. Thompson alluded to,  
7 it's very basic, you have to adhere to e-verify. There  
8 is another part to the ordinance which deals with the  
9 reference to English only, as a language, which may be  
10 an issue and may not be something that you would want  
11 to necessarily tie into an ordinance about these types  
12 of situations. Then I believe there is a general  
13 statement, and I may be corrected, I don't have the  
14 ordinance in front of me, but it deals with employees  
15 of Pickens County, I believe. But again, I don't have  
16 the ordinance right in front right now. But that's my  
17 best recollection from when I looked at last week and  
18 spoke with the county attorney last week.

19 TOMMY DUNN: I can wait and find out  
20 later, but I was just wondering, like I said, if we're  
21 talking about county contracts such as what we do, or  
22 building in general, and let's keep in mind, I am a  
23 residential builder and I don't use illegal aliens.  
24 But I do want to say this, the construction industry  
25 ain't the only one that uses them. So if we gonna do  
26 this, even on county contracts, my thing would be don't  
27 single out the construction outfit. Let's make sure we  
28 get them all.

29 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair. To clarify what  
30 I was saying a second ago, Mr. Chair, if you don't  
31 mind, I apologize. And yes, we're talking about county  
32 contracts. We're not talking about contracts or really  
33 enforcement of anything outside of what the county has  
34 contractual control over.

35 TOMMY DUNN: And like I say, I have  
36 talked to Mr. Carroll about this. And I think he feels  
37 comfortable about this is the way to enforce it. I  
38 think that would be very good. But I think it's  
39 something we ought to look at on all who do business  
40 with us. Thank you, Mr. Chair, ...

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42 EDDIE MOORE: ... Mr. Rob Campbell.

43 ROB CAMPBELL: I have a few documents here  
44 if we could pass these out to council. Thank you, Mr.  
45 Chairman, everyone, for having me. My name is Rob  
46 Campbell. I represent the Presort Bureau of the United  
47 States Post Office. I'm from district seven. I spoke  
48 to Ms. Wilson. She directed me to Ms. Eddleman. I  
49 came tonight -- here are the facts, here's what we know  
50 about Anderson County's mail. It's obviously a large

1 volume of mail. The estimate that we've been given by  
2 Anderson County, by purchasing, is around one million  
3 pieces of mail. Of course that's a rough estimate. At  
4 that volume you are eligible to use the Presort Bureau.  
5 As it stands Anderson County is metering all your mail  
6 at forty-two cents. Every letter size piece that you  
7 have, anything of this nature, it's all metered at  
8 forty-two cents. With the Presort Bureau you're going  
9 to follow all the same process as this. You'll run it  
10 through the machine, puts the red ink, metering ink on  
11 there, but you're gonna meter your mail at thirty-nine  
12 point four cents. The only difference in your process  
13 is going to be a different button on your metering  
14 machine. The metering machine then knows exactly what  
15 to do, runs the mail through and meters it all at  
16 thirty-nine point four cents. Back to the current  
17 process. Someone in purchasing then takes the mail  
18 down to the post office and returns. So there's cost  
19 incurred there; gas, transportation, time, etcetera.  
20 With the Presort Bureau we have a route set up in this  
21 area. We go by AnMed Hospital everyday. We'll pick  
22 the mail up from here and deliver it to the post office  
23 for you. When we pick the mail up, our process is we  
24 presort this mail, we use an OCR. It's an optical  
25 character reader. It reads the address and puts this  
26 bar code on there. So your mail is now computerized.  
27 It's all automated. It's gonna speed your mail up in  
28 the mail stream. It's gonna get to the recipient  
29 faster. From forty-two cents to thirty-nine point four  
30 cents, that's a two point six cent difference that  
31 you're gonna save. In the course of a year, one  
32 million times, we're talking about over a hundred  
33 dollars a day, twenty-two hundred dollars a month and  
34 over twenty-six thousand dollars a year, to push a  
35 different button. There's no catch there. It's as  
36 simple as that. And we do this with large companies,  
37 counties, cities, everyday. How this works is the U.S.  
38 Postal Service allocates money to the Presort Bureau  
39 for this service. So as was said there's nothing free  
40 in Anderson County, but this is a free service to  
41 Anderson County. You'll never receive an invoice,  
42 nothing of the sort. Any questions so far on how this  
43 works?

44 BOB WALDREP: Is this something else free?

45 ROB CAMPBELL: Yes, sir. It's free. And  
46 again, the postal service allocates the funds to the  
47 Presort Bureau for our service to them.

48 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

49 ROB CAMPBELL: Anderson County just saves  
50 the two point six cents and you're done.

1 BOB WALDREP: But is the rate going up?

2 ROB CAMPBELL: The rate is going up to  
3 forty-four cents in May. At that point the presorted  
4 rate will be forty-one point four cents, so the margin  
5 is going to stay the same. You're still going to save  
6 the two point six cents.

7 BOB WALDREP: We'll pay more, but we'll  
8 save a little?

9 ROB CAMPBELL: You'll save the same amount.

10 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

11 ROB CAMPBELL: Right now I've been dealing  
12 with Adrian Williams in purchasing. She's been great  
13 trying to push this through. She's been a huge help.  
14 But we've been snagged on some misunderstandings and  
15 miscommunications. At first -- I learned later when I  
16 came into this situation that there was a fear that it  
17 would replace some employees here. That's not the  
18 case. You're not going to change your process at all.  
19 You're gonna meter your mail all the same way. We'll  
20 pick it up and take it to the post office. It's not  
21 going to change any employment here. There's not going  
22 to be any fewer employees. So what we're hung up in is  
23 a bidding process. What gets confusing there is that  
24 there's no cost for this service. So we can't figure  
25 out how to bid it. Since there's no cost, my first  
26 question would be, is there a level somewhere in  
27 Anderson County's laws that if it's below that level  
28 there's no bidding process? It's a free service. So  
29 we don't know how to push through the bidding process.  
30 If we do need to go through the bidding process, and we  
31 need to find three Presort Bureaus in the area,  
32 whatever it may be, there's not three Presort Bureaus  
33 in the area.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. It  
35 would be pretty hard to beat for nothing, wouldn't it,  
36 unless somebody was gonna pay us? So even if it was a  
37 bidding process, that would be pretty difficult to do.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Holt, maybe you could check  
39 with professional services and procurement or whatever  
40 and see.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Administrator have the right  
42 to ...

43 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. I do have just  
44 one question for clarification. Are you the only  
45 person in the area that can provide this service? Or  
46 are there more than one?

47 ROB CAMPBELL: Sure. There's gonna be more  
48 than one. There's Atlanta, Charlotte, Columbia.  
49 Geographically though, we're the closest.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Even if it's free, the

1 issue, and I haven't talked with anybody ---  
2 EDDIE MOORE: To bid out.  
3 HOLT HOPKINS: -- somebody may could do it  
4 cheaper. I mean, do it to where it saves us even more.  
5 And that's something I need to discuss with purchasing.  
6 This is the first I've heard about this particular  
7 issue. So if we could report back to you at the next  
8 meeting.  
9 EDDIE MOORE: Fine.  
10 ROB CAMPBELL: Any other questions?  
11 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
12 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.  
13 CINDY WILSON: It seems that for the past  
14 ten years or so we've had a spending problem more than  
15 a revenues problem, but now we're gonna have both. It  
16 would be very useful for us to get the information on  
17 this. And if it does represent the significant savings  
18 that Mr. Campbell has told us, we certainly need to  
19 proceed. Thank you.  
20 ROB CAMPBELL: My only comment on that is,  
21 since Anderson County was first contacted by the  
22 Presort Bureau there have been over two hundred  
23 thousand dollars savings that were wasted since then.  
24 CINDY WILSON: You came to us four years  
25 ago?  
26 ROB CAMPBELL: In 2001.  
27 CINDY WILSON: Oh, eight years ago?  
28 ROB CAMPBELL: Yes, ma'am. Like I said  
29 every month this is a twenty-two, twenty-five hundred  
30 dollar formality to go through the bidding process,  
31 when what I know is that no one else is going to offer  
32 a same day service. So, yes, there are others in the  
33 area. The pre-sorted rate is the pre-sorted rate.  
34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Hopkins, do you know how  
35 many pieces of mail we send out a week? You got any  
36 idea?  
37 HOLT HOPKINS: I don't, I'm sorry. Really,  
38 and we will try to get this moving along because it's a  
39 great idea. But it's a question of fairness. Just  
40 trying to be fair to everyone concerned, including the  
41 taxpayers. And that's something that we need to work  
42 through. And we'll report back at the next meeting.  
43 ROB CAMPBELL: Thank you.  
44 EDDIE MOORE: If it's okay with everybody  
45 we're gonna take a five minute break.  
46 BREAK  
47 EDDIE MOORE: We'll now go to Item number  
48 10 on the agenda. We're gonna go to Item 10 on the  
49 agenda which would be the presentation of I-85 lighting  
50 project.

1 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Hopkins.

3 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Ricketson had something  
4 come up and he's not able to be here tonight. Mr. Bill  
5 West is going to help me with this. Let me preface it  
6 this way. This is something that we need guidance from  
7 county council on which way to handle this. This is  
8 something that's been on the books for seven or eight  
9 years now, regarding new lighting out at the  
10 interchange, exit 19 interchange, and beyond to another  
11 one.

12 BILL WEST: 19, 21 and 27.

13 HOLT HOPKINS: But I'm gonna let Bill kinda  
14 give you the background on it, where it started and  
15 where we're at. And then we both can answer some  
16 questions.

17 BILL WEST: Well, what you have is a  
18 project that is in the rural planning funds for  
19 transportation, which is now rising to the top for  
20 funding, and which the highway department wants to know  
21 if the county is going to commit to funding the  
22 operation and maintenance of this project, if it is  
23 completed. This of course, involves lighting at the  
24 interchanges of 19, Clemson Boulevard; 21, Liberty  
25 Highway; and 27, South Carolina 81. This would involve  
26 a total, once all the projects were done, probably of  
27 forty to fifty thousand dollars per year to pay for the  
28 electricity, essentially. And then, of course,  
29 replacing bulbs and things like that as it became  
30 necessary for all the lighting at these interchanges.  
31 They estimate six to eight fixtures at 21 and 27 and  
32 probably twelve, because of the size of the  
33 interchange, at exit 19. And that's really what it's  
34 about. If we choose -- you know, if we will not make  
35 the commitment to fund the project, it'll be dropped  
36 from the list and other projects will then move  
37 forward. And that's essentially where we are, is  
38 looking for the council to make a commitment to funding  
39 the operation and maintenance if the lighting is done.  
40 Going back, this rises out of several economic  
41 development goals that we have had of improving, not  
42 only economic development, but safety goals, of  
43 improving the lighting along the interstate, you know,  
44 through Anderson County.

45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
46 question please?

47 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

48 CINDY WILSON: You said this is a project  
49 that's been on the books for a long time but never  
50 funded. Is that correct?

1 BILL WEST: Yes, never funded. It's now  
2 rising to the point of being funded.

3 CINDY WILSON: Do we have enough time to  
4 check through this during the budget process to  
5 determine if we can fund it through doing our budgetary  
6 considerations?

7 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, that's kind of  
8 why we're asking now, to start talking about it. The  
9 only time push is that -- if I may, let me go back just  
10 a minute. This was done through the regional planning  
11 which is handled through our COG. And this was a big  
12 item back about the time the four lanes or the  
13 interstate widening, it was right after that. It  
14 stayed in the minds of a lot of the business folks out  
15 there and that kind of thing. But it's also a safety  
16 issue. But the way the federal dollars work, you have  
17 to get it put in the plan, the statewide transportation  
18 plan, or the STIP, and that's what you have in your  
19 packet. And it takes years to get that kind of program  
20 to get the next available federal dollars for this type  
21 project. All right. That was seven years ago. We're  
22 now coming up for the funding. We've been up for the  
23 funding since about October. The DOT approached us  
24 about last summer time frame. They said, okay, you  
25 have a choice, if you still want this to be done you  
26 have to sign this agreement agreeing to pay for the  
27 maintenance and the electric bill for these lights. To  
28 be honest with you, we told them we're not paying for  
29 it. We're saying, look this is on your main  
30 interstate. This is a federal highway. Why would a  
31 county need to pay for these lights? Now that was my  
32 discussion with them. But they're not showing any  
33 signs of backing down. We argued that, well, why do  
34 you pay it for Greenville? That interchange is paid  
35 for by the DOT. I believe there are -- well, I'm  
36 scared to say other ones because I'm not a hundred  
37 percent positive, but I'm pretty sure there's two other  
38 locations in the state that is paid for by the DOT.  
39 But there are other smaller areas, Florence is one, and  
40 a few other towns or counties that has wanted lighting  
41 but it wasn't on the priority list of the state that  
42 they said, okay, we'll put them in, but you gotta pay  
43 for them and you gotta pay for the electric bill and  
44 you gotta take care of the maintenance. That's kind of  
45 where they have categorized our lighting request, is  
46 that we'll put them in for you using federal dollars,  
47 but you're gonna have to pay for everything from now  
48 on. And the COG called me about thirty days ago and  
49 said, the DOT is getting a little impatient with us.  
50 It's been six months. If you're not gonna sign the

1 agreement, they're gonna reprogram this money back into  
2 some of these other projects, and we're not going to  
3 have the lighting project. I may could beg off to the  
4 end of the month, but my conversation with the  
5 gentleman at the COG didn't think we could go much  
6 beyond the end of March. You don't have to have a  
7 decision tonight, but we're probably coming up by the  
8 next meeting gonna have to decide one way or the other  
9 which way we're going.

10 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I finish  
11 asking a question? Do we know what they're proposing  
12 in the way of lighting is state of the art, most energy  
13 efficient? Would there be other methods of lighting  
14 other than maybe what they're proposing?

15 HOLT HOPKINS: The actual design I don't  
16 think has been done.

17 BILL WEST: Design would be by the  
18 federal ---

19 HOLT HOPKINS: Guidelines.

20 BILL WEST: Federal guidelines.

21 HOLT HOPKINS: It would be up to the state  
22 to decide what's put there and how.

23 BILL WEST: I think if there were -- I  
24 dare say, it being a federal project, I don't know that  
25 they would let us design the system to anything less  
26 than the state guidelines -- the federal guidelines,  
27 excuse me. And they may not even let us design  
28 anything because it is a federal highway.

29 HOLT HOPKINS: We prefer not to.

30 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

31 BILL WEST: And even if we wanted to  
32 just say, well, we'll do it, we'll build them and  
33 everything, they would probably say, no, thank you.  
34 this is a federal project.

35 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

37 TOM ALLEN: If I might. Let's say we  
38 approve this tonight. We said, okay, we're gonna do  
39 it. How long would it be before those lights were  
40 actually put in?

41 HOLT HOPKINS: I would guess that it would  
42 take them a year to have them fully operational.

43 TOM ALLEN: Right. Okay. By the time  
44 they're designed and everything is ready to go, a year.  
45 So what I'm asking is, would we even have to look at  
46 maintenance in the '09-10 budget? Probably be the '10-  
47 11 budget.

48 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. You're probably  
49 right. The problem is, is once we sign it, we're kind  
50 of -- it's not next year, it's the year after that.

1 TOM ALLEN: Right. Not that the years  
2 '10 and '11 are gonna be any better than '09 and '10, I  
3 understand. But there is some breathing room there, is  
4 what I meant.

5 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. There would be.

6 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. West, do you feel pretty  
10 good about the figure they told you, forty, fifty  
11 thousand dollars?

12 BILL WEST: That's what I was told it  
13 should be. Of course, that's also today's money.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. I'd like to take it  
15 under advisement and try to -- if we can wait till the  
16 end of the month and at least do a little more studying  
17 and think about it. Your earlier position, you stated  
18 Mr. Hopkins, is that still your position today, that  
19 federal -- the state ought to pay for it?

20 EDDIE MOORE: I think I would like to  
21 refer this to the transportation committee. And that  
22 would be something to maybe meet ---

23 TOMMY DUNN: Work with Mr. West. Mr.  
24 West, we can work with him and get some answers from  
25 the highway department about some hard numbers. You  
26 know, if it's forty thousand, that's one thing, but if  
27 you budget for it and it turns out to be seventy  
28 thousand dollars worth of lighting, I mean, that's a  
29 what you call it, something another.

30 HOLT HOPKINS: That's been a little bit of  
31 a moving target while we've been discussing this. But  
32 I would say the first year we budget seventy-five  
33 thousand and then we can back off once we start getting  
34 bills. But I like that idea so when we -- we can have  
35 a little more time with the committee to discuss this  
36 in a little more detail.

37 EDDIE MOORE: I think that would be wise.  
38 And then we've still got to the end of the month. And  
39 that way we can meet.

40 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

41 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, We can always  
42 cut them off if the bill gets too high.

43 TOMMY DUNN: We don't pay, they'll cut  
44 them off for us. They won't have to tell us.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Probably some of those kids  
46 with B-B guns, we won't have to worry about it, right?  
47 All right. We'll go to Item 11 now on the agenda. C&S  
48 Consulting Company. Are they here?

49 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir.

50 EDDIE MOORE: I think Ms. Schaum is here



1 with Item (b). She's gonna come up and give us a  
2 presentation. Appreciate you coming today.

3 ALLISON SCHAUM: Thank you very much,  
4 Chairman and council members, for allowing me the time  
5 to come and speak with y'all tonight and share with you  
6 the work that we've been doing here in Anderson County.  
7 About three weeks ago, I believe, some invitations were  
8 sent to all of you inviting you to the farm and food  
9 summit that was held on the 21st. Those were send  
10 through Ms. Eddleman and I believe y'all received  
11 those, along with our strategic report for what we hope  
12 to achieve in the next few years. I thank Mr. Allen  
13 and Mr. Dunn and Mr. Wilson for attending the summit.  
14 And I do appreciate the time tonight, as well. Now why  
15 pursue an autonomous local food system? When we first  
16 started thinking about this we did some initial  
17 research to determine how much money is spent on food  
18 in Anderson County. Working with the Strom Thurmond  
19 Institute and the Department of Revenue, five hundred  
20 million dollars a year is spent on food in Anderson  
21 County. I'm going to repeat that again. That's five  
22 hundred million dollars a year. Where is that money  
23 going? It's currently going to Florida, California,  
24 Washington, and worst yet, out of the country. That's  
25 a travesty for us in Anderson County. I don't think we  
26 can afford to turn away from five hundred million  
27 dollars. How much of that is staying in Anderson  
28 County? Approximately thirty to sixty million. Six to  
29 twelve percent of five hundred million dollars. So why  
30 should we pursue an autonomous local food system? I  
31 say we can't afford not to pursue an autonomous local  
32 food system. This is an economic development issue in  
33 the county. Working with farmers, like Split Creek  
34 Farm. Nurseries that sell seeds and plants to farmers,  
35 like Carolina Fresh Farms. Working with the Anderson  
36 Independent Restaurant Association that sell food to  
37 consumers. Working with the Anderson County Farmers  
38 Market. Working with businesses that sell supplies to  
39 farmers. Working with credit agencies. Working with  
40 Anderson County based businesses, like Carolina  
41 Produce. Working with Anderson County and Conventions  
42 Bureau. Growing the Agri-tourism within the county.  
43 Connecting and supporting the vast array of Ag  
44 businesses within the county is something that is  
45 needed. Developing a local food system, not just for  
46 Anderson, but also eventually bordering counties. Yes,  
47 Anderson is the primary focus now, but if we prepare  
48 then we can feed our neighbors that are not -- that are  
49 less rural than we are. Now why Anderson county?  
50 First of all, abundant land. Over a hundred and

1        seventy-six thousand acres are designated as farm land  
2        within the county. Climate. We have the ability to  
3        extend our seasons and grow year around. Knowledge.  
4        We're rich in agricultural history. We're number one  
5        in hay production in the state. Number one in cattle.  
6        Sadly, the majority of those cattle are shipped out to  
7        the Midwest, finished on feed lots and then brought  
8        back to Anderson County and served. There's something  
9        wrong with that. We're top five in the milk production  
10       in the state. Also we are in close proximity to  
11       Clemson University. And we're able to use them as a  
12       support base for starting this. And also we have a  
13       head start here in Anderson County. We are the leader  
14       in agricultural economic development in the state. In  
15       2008 at the South Carolina Economic Development meeting  
16       at the College of Charleston, Anderson County was  
17       touted as the leader. We need to maintain that  
18       leadership role and reap the benefits of what we have  
19       sown thus far. The benefits of such a program are  
20       numerous. First and foremost, economic benefits. Farm  
21       profitability is very important. Also the cost savings  
22       involved with keeping the money here in Anderson  
23       county. Also health benefits. I don't think anybody  
24       here would state that chronic illness is not on the  
25       rise. It's definitely on the rise. Type II diabetes  
26       are affecting our children. Also food security.  
27       There's no better security of knowing that you're  
28       eating something that the own farmer is feeding his own  
29       family. Food security is also tremendously important  
30       and if you don't think it is, then let's have a spinach  
31       and a peanut butter sandwich. Don't think anybody  
32       would be too thrilled about that right now.  
33       Environmental benefits. Economic development, storm  
34       water runoff and air standards. And social benefits.  
35       We have a stronger community and protecting our  
36       culture. Now these are numerous benefits for pursuing  
37       an autonomous local food system. Now I would like to  
38       look at this a little bit closer so that we can all see  
39       all of the moving parts involved in this system.  
40       Obviously we have farms. We have the producers, whether  
41       they're vegetable growers, fruit and nut orchards, meat  
42       and dairy, transplants, flowers, all of these are  
43       producers that then go to the processors, whether  
44       that's a processing facility or a value-added center.  
45       And then to the distributors, whether that's the  
46       farmers market, a CSA, which is a community supported  
47       agriculture, wholesale brokers, grocery stores, and  
48       then eventually to the consumers themselves. Now  
49       you'll see here that I have a red arrow on the  
50       restaurants and the institutions because that is where

1 a vast majority of the five hundred million is  
2 concentrated. So I wanted to touch on that just  
3 briefly so that we could see the impact of a farm to  
4 institution and a farm to school program. Now here in  
5 Anderson we do have a farm to school program with the  
6 child nutrition directors named Grow With Me. Upon  
7 getting started with the farm to school program,  
8 meeting with the school administrators of Anderson  
9 County, we decided that going with school districts  
10 two, three and five would be the best. Start small and  
11 eventually work our way up to larger. Also, districts  
12 two, three and five use the same distributor, which is  
13 Carolina Produce. Distribution is a problem and by  
14 dealing with him, that was the easiest way to overcome  
15 that hurdle. After meeting with the school  
16 administrators and the child nutrition directors, we  
17 laid out the mission. The mission of Grow With Me. By  
18 incorporating educational components with the  
19 substitution of local produce on cafeteria menus we  
20 will improve the health of our children, foster better  
21 environmental stewardship, boost the local farm economy  
22 and rebuild relationships between eaters and farmers.  
23 So we're doing two things. We're not just substituting  
24 local produce, we're also incorporating educational  
25 components. Now where is this going? The vision. The  
26 first part is the local food in the schools. The main  
27 goal of the farm to school program is to provide  
28 farmers a viable market in their community to sell  
29 produce while supplying our schools with the freshest  
30 food possible. Farm field trips. This component of  
31 the program strives to rebuild a connection to where  
32 food comes from and who is growing food in our local  
33 communities. Don't think anybody here would argue that  
34 when we sit down to eat our food at supper at the  
35 house, we don't know where the meat came from. We  
36 don't know where the vegetables came from. There is a  
37 disconnect. And also incorporating farmer visits to  
38 schools. Often there are some schools that are not  
39 able to afford farm field trips. So bringing the  
40 farmers to the schools is a way to bring the farm to  
41 the school so that the kids can have that agricultural  
42 experience. And then also nutrition education. With  
43 the loss of connection to where food comes from, there  
44 has also been a disconnect, as I stated before, with  
45 preparing food and healthy eating. The nutrition  
46 component of the farm to school program consists of  
47 cooking demonstrations and we're working with air  
48 members in getting that done, and classes to help  
49 students learn to enjoy preparing and eating healthy  
50 foods. So again, not only in this day and age do we

1 not know who grows our food, but we don't know how to  
2 prepare it. And this starts at a tender age. School  
3 gardens. Students will eat what they grow. And the  
4 school garden component is the link between healthy  
5 eating and reconnecting students with their  
6 agricultural heritage. Here in Anderson county, we  
7 were just visited by South Carolina Educational  
8 Television. They did a piece at Nevitt Forest  
9 Elementary on their wonderful school garden. And this  
10 is gonna be featured in public schools on ITV  
11 statewide, showing what it is that can be accomplished  
12 with a school garden. And seeing how kids can be  
13 excited about eating healthy fresh food that they had a  
14 hand in growing, whether it's broccoli or turnips or  
15 radishes. Now current and future programs. I've  
16 already talked a little bit about local food in the  
17 schools. We started with tomatoes in August and  
18 September and we're going to be introducing  
19 strawberries in April and May through a local farm, a  
20 large amount of strawberries. And also in the fall  
21 we're looking at replacing with a fall crop. Now long  
22 term, we want to substitute as much as possible, and  
23 schools are very excited about doing this. So  
24 substituting the lettuce on the burger, the tomato on  
25 the burger, the vegetables that go with the meat.  
26 There is no end to the possibility of what we could  
27 achieve here. The budget for vegetables in each school  
28 district is forty thousand dollars a year. Multiply  
29 that by five, two hundred grand. We can't say no to  
30 money like that in Anderson County. Secondly, the farm  
31 field trips. We're working on building a database for  
32 brochures to promote farms offering tours. This is an  
33 ideal tool for schools, daycares, elderly groups,  
34 anybody that has outings and is interested in agri-  
35 tourism. Nutrition education. There's curricula Ag in  
36 the classroom that is a Farm Bureau supported  
37 curriculum. The Department of Education has approved  
38 this curriculum as well, so it's not adding onto the  
39 teachers workload. So they're able to introduce  
40 agricultural concepts with math, social studies,  
41 English, science. So it's a nice way to incorporate  
42 that in the curriculum. Taste tests, cooking  
43 demonstrations, just letting kids taste and have  
44 positive agricultural experiences. And the school  
45 gardens. Expanding to more schools. Although Nevitt  
46 Forest has experienced great success, we would like to  
47 see that duplicated countywide. Now certain needs will  
48 need to met in order for this program to be at its  
49 best. Infrastructure development is one of those. For  
50 those who attended the summit, we went more in depth

1 with this. But a value-added center is something that  
2 is in dire need here in the county, so that farmers are  
3 able to bring sweet potatoes to the value-added center,  
4 turn those into sweet potato sticks and sell them to  
5 the schools. The kids love those. Broccoli. The  
6 chefs would not be very pleased about getting broccoli  
7 heads. But if we could process those and turn those  
8 into frozen broccoli florets, then that is something  
9 that they could serve to the students. Also, farmer  
10 certification. The schools are fully aware of what  
11 their requirements are for purchasing from farmers and  
12 the Department of Education is working with the schools  
13 in this. But looking at getting the farmers properly  
14 certified through gap training, good agricultural  
15 practices, or GHP, good handling practices. And there  
16 are grant opportunities to help out with the  
17 infrastructure development and the farmer  
18 certification.

19 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

20 ALLISON SCHAUM: Okay. Just this year, all  
21 three schools in Anderson County that applied for the  
22 USDA fresh fruits and vegetable program, received the  
23 grant. This pool of money grew from ten thousand at  
24 each school to seventy-nine thousand for three schools.  
25 So that was something that would not have been awarded  
26 to the schools had we not had a farm to school program.  
27 Also, Obama's stimulus package that he just signed,  
28 twenty-four billion has been earmarked for agriculture.  
29 So grant opportunities would be available through that.  
30 So again the benefits. Keeping the local culture  
31 identity, not becoming a bedroom community of  
32 Greenville County, teaching the kids about the  
33 community they live in, that it's steeped in rich  
34 agricultural heritage, keeping money in the community.  
35 This money is here. This money is recession-proof. We  
36 have to eat three meals a day. We commit an  
37 agricultural act every time we eat.

38 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Time.

39 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to extend  
40 her five minutes.

41 ALLISON SCHAUM: Thank you.

42 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor. Unanimous.

43 ALLISON SCHAUM: Thank you very much. And  
44 also the health of our children. Eating habits.  
45 Eating habits form young. We won't have to teach this  
46 to their children if we can get it right now. Now to  
47 fully enjoy these benefits, legislation and leadership  
48 is needed on the state level. The farm to school bill.  
49 The history of the farm to school bill was actually  
50 born here in Anderson County at last year's Upstate

1 Sustainable Ag Summit in January. There was a  
2 legislative dinner and a lot of legislators walked away  
3 from this really excited and wanted to see something  
4 like this brought to South Carolina. They didn't want  
5 to be last on the list. It has currently just passed  
6 the House and so it will be introduced into the Sub-  
7 committee of the Senate. Every time I go and testify  
8 at these hearings, Anderson is noted as being the  
9 leader in the state in this movement. We're the pilot  
10 for the statewide program. All eyes are on us. So I  
11 urge us to maintain this leadership role in the  
12 legislative effort. That's it. Thank you.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. Any council  
14 member like to ask her some questions. Ms. Wilson.

15 CINDY WILSON: I believe it was April,  
16 about a year, year and a half ago, I attended the grant  
17 seminar that covered a lot of this and turned some of  
18 the information over to some of our local farmers. The  
19 United States Department of Agriculture and the County  
20 Extension Service and Clemson University apparently  
21 have offered all of these services at no cost to our  
22 county over many, many years. I remember growing up on  
23 a farm, my mother going to the canneries. I don't know  
24 why our canneries kind of fell apart, but part of the  
25 grants that we were offered in this seminar would cover  
26 being able to put together a building at Clemson, which  
27 they had offered us a building, and furnishing it with  
28 equipment so that our farmers could go there, and with  
29 the surplus produce, they could process the produce and  
30 maybe get it on to the schools. I know you're working  
31 mighty hard on this, but the problem is, it seems to me  
32 and to a lot of other people, these were things that  
33 were already underway at no cost. It was already  
34 funded through our federal and state funds. So I don't  
35 want to sound ungrateful to you, but I just wonder what  
36 happened, because I knew Clemson was working with our  
37 Economic Development Department. I know the head of  
38 the Sustainable Ag Department. It's rather puzzling.

39 ALLISON SCHAUM: Right. Well, I'd like to  
40 comment on that. I'm sorry, I don't know where your  
41 information has come from. But we had Clemson present  
42 at the Food and Farm Summit that we held on the 21st.  
43 They covered this rather in depth. Dr. Geoff Zehnder  
44 with the Entomology Department, and he is over the  
45 Sustainable Ag Program, also working with Extension  
46 through Dr. Beth Kunkel. They have said that they do  
47 support these types of initiatives, but by no means  
48 does Clemson go and develop local autonomous food  
49 systems. They're not set up to do this county to  
50 county to county. So they have been very supportive in

1 our work, but they do not do this for free. They don't  
2 do this. They are supportive.

3 CINDY WILSON: I think the main issue is  
4 that they have the qualifications and the capabilities  
5 that I do believe that our county should go through  
6 this in a procurement procedure where we bid this out  
7 and maybe have Clemson bid on this work, and other  
8 entities. I know I've had a person who is a local  
9 restaurant owner that participates in this speciality  
10 food group, and she contacted me to let me know that  
11 the USDA offers this through that group. So I just  
12 think that it's something that we do definitely need to  
13 look at. I'm very supportive, having grown up on a  
14 farm. And I know one of the famous old lines is, don't  
15 complain about the farmers with your mouth full. So we  
16 definitely need to pursue this, but I'm -- in view of  
17 what -- our tax monies and how we are responsible for  
18 the use of our tax monies here, I would like to see  
19 this whole project bid out before we settle on any one  
20 person or any one entity. Thank you.

21 ALLISON SCHAUM: Okay. To address that --  
22 I'm sorry, is that okay?

23 EDDIE MOORE: I was gonna ask, does any  
24 other council member want to ask any questions?

25 ALLISON SCHAUM: I would like to comment on  
26 what Ms. Wilson stated.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Go ahead.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Miss. Chairman,  
29 let's extend the time, give her a chance. I've got a  
30 question or two, too. If it would be all right, let's  
31 extend the time five minutes. Would that give you  
32 enough?

33 CINDY WILSON: Second.

34 ALLISON SCHAUM: Yes.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Make the motion.

36 ALLISON SCHAUM: You mentioned that the USDA  
37 did this sort of thing and that your friend, through  
38 the restaurant, was looking at something like this.  
39 Although some farmers -- some people are doing this on  
40 an individual basis, to do this countywide, to do it  
41 under the Anderson Farm and Food Association, under  
42 that umbrella, many more exciting programs would be  
43 possible for the county. I touched on just one, which  
44 is the farm to school initiative. There's community  
45 supported agriculture. There's farm to restaurant.  
46 There's farm to hospital. There is a -- this is a  
47 massive moving system. It's not on an individual  
48 basis. But in order for all Anderson County farmers to  
49 benefit something is needed on a countywide basis.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

2 TOMMY DUNN: I would just like to ask  
3 about the certification. Have you had much interest in  
4 getting any farmers certified where they can sell their  
5 stuff? Have you got -- I don't want to put you on the  
6 spot or anything, but have you got a number or anything  
7 how many's ---

8 ALLISON SCHAUM: Well, as far as  
9 certification, I'm not quite sure what you mean in ...

10 TOMMY DUNN: I might have misunderstood,  
11 but I was thinking in the presentation at the  
12 Civic Center, to be able to sell a certain thing you  
13 had to be certified or some kind -- maybe another  
14 proper term.

15 ALLISON SCHAUM: Yes, right. The Department  
16 of Education has contacted us. They said, please  
17 consider us an ally in all of your efforts, whatever  
18 you're working towards to get your farmers certified,  
19 to get umbrella insurance. They know that these are  
20 issues that need to be addressed. This hasn't been  
21 done in the state. And they are excited that this is  
22 happening. Clemson just became aware of the  
23 certification issues. We spoke with them and said,  
24 look, we need to get some kind of a class together for  
25 the farmers to participate in. We're going to be  
26 holding that in April. GAP is what it's called, good  
27 agricultural practices. This is a certification  
28 process that farmers go through. And they are -- it's  
29 just a trace back system to ensure that everything that  
30 they are selling can be traced back.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Have you found that there's  
32 a pretty good interest in farmers wanting to get  
33 certified, people around here, pretty good interest.

34 ALLISON SCHAUM: Not just here, but  
35 statewide. This is something that happened maybe tens  
36 years ago, the gentleman that was over this, retired  
37 and the ball got dropped. So the fact that we're doing  
38 this here in Anderson has kind of revived the energy  
39 towards getting this accomplished. So Clemson has  
40 gotten involved. And we're looking at holding this and  
41 partnering with North Carolina Extension Service to get  
42 this done.

43 TOMMY DUNN: It just seems that would be  
44 a key that the farmers want to participate to get this  
45 certification. And thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's  
46 all I have.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Mr. Waldrep.

48 BOB WALDREP: I'm just curious about this  
49 certification issue. I just didn't know you had to be  
50 certified to grow potatoes or something like that.



1 TOMMY DUNN: Not to grow them, but to  
2 sell them you do, though.

3 BOB WALDREP: To sell a potato, you gotta  
4 be certified to do that? Or are you talking about  
5 people that actually grow and they also market their  
6 own produce?

7 ALLISON SCHAUM: We're talking about any  
8 farmers that are interested in participating with any  
9 of the programs we have. They need to undergo the  
10 training, the certification, to ensure that everything  
11 that they're doing is according to good agricultural  
12 practices. It's basically just a safety net for the  
13 hospitals, for the schools ...

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15 ALLISON SCHAUM: ... doing what he's supposed  
16 to do. He's not ---

17 BOB WALDREP: I thought that was what the  
18 Department of Agriculture did. That that was a  
19 function of the federal government to that extent.

20 ALLISON SCHAUM: Yes.

21 BOB WALDREP: And we've got Clemson  
22 University that's up here that does all that.

23 ALLISON SCHAUM: Right.

24 BOB WALDREP: And I'm just a little  
25 confused. And then we've got the free market out  
26 there. I just wonder how we got into this particular  
27 area when we have so many other entities. We've got  
28 the -- certainly the State Agriculture Department that  
29 we have. We have Clemson, you know.

30 ALLISON SCHAUM: Right.

31 BOB WALDREP: Then we have the USDA. And  
32 I'm just a little bit confused about the necessity as  
33 to why this particular program would suddenly be the  
34 bellwether and the pilot program when you've had all  
35 this available information out there. Is this just an  
36 issue of someone being able to coordinate this, that no  
37 one has taken it upon themselves to decide this is a  
38 good way to do it?

39 ALLISON SCHAUM: Right. Back to your  
40 Department of Agriculture and the USDA being involved.  
41 They are involved working with Clemson. There's the  
42 South Carolina Department of Agriculture that's  
43 involved, there's the USDA that's involved, working  
44 with Clemson University to make sure that this  
45 certification takes place. This is not -- this is  
46 something, like I said, that has fallen off by the  
47 wayside in years past, as the man who was over this was  
48 retired. So bringing in the certification is something  
49 ---

50 BOB WALDREP: You mean that guy just left

1 and everything fell apart?  
2 ALLISON SCHAUM: That's exactly what I mean.  
3 BOB WALDREP: From where? What was his --  
4 was he with the Department of Agriculture.  
5 ALLISON SCHAUM: Yes.  
6 BOB WALDREP: Have you ever talked to Mr.  
7 Weathers about this program?  
8 ALLISON SCHAUM: Yes.  
9 BOB WALDREP: And what does Mr. Weathers  
10 say?  
11 ALLISON SCHAUM: Mr. Weathers is very  
12 supportive of the farm to school program, the  
13 initiative that we're taking here. The South Carolina  
14 Food Policy Council reports to Commissioner Weathers on  
15 all of the issues pertaining to agriculture in the  
16 state. And farm to school is on the top of the radar  
17 with Commissioner Weathers.  
18 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
19 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Ms. Schaum. We  
20 appreciate that.  
21 ALLISON SCHAUM: Thank you.  
22 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item (c),  
23 Phoenix Risk Consultants.  
24 APPLAUSE  
25 EDDIE MOORE: They're not here?  
26 HOLT HOPKINS: He's not here. I did give  
27 all the council members a report that I had from the  
28 company.  
29 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 12 on the  
30 agenda, discussion of stimulus package. Ms. Floyd.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Last week I went to Columbia  
32 to the South Carolina Association of Counties annual --  
33 mid-year meeting. And at the time the stimulus package  
34 was being discussed. As I sat there I wished that all  
35 my council members had been there because it was worth  
36 knowing what was going to happen one way or the other.  
37 The stimulus package has been, as you already know, it  
38 has been approved. Now whether you want it or not  
39 right now doesn't matter. There's gonna be money  
40 coming down. Along with the stimulus package we were  
41 told in Columbia that there was a bill, I think it's  
42 35, 38, I don't know. I'm not sure the exact the  
43 number of the bill. But there is a bill that they have  
44 to cut out the funds to the county. Every year the  
45 state sends us X amount of dollars. With this money we  
46 pay for the library. We pay -- some of it goes to the  
47 sheriff's office. Some of it goes to other entities  
48 that we have to maintain here in Anderson County. They  
49 are talking about cutting that money out. I think  
50 Anderson County stands to lose a couple of a million

1 dollars out of that. We're gonna have to decide how we  
2 are going to approach this. We need to start working  
3 to figure out, if or how we will fare if they should  
4 take that money out. They are arguing the point,  
5 excuse me, debating the point of it now. I don't know  
6 how it has turned out. Have any of you heard? Okay.  
7 I don't know how it's gonna turn out. But folks, this  
8 is something we need to start working on now as we look  
9 toward our budget. I'm hoping that we're gonna be okay  
10 with our budget this year. But if we don't get that  
11 money we're gonna have to make it up some kind of way.  
12 On Friday I went to the Council of Government meeting  
13 where they did an excellent job in explaining the  
14 stimulus package. It seems to me that there's gonna be  
15 money in every department. Listening to it I thought  
16 it was gonna be an influx of money that was gonna come  
17 down to Anderson County, but it's not like that -- I  
18 mean to the State of South Carolina. But it's not like  
19 that. It appears as if each department will have  
20 money. Like the Transportation Department, the  
21 Commercial Department, the Agricultural Department.  
22 All these people will be getting this money and we will  
23 have to apply for the money. We have to start deciding  
24 now what we want. I went to the legislative meeting  
25 and I saw all of the people that I could see in  
26 Columbia that represent us down there. And I gave them  
27 a list of projects for district two. They're called  
28 shovel- ready projects. I know you have heard enough  
29 of that word, shovel-ready project. But I gave them a  
30 list for district two of projects that we have waiting  
31 and ready to go to work. But that's all I know. I  
32 heard while I was there that most of the money, if we  
33 get any, will be used for roads and bridges. Now that  
34 was the scuttlebug going around. I could never get  
35 hold to any of our folks to find out for sure what was  
36 gonna happen. Also we have a situation where the  
37 governor says that he is not going to -- it has been  
38 said that the governor has said that he was not going  
39 to apply for the funds.

40 APPLAUSE

41 EDDIE MOORE: Keep it down please.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: But it's also been said that  
43 the legislative body was going to go around the  
44 governor to get it. So I don't know how it's gonna  
45 stand, but I still think that being as intelligent as  
46 we are, we need to know as much about this stimulus  
47 package as we can, whether we get the money or not. It  
48 has been said, I think it was the governor in Maine  
49 that said if South Carolina didn't want it he would  
50 take it. But anyway, I'd like for us to at least look

1 at it. At the next meeting I am asking the COG  
2 representative, Steve Pelletier to come and talk to us  
3 about the stimulus package and what's all in it before  
4 we say we don't want it. Okay. And Ms. Eddleman, I'm  
5 asking you to please put that on the agenda. Okay.  
6 And Mr. Chairman, I think that Mr. Pelletier would need  
7 about twenty minutes in order to explain that to us.  
8 But anyway, I wanted to talk about that stimulus  
9 package tonight. Thank you.

10 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 13,  
11 ordinance's third reading, 2009-001, an ordinance to  
12 provide for the creation of the Cedar Glen Special Tax  
13 District. This will be Mr. Allen, Mr. Hopkins.  
14 Anything else to say?

15 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are  
16 ready for the third reading on this. And I just wanted  
17 to find out -- I know Ms. McGee had had a question on  
18 some things, and find out if you were satisfied with  
19 the letter from the engineering.

20 INAUDIBLE

21 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Okay. Did you have  
22 any comments, Mr. Hopkins, regarding that?

23 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, if I can just  
24 clarify. The question was about a drainage easement.  
25 The letter that I sent out on this is, we don't have a  
26 need for that easement. We don't foresee a future need  
27 for that easement. So once everything is completed on  
28 this project and the deeds are in Anderson County's  
29 name for the roads, we'd like to come back to county  
30 council and ask your permission to release that  
31 easement and do away with it, basically.

32 TOM ALLEN: Thank you. Sounds very  
33 good. Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

34 BOB WALDREP: Just one question. I'm just  
35 curious about the process. Mr. Hopkins, about, we're  
36 actually getting a deed to the roads themselves.  
37 Right?

38 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. That's part of  
39 the process of this ---

40 BOB WALDREP: Now who is granting us --  
41 who is the grantor?

42 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, because there was so  
43 much confusion about who the real owner is and there's  
44 multiple owners in the past ten years, we had everybody  
45 that we could identify sign an agreement that once  
46 everything is done and the roads are acceptable to the  
47 county, they all will sign a quit claim deed. Am I  
48 explaining that right, Adam? They will all sign the  
49 deeds to make sure there's no question on -- nobody  
50 wants to actually claim ownership, but if they'll all

1 sign a deed, then it should be clear.

2 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

3 TOMMY DUNN: We get them all fixed up,  
4 they might want them.

5 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chair, that's why the  
6 agreement is there, to make sure that they turn them  
7 over once all work is done.

8 BOB WALDREP: In doing this in the future  
9 if we can find out who owned those roads looks like we  
10 ought to be able to make them pave them. I'm just  
11 thinking in the future as a possibility because, you  
12 know, the big issue here has been that for years the  
13 developers have somehow another given the impression to  
14 the people who purchased this property, that those were  
15 county roads. They must have. And for that reason I  
16 think that whenever we do -- maybe we can learn a  
17 little something from this process right here to  
18 continue to pursue those folks that have given these  
19 people so many problems on that. Just a comment. Just  
20 a thought.

21 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

23 TOM ALLEN: Just a comment. I know,  
24 because I have a lot of these special tax districts in  
25 district four. And one of the reasons is because  
26 that's where most of the development has been over the  
27 past ten to fifteen years. And what was it, 2003 I  
28 think, the new regulations came out requiring road  
29 surfaces to be heavier?

30 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

31 TOM ALLEN: What we're seeing right now  
32 in these special tax districts are roads that were put  
33 in back in the mid nineties or toward the end of the  
34 nineties before the new regulations came in. So  
35 hopefully in the future we'll have a lot fewer of these  
36 special tax districts that we have to deal with. And I  
37 would like to make a motion to go ahead and approve  
38 this on the third reading.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Have a motion to approve and  
41 we have a second. Any more discussion? All in favor  
42 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Motion passes. We  
43 now go to Item 14 on the agenda, second reading, an  
44 ordinance amending the Anderson County zoning  
45 ordinance. Mr. Ricketson here? Or Mr. Hopkins, you  
46 want to ...

47 BILL WEST: Every time it says Ricketson  
48 tonight it's me. You looked at this on first -- excuse  
49 me, on first reading at your last meeting. You  
50 recommended approval of it. I believe it was

1 unanimously. It has come forward to you with a  
2 recommendation in favor from the zoning advisory group  
3 and the Anderson County Planning Commission. Unless  
4 there are any further questions, I have nothing further  
5 to add.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. West, just one question.  
7 Mr. Chairman, if I may? Is there any opposition? I  
8 haven't heard of none. I just -- it's unusual.

9 BILLY WEST: And you would have I would  
10 think. There has been none. It's been expressed to  
11 the staff. There have been a few questions, but  
12 nothing -- no opposition surfaced.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Since this is a second  
15 reading, is there any public out there that wants to  
16 make any comments about this ordinance? Hearing none,  
17 any council member have anything to say?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the  
19 motion that we pass this on second reading.

20 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to pass on  
21 the second reading.

22 RON WILSON: Second.

23 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second from Mr.  
24 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor raise your right  
25 hand. Unanimous. We now go to Item 15(a), first  
26 reading, 2009-007.

27 BILL WEST: Briefly, this is an  
28 application for rezoning from R-A, residential  
29 agriculture to planned development district. The whole  
30 -- this is for the Forest Lawn Memorial Park,  
31 represented by Mr. Joe Owens who is present this  
32 evening, and would answers any questions for you, as  
33 well. But this project has received approval of the  
34 zoning advisory group in district seven, as well as the  
35 Planning Commission. Even though it's called planned  
36 development district it's only for expansion of the  
37 cemetery and possible future the inclusion of a funeral  
38 home on the front of the site. I would imagine there  
39 won't be a lot of noise from the residents here.

40 EDDIE MOORE: All right. The public  
41 hearing is now in session. If anyone has any comments  
42 please come forward.

43 MARK POWELL: I've got an interesting take  
44 on this one. Mark Powell, district seven. It would  
45 appear, if you look at us in the audience, especially  
46 some, if you look at children, we may need a bigger  
47 cemetery and we may need bigger caskets. We have been  
48 told that we don't seem to enjoy the food we eat. And  
49 we have to have someone tell us how we need to enjoy  
50 it. I think from looking at us we enjoy our food that

1 we currently buy quite well. So I hope this thing does  
2 pass so we big fat people who enjoy eating the food we  
3 currently have can continue enjoying and consuming at a  
4 five hundred million dollar rate. And it's amazing  
5 that we were told that the restaurants and the  
6 institutions is the largest part of that five hundred  
7 million. That means every last one of us would have to  
8 eat out more than we eat at home. That's shocking.  
9 Thank you.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else. Seeing none,  
11 public hearing is over.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
13 motion we adopt this zoning change on first reading.

14 CINDY WILSON: Second.

15 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion and a  
16 second.

17 CINDY WILSON: Please, Mr. Chairman.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

19 CINDY WILSON: This is in my district and  
20 we had a terrible problem several years ago, I think  
21 it's been about three years ago now, with the property  
22 behind this. It was the most contentious rezoning that  
23 could ever be. Everybody was totally opposed to going  
24 from RA1 to a planned unit development with small  
25 houses on -- I mean, larger houses on tiny lots, that  
26 just passed over my dead body and everybody else over  
27 there. But I want to point out in this case, the  
28 neighborhood is very, very supportive of this. Our  
29 McDougall Funeral Home has proven to be a very good  
30 neighbor out there and we want to welcome them. Thank  
31 you.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? All in favor  
33 raise you right hand. Unanimous. Moved. We now go to  
34 Item (b), which would be 2009-008, an ordinance to  
35 amend Ordinance 98-019, as previously amended by  
36 Ordinance Numbers 99-29, 2000-53, 2004-47, 2004-48,  
37 2005-32, 2005-43, 2006-27, 2007-07, 2008-24, 2008-54,  
38 relating to the industrial business park of Anderson  
39 and Greenville counties to enlarge the park. Ms.  
40 Heather Jones.

41 HEATHER JONES: Mr. Chairman, members of  
42 council, Mr. Hopkins. As is customary anytime a county  
43 involved in a multi-county park arrangement seeks to  
44 add a parcel, the amendment to an ordinance must be  
45 passed. This ordinance was originally enacted in 1999  
46 with Greenville County. You can see by the reading  
47 that the Chairman just gave, it's been amended multiple  
48 times to include parties. This agreement, as I stated,  
49 is for Greenville County. It is a ninety-nine to one  
50 cost sharing. Anderson County is not putting any money

1 into this to get the revenues. I mean, when you have a  
2 multi-county park agreement it is there to benefit the  
3 company, but it also allows the host county to control  
4 certain funds to be used for infrastructure. The  
5 purpose that I want to bring out tonight, in terms of  
6 Anderson County is, we will receive one percent of this  
7 new investment in Greenville County. And we didn't put  
8 any money into bringing that one percent. So this is  
9 one percent of new revenues to Anderson County that  
10 will go into our fund where the multi-county industrial  
11 park revenues are put.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
13 motion we move on this.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Have a motion to move on  
15 this ordinance. Do I have a second.

16 TOM ALLEN: Second.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen seconded. Any  
18 discussion?

19 CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

21 CINDY WILSON: These are both properties in  
22 Greenville County? Is that correct?

23 HEATHER JONES: Yes, ma'am. It is a single  
24 project, what is called Project Teal. It is Samsung.  
25 And they're both Greenville County.

26 CINDY WILSON: I have a question that's not  
27 quite related to this, but on economic development.  
28 What is the Anderson County Economic Development  
29 Department website where people can check to see what  
30 properties are available through our ---

31 HEATHER JONES: Sorry. There are three  
32 websites. Our county website for economic development  
33 is advance2anderson.com. And it also links all the  
34 properties you're referring to, to the Upstate  
35 Alliance, which is upstatealliance.com. The third  
36 level of publication of those sites and buildings is  
37 found on Department of Commerce at the state level and  
38 that's scommerce.com. And today we're beta testing an  
39 additional GIS program through ACOG, which will be an  
40 extended take on the Upstate Explorer and we'll be  
41 adding an addition feature to the website in about a  
42 week. It will allow you to not only download those  
43 properties as you're accustomed to, but we'll also be  
44 able to site buildings on there, look at what the  
45 maximum square footage and use is of individual sites.  
46 It will do a topographic overlay, as well as some  
47 additional things that will aid us in being more  
48 marketable.

49 CINDY WILSON: It sounds great. Thank you.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Anymore discussion. Hear



1 none, we'll go ahead and vote. All in favor raise your  
2 right hand. Unanimous.

3 HEATHER JONES: Thank you.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, you had moved  
5 this other one. Is that correct? We'll go now to Item  
6 16, acceptance of Drakes Field Subdivision into the  
7 county road system.

8 HOLT HOPKINS: This subdivision has been  
9 inspected to make sure it meets county standards. The  
10 Planning Department, the development standards and the  
11 roads and bridge folks have checked off everything.  
12 And it's ready for your approval. We'll answer any  
13 questions you might have, though.

14 BILL WEST: And just so, because some of  
15 you aren't familiar with the process, but with your  
16 approval we then go back to the developer and they  
17 prepare deeds for the roads, and they are transferred  
18 to the county and the bond is returned, that has not  
19 been spent.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the  
21 motion we adopt this.

22 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to accept  
23 and a second, Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in  
24 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Accepted. We  
25 now go to 17, Resolution R2009-24, a resolution  
26 acknowledging and consenting to assignment of legal  
27 counsel for Anderson County for specific purposes. And  
28 other matters related thereto.

29 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I'll recuse  
30 myself on this one. *Attachment A*

31 EDDIE MOORE: Resolution 2009-24, a  
32 resolution acknowledging and consenting to assignment  
33 of legal counsel for Tom Allen for specific purposes;  
34 and other matters related thereto. Whereas, on  
35 January 20, 2009 Anderson County Council passed  
36 Resolution R2009-0110 which inter alia states that  
37 Anderson County must obtain knowledge and consent of  
38 Anderson County Council before any legal matter  
39 involving Anderson County is transferred to an attorney  
40 or law firm. And whereas, Anderson County Council  
41 desires to acknowledge and consent to the engagement of  
42 legal counsel for the specific purpose of representing  
43 Tom Allen regarding the *Bradshaw versus Anderson County*  
44 *C.A. 2009-CP-04-00491* matter. Now therefore, it is  
45 resolved by Anderson County Council in meeting duly  
46 assembled that Anderson County, acting by and through  
47 its county council, hereby acknowledges and consents to  
48 Anderson County engagement of Francis G. Delaney, Jr.  
49 of Hampton, Delaney and Hemlock, PA, for the specific  
50 purpose of representing Tom Allen regarding *Bradshaw*

1       versus Anderson County. This resolution shall take  
2       effect and be in force immediately upon enactment  
3       CINDY WILSON:       So moved.  
4       EDDIE MOORE:       Have a motion to move. Do I  
5       have a second?  
6       TOMMY DUNN:       Second.  
7       EDDIE MOORE:       Mr. Dunn seconds. Any  
8       discussion.  
9       CINDY WILSON:       Mr. Chairman.  
10       GRACIE FLOYD:       Mr. Chairman.  
11       EDDIE MOORE:       Ms. Wilson.  
12       CINDY WILSON:       Thank you. Having gone  
13       through this many times on a personal level myself, I  
14       want to just point out to our citizens that this has  
15       been a very cute, and it's not a very funny ploy of, in  
16       my case, the former county administrator and other  
17       parties related thereto, to separate me out and sue me  
18       in my individual capacity on matters that I would have  
19       had no dealing with had it not been as trying to do my  
20       public service job as a duly elected council member.  
21       And I want to point out that I will be in support of  
22       this because it totally violates our way of government  
23       for our duly elected people to be sued in this manner,  
24       in such a frivolous slap-suit type ploy. I just wanted  
25       to point that out. I've gone through it numerous  
26       times. I've lost my homeowner's insurance because I've  
27       had to fund my own legal expenses out of my own pocket  
28       before we had a majority up here. And I just want  
29       people to know that this is done to make people suffer.  
30       And your elected official should not be made to suffer  
31       for trying to do the work of representing our people.  
32       And this has my ...  
33                               APPLAUSE  
34       EDDIE MOORE:       Please hold it down. No  
35       applause please. Thank you.  
36       CINDY WILSON:       This will gain my approval.  
37       Thank you.  
38       EDDIE MOORE:       Anyone else?  
39       GRACIE FLOYD:       Mr. Chair.  
40       EDDIE MOORE:       Ms. Floyd.  
41       GRACIE FLOYD:       I have several questions  
42       please. First of all, was this done by a legal  
43       attorney. Was the thing written by a legal attorney  
44       this time?  
45       BOB WALDREP:       Mr. Chairman. I'll try to  
46       respond to that. What was done in this matter was, it  
47       was typed up on a regular typewriter and it was put in  
48       the form of the same identical form that was used by  
49       the McNair Firm for all our resolutions. That form was  
50       then taken over to the county attorney. And I turn to

1 him and ask him now, does he bless this form? Mr.  
2 Artigliere.

3 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, Mr. Waldrep.  
4 I've seen the resolution. We certainly prepared the  
5 form for you for the resolution, as we were asked to do  
6 initially. There were issues that we believe we've  
7 already pointed out to you with regard to the  
8 underlying resolution. But as far as the form of this  
9 particular resolution is concerned we don't have any  
10 issue as to the form.

11 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So the form is  
12 blessed? Thou blesseth the form?

13 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, if the  
14 implication is ---

15 BOB WALDREP: Approve the form. Can I use  
16 another word?

17 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Sure. I believe that's what  
18 I just ...

19 BOB WALDREP: I hope so. Well, I just  
20 want it on the record because Mr. Allen naturally wants  
21 to be able to go forward in this matter and have legal  
22 representation. And as has been indicated that this is  
23 a technique that has been used in this county to try to  
24 personally sue county council members. And I just want  
25 that to be understood. And I realize that this is  
26 probably going to go onto the public record as we  
27 proceed on in court. So I want to make sure that we're  
28 are covering our bases here in response to the question  
29 of the representative from district two. Thank you.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I still have the floor. May  
33 I please go on? Thank you. Mr. Artigliere, I'm gonna  
34 have to ask you, what were the underlying things that  
35 you pointed out to Mr. Waldrep concerning this. I'd  
36 like to know please.

37 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, I would suggest  
38 that if we're going to discuss legal matters that we  
39 would go into executive session, unless you don't want  
40 to. I can answer the question.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we all want  
42 transparency in government, so you know, I'm sure that  
43 that probably wouldn't mind you answering the question.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Artigliere.

45 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: There were underlying issues  
46 that I believe were pointed -- I pointed out before  
47 with regard to the resolution that I've expressed to  
48 y'all in a memo.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Move the previous question.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I still have the

1 floor.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Let me ask ---  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Point of order. I still  
4 have the floor.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, you relinquished  
6 the floor when you went to Mr. Artigliere.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, you have done  
8 this all night long. You have let the others ask their  
9 questions and go back. But you deny me of this. But I  
10 just want the records to show that I was denied. Mr.  
11 Moore, it's all right. You go ahead.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: Go ahead.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: No. No, no. It's too late  
14 now. The records have shown it. You go ahead.  
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.  
16 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I don't mean  
17 to enter into the discussion between you and the  
18 representative of district two, but the last thing I  
19 would want to do would be to deny the representative of  
20 district two her opportunity to express herself. I  
21 would be glad to yield back to her if that would make  
22 peace upon this council.  
23 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I would like -- I  
25 want nothing more than my fair share of what the others  
26 get. All right. Now all I'm asking is I asked for the  
27 floor and I told you I had some questions and I wanted  
28 to retain the floor.  
29 EDDIE MOORE: Ask you questions.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: You would not let me do  
31 this, but you allow the others to do it.  
32 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, in Robert's Rules  
33 of Order, you can go from one council member to  
34 another. And after all the council members have  
35 talked, then we return back to you. And that's what I  
36 have just done. So if you want to talk, please talk.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, you are correct  
38 in what you just said. But you can't do it to the  
39 others and then not do it to me.  
40 EDDIE MOORE: We want to hear from all  
41 council members. Now you have your turn if you want to  
42 talk again.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, it's gonna come  
44 out in the wash. Mr. Artigliere. Would you please  
45 tell us what you're talking about, and what letter  
46 you're talking about.  
47 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: In a packet that we prepared  
48 for y'all on February 3, 2009 with regard to ---  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I can't hear you.  
50 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: We prepared a packet for

1 y'all.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chair, point of order.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Obviously, Mr. Artigliere  
5 has been put in a particular awkward situation. He's  
6 asked for an executive session in a round about way.  
7 If Ms. Floyd wants this, I'll make a motion to go to  
8 executive session for legal counsel.

9 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to go in  
10 executive session.

11 RON WILSON: Second.

12 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. All in  
13 favor.

14 APPLAUSE

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16 EXECUTIVE SESSION

17 CINDY WILSON: ... out of executive  
18 session.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

21 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your  
22 right hand. We're out of executive session. Mr.  
23 Hopkins. Is he out there?

24 BOB WALDREP: I think he quit.

25 EDDIE MOORE: We thought you had quit.

26  
27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

29 BOB WALDREP: We voted to come out of  
30 executive session?

31 EDDIE MOORE: We did.

32 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I think that we have  
33 come to a conclusion of this dilemma with regard to the  
34 legal issues involved in this. And so now in all  
35 deference, Mr. Administrator, I turn to you and ask for  
36 your blessings of this resolution that would appoint an  
37 attorney for Mr. Tom Allen. Will you consent to the  
38 appointment? Do you need a moment to talk with the  
39 county attorney. This might be -- you're put in kind  
40 of an awkward situation. But that was basically the  
41 determination, that if the county administrator would  
42 approve the attorney, then because of some issues that  
43 had come up before, then that would mean that this  
44 would be a lawful appointment by the county. Is that  
45 correct, Mr. Artigliere?

46 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, Mr. Waldrep. The  
47 administrator is the designated person that hires the  
48 county attorney and the attorney's.

49 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, I think I can  
50 answer Mr. Waldrep's question. The only concern I

1 would have here is if there becomes an issue where one  
2 attorney can't properly represent Anderson County as a  
3 whole, then there may be an issue. But I believe that  
4 the attorney that is currently representing the county  
5 on this case already represents other council members  
6 in their official capacity chairman -- I mean, as  
7 council members. If county council votes to --  
8 approves this resolution, I, as administrator, will  
9 carry out and execute the wishes of this council  
10 through that resolution. Meaning, yes, I will add to  
11 the engagement of the existing attorney, I think it's  
12 Wyche.

13 TOMMY DUNN: No. This is a different  
14 one.

15 BOB WALDREP: The resolution reads that  
16 Mr. Greg Delaney would be appointed as a personal  
17 attorney for Mr. Allen in this matter, because, you  
18 know, the *Bradshaw* suit sued the county and the  
19 individual and certain individual members as  
20 individuals. So there is conceivably a difference  
21 between representing the county as a whole and  
22 representing the individual county council members. So  
23 again, we go back to you and say, would you approve the  
24 representative of Mr. Allen by Mr. Delaney in his  
25 individual capacity?

26 HOLT HOPKINS: You caught me at a very bad  
27 disadvantage. May I take three minutes to discuss  
28 with Mr. Adam.

29 BOB WALDREP: All right. That would be  
30 fine.

31 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman. Yes. To  
32 answer Mr. Waldrep's question, yes, I will carry out  
33 the wishes of that resolution as it is stated and ...

34 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you.

35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
36 to say that at this point I appreciate the blessings of  
37 the administrator. Although I do not believe, for the  
38 record, that they are necessary. But what we are doing  
39 here is to try to conform in some way to bring peace to  
40 some of these issues here. So by asking you that I  
41 appreciate your response. I don't think I have to get  
42 it, but I thank you for it anyway.

43 EDDIE MOORE: We already had a second on  
44 the motion.

45 BOB WALDREP: Call for the question.

46 EDDIE MOORE: On call for the question,  
47 all in favor raise your right hand. Okay. We'll now  
48 vote. All in favor of Resolution 2009-24, raise your  
49 right hand. All opposed. Passes. We now go to  
50 Resolution 25.

1 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, because of a  
2 possible conflict in this matter, I will ask that I be  
3 recused. And I will now remove myself from the body.

4 EDDIE MOORE: A resolution acknowledging  
5 and consenting to the assignment of legal counsel for  
6 Robert L. Waldrep, Jr. for specific purposes, and other  
7 matters related thereto. Whereas, on January 20, 2009  
8 Anderson County Council passed Resolution R2009-010,  
9 which states that Anderson County must obtain knowledge  
10 and consent of Anderson County Council for any legal  
11 matter involving Anderson County's transferring to  
12 attorney or law firm. Whereas, Anderson County Council  
13 desires to acknowledge and consent to the engagement of  
14 legal counsel for specific purpose of representing  
15 Robert L. Waldrep, Jr. regarding the *Bradshaw versus*  
16 *Anderson County*. Now therefore, it be resolved that  
17 Anderson County Council being duly assembled, that  
18 Anderson County, acted by and through its county  
19 council, hereby acknowledges and consents to Anderson  
20 County's engagement of Francis G. Delaney, Jr. of  
21 Hampton, Delaney and Hemlock, PA, for the specific  
22 purpose of representing Robert L. Waldrep, Jr.  
23 regarding *Bradshaw versus Anderson County*. This  
24 resolution takes effect to be in force immediately upon  
25 enactment. Do I have a motion?

26 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second.

28 TOM DUNN: Second.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman,

31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

32 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to ask Mr.  
33 Hopkins a question. Does he got a problem with this?  
34 Does he approve of this?

35 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, I'll carry out  
36 the wishes as it's stated here in this resolution that  
37 the majority of council wants done.

38 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your  
39 right hand. All opposed. Let it be shown that Mr.  
40 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Wilson, yes. Mr.  
41 Wilson, Ms. Floyd, no. Resolution passes. We now go  
42 to Item 18, appointments, various boards and commission  
43 ---

44 CINDY WILSON: Wait a minute. Don't we  
45 have two other items, two other resolutions?

46 EDDIE MOORE: That's right. We do have  
47 two more. I'm sorry. Need to back up.

48 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

49 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, if you would  
50 just clarify the resolution number for these since we

1 changed them.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Because I had put on  
3 24 and 25, which are these two. And those two you had  
4 stuck on. You thought it was the same thing and that's  
5 what the confusion was. Yours was gonna be ...

6 HOLT HOPKINS: I assume 26 and 27.

7 CINDY WILSON: No, sir. It would be 27 and  
8 28, because the resolution honoring the 4-H Club  
9 members next meeting would be ---

10 EDDIE MOORE: 27 and 28. You have copies  
11 of those? I got it. Okay. 27, a resolution  
12 acknowledging consent of assignment of legal counsel  
13 for Anderson County specific purposes. Whereas, on  
14 January 20, 2009 Anderson County Council passed  
15 Resolution R2009-10, which states that Anderson County  
16 must obtain knowledge and consent of Anderson County  
17 Council before any legal matter involving Anderson  
18 County's transfer to attorney or law firm. And  
19 whereas, Anderson County Council desires to acknowledge  
20 and consent to the engagement of legal counsel for a  
21 specific purpose of representing Anderson County  
22 regarding *Anderson County versus Greenpointe, LLC*.  
23 Now therefore be it resolved that Anderson County  
24 Council, in meeting duly assembled, that Anderson  
25 County, acting by and through Anderson County Council,  
26 hereby acknowledges and consents to the Anderson  
27 County's engagement of Michael E. Kozlarek, Esquire, in  
28 the law firm Parker, Poe, Adams and Bernstein for the  
29 specific purpose of representing Anderson County  
30 regarding *Anderson County versus Greenpointe, LLC*, and  
31 other matters relating thereto. This resolution takes  
32 effect and be in force immediately upon enactment. Do  
33 I have a motion.

34 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

35 BOB WALDREP: Second.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?

37 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chair, on this  
38 particular lawsuit I'm just trying to get it fixed in  
39 my mind, we've got several of them. This deal with  
40 Greenpointe, is this Anderson County's answer to the  
41 counterclaim?

42 EDDIE MOORE: That's right. This was the  
43 one that we discussed Friday with Mr. Cunningham.

44 BOB WALDREP: Okay. And they've already  
45 been engaged in this before?

46 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

47 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

48 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your  
49 right hand. Unanimous. 27.

50 CINDY WILSON: It would be 28.



1 EDDIE MOORE: Excuse me, 28. A resolution  
2 acknowledging and consenting to assignment for legal  
3 counsel for Anderson County for specific purposes, and  
4 other matters related thereto. Whereas, on January 20,  
5 2009 Anderson County council passed Resolution R2009-  
6 10, which states that Anderson County must obtain  
7 knowledge and consent of Anderson County Council before  
8 any legal matter involving Anderson county is  
9 transferring to an attorney or law firm. And whereas,  
10 Anderson County Council desires to acknowledge and  
11 consent to the engagement of legal counsel for specific  
12 purpose of representing Anderson County regarding the  
13 *Greenville Western Railroad versus Anderson County*  
14 matter. Now therefore, be it resolved that Anderson  
15 County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that  
16 Anderson County, acting by and through Anderson County  
17 Council, hereby rescinds Resolution R2009-07 and hereby  
18 acknowledges and consent to Anderson County's  
19 engagement of Michael Kozlarek, Esquire, and the law  
20 firm Parker, Poe, Adams and Bernstein for the specific  
21 purpose of representing Anderson County regarding  
22 *Greenville Western Railroad versus Anderson County*, and  
23 other matters relating thereto, including without  
24 limitation specific purposes set forth in Resolution R-  
25 2009-007. This resolution takes effect and will be in  
26 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting  
27 duly assembled the 3rd day of March. Do I have a  
28 motion?

29 BOB WALDREP: So moved.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?

31 CINDY WILSON: Second.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?

33 CINDY WILSON: Yes. Just very quickly. We  
34 had a citizen to come forward earlier asking if the  
35 citizens who've been served a Summons by our former  
36 county councilman -- they are poor folks. There are  
37 questions of the railroad right-of-way, taking private  
38 property and also the issue of the road closing and so  
39 forth. And they asked if they could be represented in  
40 this matter. This is a new one on me because I know we  
41 had appointed special investigative counsel in this  
42 matter to guide us in what our responsibilities as a  
43 county were because of all the confusion over in the  
44 Cheddar Project. So I'm just asking that question of  
45 my fellow council members, if y'all could please give  
46 maybe some guidance.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

49 TOMMY DUNN: I'd defer in a moment to Mr.  
50 Hopkins, but I believe this is gonna be -- our legal

1 representative is gonna be on the road abandonment, I  
2 would imagine representing that. If that want to tag  
3 on may be one thing. But anything about any private  
4 property or whatnot, I don't think it would be -- I'm  
5 no lawyer or nothing, us to get involved in it, I don't  
6 think. I mean, they're gonna have do something  
7 themselves. I'd yield it to Mr. Hopkins if he ...

8 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, I agree with  
9 that. I don't know the details that was brought up  
10 tonight. This is pertaining to what council did back  
11 in October and rescinded earlier this year. We are now  
12 wanting to defend council's position as it relates to  
13 the road. Now I do know there's many -- I don't know  
14 if it's Summons or what kind of notifications that have  
15 to go out to the neighborhood as it relates to the  
16 road. So we may be on the same side, but I don't know  
17 if it's appropriate for us to represent anybody except  
18 Anderson County.

19 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I tend to  
20 agree with what Mr. Hopkins has said. And it concerns  
21 me what Ms. Wilson is talking about with regard to  
22 representation of these folks. A lot of times the  
23 interests will be the same, but I'm a little bit  
24 concerned that sometimes there is a divergence of  
25 interest between the county and these individual  
26 property owners that might have individual claims out  
27 there. This would be best probably addressed by the  
28 law firm itself that is gonna take a look at this, and  
29 could at least advise these people because they are on  
30 the same side of the fence, so to speak, as to how they  
31 could go about their best legal representation. It's a  
32 real, real tough one on that. That's just a comment.

33 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, Really I don't  
34 know what the issue is outside of what the road issue  
35 is. I'll be happy to talk to this gentleman tomorrow  
36 if he wants to give me a call and see if it's the same  
37 thing. But again, if it's off the road, and separate  
38 from the road, I don't think it would be appropriate  
39 for Anderson County to be in that one.

40 TOMMY DUNN: I think that would be the  
41 proper thing to do, let Mr. Hopkins research this and  
42 make sure and let him handle it best he sees fit.

43 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, If they could  
44 just get back to us. I'm kind of concerned about this.  
45 My earnest hope is that the interest will be so  
46 identical that there won't be any divergence of  
47 interest here, but we just don't know at this point.  
48 So I think we're just gonna have to take it one step at  
49 a time.

50 EDDIE MOORE: If there's no more

1 discussion, we'll vote. All in favor, right hand.  
2 Unanimous. Passes. We now go to Item 18,  
3 appointments. Anyone have appointments?  
4 CINDY WILSON: I do.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.  
6 CINDY WILSON: I would like to reappoint  
7 Mrs. Teresa Locke-Morgan to the EMS Commission for  
8 which she's been serving so ably the past several  
9 years. I'd like to reappoint her and that would be in  
10 the form of a motion.  
11 EDDIE MOORE: Second it?  
12 RON WILSON: Second.  
13 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor. Unanimous.  
14 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.  
16 TOM ALLEN: I too have an appointment.  
17 I'd like to reappoint Mr. Charles Crite to the Sports  
18 and Entertainment Advisory Committee. That would be a  
19 reappointment.  
20 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
21 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in  
22 favor raise you right hand. Unanimous.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
24 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to reappoint  
26 Mr. Bobby Mack to the EMS Commission, as well. This is  
27 in the form of a motion.  
28 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
29 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in  
30 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Anyone else?  
31 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
32 to appoint Mr. Gary Henderson to the District One  
33 Economic Advisory Board. And Ms. Eddleman, I will get  
34 you his address. And I think I have two appointments  
35 and let you know the effect of that. Okay. Thank you.  
36 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
37 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your  
38 right hand. Unanimous. Anyone else? We now move to  
39 Item 19, requests by council members. Mr. Waldrep.  
40 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
41 request from the recreation account -- wait a minute.  
42 I guess that's what I'm supposed to be doing now -- for  
43 an appropriation to the Development Center for  
44 Exceptional Children. That was the group that we  
45 heard, I think a couple of council meetings ago, for a  
46 two thousand dollar appropriation.  
47 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
48 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in  
49 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.  
50 BOB WALDREP: That's all I have, Mr.

1 Chairman.  
2 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.  
4 EDDIE MOORE: I don't have any money, so I  
5 still can't do anything. Mr. Allen.  
6 TOM ALLEN: I'm in the same boat, no  
7 money.  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: None.  
10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.  
11 We now go to the administrator's report?  
12 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, the  
13 administrator's report stands as submitted. I would  
14 like to just draw your attention to one item in the  
15 back of the thing about the comparisons, the budget  
16 comparisons, that was presented at an earlier meeting.  
17 Anytime you're looking at the budget's comparisons, you  
18 really have to be very careful to make sure you compare  
19 apples to apples. The information in here is not the  
20 entire budget. It is comparing the general fund to the  
21 general fund. I just want to point that out. Moving  
22 into future budget we would ask, if you could, to set a  
23 date for a retreat and maybe a budget meeting as well  
24 to follow-up after the retreat. We've really got a lot  
25 to talk about, a lot to work on with potential budget  
26 cuts coming from the state. And I think we need to get  
27 started on these discussions as early as possible. The  
28 best way to do that is start out with a retreat so that  
29 staff can hear from you what direction you want to head  
30 and what some of your priorities are for this county in  
31 the coming year.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.  
33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to ask -- we  
35 need to get started on this. It's gonna be a long  
36 process. We've already been doing some, or I have, and  
37 I know we've talked about some stuff in the budget, but  
38 we need to let the staff know what our priorities are  
39 and get started on that and talk to them some. I'd  
40 like for Mr. Hopkins to go ahead and try to get with  
41 everybody and get a date set. No matter if it's a week  
42 or two or two weeks, we need to get started on that.  
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Hopkins and I talked  
44 today. We came up with the 13th maybe. If y'all could  
45 check your calendars and see if you might be available  
46 for the 13th, which is a Friday, and maybe get back to  
47 us. Or either that Saturday, which would be the 14th.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: You want to work on the  
49 budget on Friday the 13th?  
50 EDDIE MOORE: Might change our luck, you

1 reckon? I'll bring the black cat.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I was kinda  
3 hoping that we could do it on a Saturday. I think most  
4 people or a lot of people are still working here.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: That would be the 14th?  
6 BOB WALDREP: Could we do it on the 14th?  
7 HOLT HOPKINS: I believe so.  
8 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I'm gonna be  
9 out of town, out of state actually, from the 12th  
10 through about the 16th.  
11 EDDIE MOORE: So pick another day.  
12 CINDY WILSON: Could we maybe do it on  
13 Tuesday, March the 10th?  
14 EDDIE MOORE: What about the 21st, which  
15 would be the next Saturday?  
16 CINDY WILSON: Could we do it on a weekday?  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a conflict.  
18 EDDIE MOORE: What about this Saturday?  
19 CINDY WILSON: Actually that's Walk With  
20 the Docs on the 21st. Could we do it during the week,  
21 maybe next Tuesday, March the 10th?  
22 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not available next week.  
23 I've got a client coming in at work.  
24 CINDY WILSON: Okay. What about maybe  
25 Tuesday the 17th prior to council? Have a break before  
26 we come to the council meeting. Is that ---  
27 HOLT HOPKINS:: Mr. Chairman, if I may just  
28 comment. Typically the retreat starts about -- we can  
29 change anything, but in the past the retreat started  
30 about nine and honestly can go as long as three o'clock  
31 in the afternoon, so -- to really get everything  
32 discussed. We can adjust however you would like. Meet  
33 whenever you need us to.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: It might be better, Mr.  
35 Hopkins, I was thinking about it, we might have to do  
36 it two times to meet schedules. Contrary to belief,  
37 some of us still have to work just a little bit.  
38 HOLT HOPKINS: We're flexible, as staff.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: What about, heard somebody  
40 say, what about that Friday? I know we can't do it the  
41 Friday Mr. Allen's going out of town and I believe Mr.  
42 Wilson might have had a conflict. What about the  
43 following Friday? It would be the 20th. Would that  
44 work for anybody?  
45 CINDY WILSON: The 20th works fine.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I'm out of town the  
47 21st.  
48 EDDIE MOORE: The 20th, the 20th is a  
49 Friday. You're out of town?  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm out of town, yes.

1 TOM ALLEN: What is the date of that  
2 court hearing? Is that the 20th?  
3 EDDIE MOORE: That's the 20th.  
4 TOM ALLEN: That's the 20th.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: We can't do it on the 20th.  
6 27th? 27th everybody?  
7 CINDY WILSON: That sounds good.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: We're set for the 27th at  
9 nine; is that right?  
10 EDDIE MOORE: 27th at nine o'clock.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Where are we gonna do it?  
12 EDDIE MOORE: The library I guess.  
13 BOB WALDREP: You mean the museum?  
14 HOLT HOPKINS: We'd have to check at the  
15 library to see if they have something available. If  
16 that's where you would like to be, the first choice,  
17 we'll see if we can get a room. If not, I think we can  
18 do it at the museum or we can do it at the Civic  
19 Center.  
20 EDDIE MOORE: Civic Center is fine.  
21 HOLT HOPKINS: I'll need to check with them  
22 to make sure there's no events.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Just one of those three  
24 places. Whatever you can work it'll be fine.  
25 HOLT HOPKINS: As long as all three are  
26 okay, we'll work something out and let you know.  
27 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, while we're on  
28 the subject of budget and so forth, there's a letter in  
29 our administrator's report from the Anderson Regional  
30 Landfill. A lot of people didn't realize that Allied  
31 Waste was bought out by Republic Services. And there  
32 was an antitrust issue. Waste Connections has bought  
33 Anderson Regional Landfill, along with some other  
34 assets. And I wanted to introduce, very quickly, Mr.  
35 Rob Wall, who's the general manager of this facility.  
36 And Mr. Wall, would you stand up? I just wanted to  
37 make sure you're noted tonight. And we do need to make  
38 some time as a council to meet with Mr. Wall. There's  
39 so many issues coming up involving our landfill. If we  
40 could get the copies of the enclosures that were  
41 supposed to be in the package today to review prior to  
42 meeting with Mr. Wall. That was the 1997 purchase,  
43 sale and operating agreement. And the 1997 guaranty  
44 agreement. And the 1997 memorandum of understanding.  
45 If each of us council members could get a copy of that.  
46 It might be appropriate to have Mr. Wall come on the  
47 27th during the retreat. Would that be an appropriate  
48 time?  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Doing it at the retreat?  
50 CINDY WILSON: Would that be possible?

1 Solid waste will be a very important item of  
2 discussion.

3 TOMMY DUNN: It is. I would defer to  
4 Mr. Hopkins to see what the time thing is. We could do  
5 it sooner. We could meet in the afternoon or something  
6 or other, or committee, or ever how y'all want to  
7 handle something.

8 HOLT HOPKINS: As soon as I can -- I need  
9 to get with Ms. Wilson to get exactly what she was  
10 looking for and get that out to you. It is staff's  
11 plan, though, to have a couple of alternatives based on  
12 the change and host these and other things. And we can  
13 touch on it at the retreat time or we can go ahead and  
14 have that discussion much earlier, maybe with the  
15 appropriate committee.

16 TOMMY DUNN: I think it ought to be done  
17 beforehand. At least get started on it. I think the  
18 budget process is going to take a good little while. I  
19 think we might have to go through two meetings. And we  
20 don't want to -- this is an important is too it sounds  
21 like. So I don't think we need to cram so much in we  
22 can't comprehend it all.

23 HOLT HOPKINS: I would recommend trying to  
24 set up an earlier committee meeting, Public Works  
25 Committee meeting, to go over the details of all that.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Would that suit you, Ms.  
27 Wilson?

28 CINDY WILSON: That would be great because  
29 this is a large subject area.

30 EDDIE MOORE: She is the Chairman, so ...

31 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Well, while we're all  
32 here, let's quickly set a date for that, since Mr. Wall  
33 is also present.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, if you would,  
35 how about after the meeting -- I think Mr. Hopkins  
36 wants to get some stuff -- maybe y'all can set  
37 something about a date. I don't know if he was through  
38 with his -- you through with your administrative  
39 report?

40 HOLT HOPKINS: I just wanted to ask you, if  
41 it's okay, Ms. Wilson, I'd love to work with you. I'll  
42 get with the committee. I honestly don't remember  
43 who's on that committee. But we can work that out as  
44 far as setting up a date. I'm sure Mr. Wall will be  
45 willing to work with us on a schedule. The only other  
46 thing, I'd like to just remind you that we do have a  
47 couple of contracts that we would love a decision from  
48 council to allow us to move forward or not move  
49 forward. We just need a decision on the animal shelter  
50 and the airport. There's others coming, but we'd just

1 kinda like some feedback on which way council wants us  
2 to go on those.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman,

4 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

5 TOMMY DUNN: I think we're gonna have a  
6 -- let me speak to Mr. Waldrep, he's gonna ask for a  
7 meeting here I think Friday afternoon on another item.  
8 Maybe we can some -- I know there's a couple questions  
9 people's got about the animal shelter. Let's get that  
10 put to -- maybe we can get that put to bed and the  
11 airport thing too.

12 EDDIE MOORE: That won't be put to bed  
13 because we've got a professor that's gonna come, gonna  
14 talk to us about some inadequacies on the design.

15 TOMMY DUNN: We need to get that set or  
16 whatever, you just move on it I think. I mean, one way  
17 or the other we need to get this thing set up. If we  
18 get that set up as soon as possible, then maybe we can  
19 tackle the airport thing.

20 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, that's all I  
21 have.

22 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 21,  
23 citizens comments.

24 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, there are three  
25 citizens signed up for other matters. Rick Freemantle.

26 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chair.  
27 With a two million dollar suspected cut from the state  
28 we need to trim some fat. Second time tonight C&S  
29 Consultant -- I understand this individual's making a  
30 hundred and twenty-five dollars an hour. This guy  
31 didn't even have the decency to come here and tell us  
32 what he does for us. We have already heard stories  
33 about how he treated our house when he was here a few  
34 weeks ago. I think it's time to make this contract a  
35 line item veto -- a line item and then veto the thing.  
36 The other one, Phoenix Risk Consultants, I don't know  
37 what he's paid, don't know what Mr. Thompson does, but  
38 if he doesn't have enough respect for us, the people,  
39 his bosses who are responsible for paying him, I  
40 assume, same thing with him. Make that a line item,  
41 veto it. I don't think he's doing us any good. You  
42 know, the stimulus package and shove-ready projects,  
43 it's unfortunate that Ms. Gracie left. People like us  
44 all over this country have a moral obligation to  
45 preserve, protect and defend our nation. This stimulus  
46 package is the second one in less than a year. Almost  
47 three trillion dollars of new debt. I say debt because  
48 there's no money, nothing of value to back up all the  
49 worthless paper our treasury is printing. The only  
50 thing of value, and I promise you it will be used to



1 pay for this catastrophic, financial rape, the only  
2 thing of value is our offspring, for several  
3 generations, and not even strawberries will remove the  
4 bitter taste left in the mouths of our children if we  
5 accept this stimulus money. Two wrongs don't make a  
6 right.

7 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

8 RICK FREEMANTLE: Mr. Waldrep's absolutely  
9 right. The word free does not always mean without  
10 cost. We have to follow the lessons of the founding  
11 fathers and the folks like those who came through the  
12 depression and World War II. No one bailed them out.  
13 And there's no way they would have took the money if  
14 someone tried to bail them out. They showed us that  
15 with their actions and their sacrifices. Millions of  
16 people are standing up all over this country and  
17 saying, no, don't take the stimulus. If we take this  
18 Trojan horse, the only thing that will be shovel-ready  
19 will be the futures of our country and of our children.

20  
21 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mark Powell.

22 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, district seven.  
23 We've talked about several things here tonight. It's  
24 interesting that the landfill came up. Our great king,  
25 King Preston, I can't use the term sold that for two  
26 million bucks. He gave that away for two million  
27 bucks. Allied Waste has made probably millions upon  
28 millions by operating it. And the gentleman here  
29 tonight probably had to pay a few million to buy it to  
30 operate it even more. I would like to point out that  
31 Anderson County, I live near that thing, shut that  
32 down, said it was condemned, said it was full, said it  
33 was no good no more. But what's no good no more sold  
34 for two million bucks. It's worth millions upon  
35 millions. Isn't that interesting? We were told  
36 tonight on a presentation that we don't know how to  
37 cook. We were told we don't enjoy the food or we don't  
38 appreciate the food. We don't appreciate where it  
39 comes from. You know, nutrition is important. We have  
40 nurses in every school. Nutrition is important. We  
41 have all kinds of doctors. Nutrition is important. We  
42 have all kinds of programs in which our government has.  
43 We were told, let me get my numbers right, forty  
44 thousand dollars per school and we have five schools  
45 signed up for it, Anderson County could not pass up  
46 collecting that two hundred thousand dollars. We're  
47 spending at about four hundred thousand dollars in a  
48 three year period to collect on some of that two  
49 hundred thousand dollars. Wow. Bad deal in my  
50 opinion. We've got -- you know, I understand the

1 situation on lobbyists, okay. We're paying someone to  
2 go to schools, to go to restaurants to say, buy local.  
3 Well, if we currently have the certain amount of  
4 farmers we have. Y'all converted farm land tonight to  
5 cemetery because us fat people have to be buried.

6 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

7 MARK POWELL: The farmers are told --  
8 we're told tonight that our farmers are selling  
9 somewhere around thirty to forty million dollars to the  
10 economy. Well, that economy is worldwide and our  
11 farmers are selling what they make. The certification,  
12 that is scary. I wouldn't want to do it. But guess  
13 what, there will be government funding that's gonna  
14 mandate that this thing has to happen and we're gonna  
15 end up having to pay probably twice as much for a  
16 strawberry under the program than we would have right  
17 now if we just simply went to the store and bought  
18 strawberries under this program. Anytime a government  
19 gives you money to do something special, comes with a  
20 lot of restrictions. There ain't no way we gonna sell  
21 strawberries at a standard rate, or any other  
22 vegetable, if we go to some kind of program that the  
23 government is behind. I can't see how that would be  
24 good for anyone except for people who live in  
25 Spartanburg that sell chickens and special goats and  
26 animals. Thank you.

27 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Elizabeth Fant.

28 ELIZABETH FANT: I have three separate things  
29 I want to say today. And the first one is really good.  
30 Would you stand up, please? If everybody doesn't, know  
31 that's John Skipper. He's our new sheriff. A  
32 commendation ---

33 APPLAUSE

34 ELIZABETH FANT: A commendation is in order  
35 for our new sheriff and his whole department. Since  
36 his swearing in on January the 1st, 2009, Sheriff John  
37 Skipper and his group have captured the bank robber,  
38 captured the fast food gas station robber, arrested a  
39 chop shop operator, and have arrested three murderers  
40 in Anderson County. We thank you for being on the  
41 prowl for us.

42 APPLAUSE

43 ELIZABETH FANT: The second is pretty good  
44 too. Tonight's meeting has been a delight. It has  
45 been informative, appreciative, on target with business  
46 and generally respectful, and even with a little humor.  
47 It's exciting to see members of the audience continue  
48 to come participate. Coming to meetings sporadically  
49 will not keep you informed. But with knowledge comes  
50 power to make intelligent decisions. And with this

1 information you can be guided in future elections of  
2 council. The third thing is not so hot. Several  
3 members of the audience have asked me to state to  
4 council that all members of council are to represent  
5 all residents of Anderson County.

6 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: One minute.

7 ELIZABETH FANT: Not just your district. We  
8 expect proper behavior and respect among council  
9 members. We're seeing that respect in all but one  
10 council member who continues to roll her eyes, does not  
11 pay attention to other's business, disdain for others,  
12 obvious petulance, interruption, bullying, I, me, my  
13 and a constant flow of lollygaggle is such an  
14 embarrassment. I hope that that will stop.

15 ADAM ARTIGLIERE: Mr. Chair, those are all the  
16 citizens signed up for other matters.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Go to remarks from council  
18 members, Item 22. Mr. Waldrep.

19 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I know that we  
20 are having a luncheon on Friday at Tri County Tech, the  
21 campus that's here that's out off Pearman Dairy Road.  
22 I assume that's correct. That's the information I  
23 have. That will be about noon time.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Twelve o'clock.

25 BOB WALDREP: So I'm asking for the  
26 convention of a personnel meeting here at county  
27 council chambers at three o'clock that day. And I  
28 would put that out as a notice to the press. And Ms.  
29 Eddleman, if you would see that the press gets  
30 notified, we'll have a personnel meeting. And Mr.  
31 Chairman, I assume you'll be there and Mr. Dunn will be  
32 there. Thank you.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd. Oops. She left.  
34 Mr. Allen.

35 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, just very  
36 briefly, and someone can correct me if I'm wrong, but I  
37 believe that Phoenix Consulting Group, I believe their  
38 contract was terminated at the end of January. I  
39 wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

41 TOMMY DUNN: No comments. Thank you.

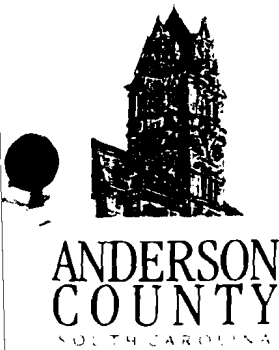
42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. ...

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44 CINDY WILSON: ... good to make positive  
45 progress for a change. Thank you so much.

46 EDDIE MOORE: I was a little bit  
47 disappointed tonight on the vote on these resolutions  
48 as far as representation, since I had talked with some  
49 of the council members and they assured me that they  
50 were gonna support it. But then tonight they didn't

1 support it. That's pretty much all the comments I have  
2 tonight. Do I have a motion to adjourn?  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion.  
4 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to adjourn.  
5 Second?  
6 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
7 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor. We're  
8 adjourned.  
9  
10 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 P.M.  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, ANDERSON COUNTY

FROM: Mr. Tom Allen

DATE: 3/3/09

RE: Recusal from County Council participation due to potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety

Pursuant to Section 8-13-700, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, I am hereby giving notice of my abstention from the matter regarding the issue of legal representation

as it appears before Anderson County Council on 3/3, 2009

The potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety for which I am recusing myself and abstaining from participation is: Resolution # R 2009-024

(for example: a personal or financial interest in the matter in question; a conflict or appearance of impropriety due to business or other relationships with one or more of the parties involved; and so forth).

This document is to be filed as a matter of public record, and is to be included with the official minutes of the County Council meeting at which the matter in question was brought before Anderson County Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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3/3/09 Minutes

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# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – March 16, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

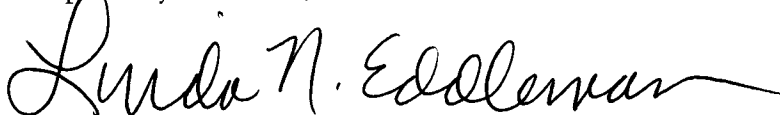
### ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON

ABSENT:  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... 2010 to order. At this  
2 time I'd ask Ms. -- Councilman Gracie Floyd if you  
3 would give the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance for  
4 us, please.

5 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD

6 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have any changes or  
7 corrections to make to the minutes of last meeting?  
8 Hearing none, do we have a motion? Mr. Moore makes the  
9 motion to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds. All in favor of  
10 the motion, show of hands. Show the motion carries  
11 unanimously. At this time I'd like to make a couple of  
12 comments. Representative Don Bowen has asked for his  
13 issue to be, be pulled tonight. He's still working on  
14 a couple of things and along with myself trying to get  
15 a couple of things worked out, hopefully for the  
16 betterment of Anderson County. So we'll honor his  
17 wishes and take that off. And I believe Ms. Wilson had  
18 a -- wanted an agenda item change that come in late.  
19 You run -- they run an announcement I believe in  
20 Monday's paper. What I'll -- do you want to entertain  
21 a motion, Ms. Wilson?

22 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

23 TOMMY DUNN: This will be a change in the  
24 agenda.

25 CINDY WILSON: I'd like to make a motion to  
26 add the cease maintenance and abandonment of a portion  
27 of McAdams School Road to the agenda tonight. There's  
28 a judicial hearing the 25th and that's why we've had to  
29 put this on at the last minute. Ms. Eddleman gave me a  
30 resolution number, it's 2010-24.

31 TOM ALLEN: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. All in  
33 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
34 sign. Show the motions carries unanimously. And that  
35 will be -- we'll put that in Mr. Bowen's spot. That'll  
36 be Item Number 5.

37 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Citizens  
39 Comments. Mr. Pitts.

40 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have two  
41 citizens signed up tonight. The first is Allen Ashley.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Please state your name and  
43 district and address the Chair, please, and keep  
44 matters concerning -- on the agenda items tonight.  
45 Thank you, Mr. Ashley.

46 ALLEN ASHLEY: I'm Allen Ashley, District  
47 Seven, Ms. Wilson's District. I'm up here concerning  
48 McAdams School Road which y'all just put on the agenda.  
49 But now if we're closing roads, why can't we close this  
50 for all the farmers so they wouldn't have to build



1 pastures and they just -- they want to take over  
2 something. And we don't need that road closed because  
3 -- I'm with the Creightonville Fire Department, Tommy,  
4 as you know, and going over there, protection and all  
5 that, we had a meeting, what, about a year ago, Mr.  
6 Moore, Ms. Wilson, and it was about ten to two or ten  
7 to three when it -- in favor of not closing it. So I  
8 want Anderson County to go before -- my farm reach --  
9 comes to the back side of it. There's about forty foot  
10 across there from the road to my property, but I don't  
11 touch the road, I have to go around like five miles to  
12 get back in there. So you -- we don't want the road  
13 closed, our community don't. If you open a keg of  
14 worms if you start closing these roads because there's  
15 about seven setting around the store today and they  
16 getting ready to ask them for theirs to be closed. So  
17 I think we need to think about it and push -- stop this  
18 right now. Because the county just about thirty  
19 thousand dollars; wasn't it, terra cotta and asphalt in  
20 it just less than two years ago. So why do we need to  
21 fix them if we going to tear them up and make somebody  
22 have a good driveway. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next.

24 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

25 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District  
26 Three. I have several issues to talk about. One is  
27 the vehicles driving home. I think we're on a good  
28 headway on that about cutting down. I think we all  
29 need to think about perhaps ways that we can save our  
30 employers money, including those of us who are out here  
31 in the private sector. I think a lot of times we take  
32 privileges that are not due to us. And if you're using  
33 a county vehicle, it needs to be used specifically for  
34 county business, not for going out for luncheons or  
35 breakfast or dropping by and picking up the laundry on  
36 the way home or dropping kids off. It needs to be  
37 strictly for county business. The same applies to  
38 facilities that the county provides or business  
39 provides. Nobody should be using the duplicating  
40 machines, copiers for private uses. Nobody should be  
41 using county cell phones for private business.  
42 Everybody today has cell phones. They're just as  
43 prevalent as people used to have televisions in their  
44 homes and lots of people have a private cell phone and  
45 a county cell phone and that's as it should be. And  
46 you shouldn't be using the county cell phone's time for  
47 private business. And one other issue, I notice that  
48 on the contract purchases for council approval this  
49 week, 3910, both the Sheriff's Office is getting a 2010  
50 Chevrolet Suburban for forty-two thousand something

1 dollars and also getting two Chevrolet Tahoes for  
2 sixty-one thousand dollars. And I wonder if that's  
3 coming out of the Sheriff's budget or our budget. And  
4 if it's coming out of the Sheriff's budget, that's  
5 fine, but the county certainly doesn't need to be  
6 paying for that. Thank you.

7 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Now  
9 we'll go to Item Number 5 which is changed. It'll be  
10 the abandonment of the road -- McAdams Road -- School  
11 Road. Is that correct, Ms. Wilson?

12 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I'll read what  
13 has been proposed and then put it on the floor for  
14 discussion. This is a resolution expressing intent to  
15 cease county maintenance on and to authorize county  
16 consent to judicial abandonment and closure of portions  
17 of a certain Anderson County road and other matters  
18 related thereto.

19 Whereas, McAdams School Road C180074 is  
20 currently a paved Anderson County public road;

21 Whereas, the two sections of the road in  
22 question extend from Sauer Farm Road S467 to Jim Buddy  
23 Road C170043 in a northeasterly direction for a  
24 distance of approximately five thousand two hundred and  
25 sixty-seven feet as a prescriptive right-of-way and  
26 from Josh Ashley Road C180076 to Page Road C180072 in  
27 an easterly direction for a distance of approximately  
28 one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six feet as a  
29 prescriptive right-of-way; and

30 Whereas, the sections in question are shown on  
31 a map prepared by Anderson County Roads and Bridges on  
32 March 12, 2009 which are attached hereto as Exhibit A  
33 and incorporated herein by reference; and

34 Whereas, the residents located along the  
35 sections have requested that Anderson County abandon  
36 the sections as evidenced by a petition attached hereto  
37 as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference; and

38 Whereas, with respect to the road, Anderson  
39 County has complied with its ordinances and regulations  
40 pertaining to cessation of maintenance consent to  
41 judicial abandonment of Anderson County public roads;

42 Whereas, none of the procedures undertaken by  
43 Anderson County have shown a need for said sections of  
44 road, the road to be maintained by Anderson County or  
45 to remain a public road and Anderson County staff has  
46 recommended that Anderson County consent to the  
47 requested judicial abandonment; and

48 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
49 body politic and corporate and a political subdivision  
50 of the state of South Carolina, acting by and through

1 its County Council desires to express its intent to  
2 cease maintenance on and to authorize consent to  
3 judicial abandonment of the sections of the road;  
4 Now, therefore, be it resolved by Anderson  
5 County Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson  
6 County, acting by and through its county council,  
7 hereby states that Anderson County will no longer  
8 maintain the sections of McAdams School Road C180074  
9 and Anderson County further consents to the judicial  
10 abandonment and closure of the sections of McAdams  
11 School Road C180074. All parties in interest shall  
12 comply fully with judicial process for closing the  
13 sections of the road including, without limitation,  
14 Sections 57-9-10, et seq. of the South Carolina Code of  
15 Laws. And further, the parties in interest shall  
16 provide all notice and service of process required by  
17 law.

18 I'm putting this into the form of a motion to  
19 get this on the floor for discussion

20 TOMMY DUNN: Have you got a motion?

21 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

23 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

24 TOM ALLEN: Second.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: The reason why we received  
29 this today about three thirty, I believe it was -- I  
30 think, but anyway, the reason why the owners want to  
31 close these sections of roads is due to heavy littering  
32 and vagrant activity. Okay. Not because of -- it's  
33 not because of a bad curve or terrible traffic  
34 situation or terrible road situation, but because of  
35 that. And I was kind of amazed when I read that  
36 because I'm thinking, well, great, this is a good idea.  
37 Let's go ahead and close the roads down because of  
38 littering and vagrancy. But I want Belle Haven Road  
39 closed too for the same reasons. And I'd also like to  
40 have Hall Street closed down and a part of Melanie  
41 Trail. I'd like for it to go down here and come here,  
42 but that part in the middle where they do all that  
43 dumping of refrigeration -- I mean refrigerators and  
44 couches and all that, I would like to have that part  
45 closed as well. Also, out on the, out on the Broadway  
46 Lake community, we have a road there that really needs  
47 to be shut down because of the same thing. And if  
48 we're going to get into doing this for this reason -- I  
49 think it's a great idea. But if we're going to do it  
50 for one, let's do it for the whole county. It's not a

1 good enough reason. There's, there's -- coming to my  
2 house on Belle Haven Road there's trash and even dead  
3 animals down there. We can't close it. It's not  
4 right. We're setting a precedent here. We need to be  
5 careful. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like ...  
7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me. I just want to  
9 clear up a couple of things. Number one, you know, Ms.  
10 Floyd, just keep in mind anybody's got a right I guess  
11 to ask for it. Number two, they're not asking to close  
12 the road. Ms. Wilson's resolution is asking for was  
13 not to abandon the road, is that correct?

14 CINDY WILSON: Well, we're having to read  
15 what was provided, but we had a meeting with all the  
16 parties last year and the stated reasons for needing to  
17 close the road if you'll look at your backup ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: But what I'm saying is  
19 you're not, you're not making the resolution tonight to  
20 close the roads, is what I'm trying to say.

21 CINDY WILSON: The resolution is to close  
22 the road.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
24 CINDY WILSON: That's the way it states.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh.  
26 CINDY WILSON: But we're wanting to make  
27 sure that the public is aware of all of this because,  
28 quite frankly, the reasons for closing the road a year  
29 ago no longer exists today. And we have Sheriff  
30 Skipper and Captain Bowman, I believe, here today if we  
31 would like to get some feedback from them. But if  
32 you'll look at the CAD reports, they've had, they've  
33 had three calls from down there in a year's time. So  
34 Sheriff Skipper's to be commended ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: Maybe I need to rephrase my  
36 question. You're not in favor of closing the road --  
37 now maybe that, maybe that's the thing like where I'm  
38 getting. Okay. If we would ---

39 CINDY WILSON: I'm basically ---  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore asked for the  
41 floor. Let me, let me, Ms. Floyd -- Mr. Moore.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, let me kind of  
43 explain this. We have to bring this before you tonight  
44 because if we bring it up and we can discuss it and  
45 we've had citizens discuss it and that way we can  
46 express our objection to closing this road and  
47 therefore we are on the record. And that way our  
48 attorney will have some direction as far as where to go  
49 when this goes before the Master in Equity, Mr. Drew.  
50 And I attended that meeting with Ms. Wilson, and the

1 Fire Department was packed out and it was ten to one  
2 against closing this road. And there were a lot of  
3 people there, a lot of farmers that use the road and  
4 it's a cut-through road. And a lot of people going to  
5 church. I had several people that's called me that  
6 that's the way they cut through going to church. And  
7 it's just been an overwhelming amount of calls that  
8 I've had and I'm sure that Ms. Wilson has had the same  
9 against this road closing. And also, in the past few  
10 years, we have spent tens of thousands of dollars  
11 resurfacing this road. And if we get into a situation  
12 like this and this road is closed, I think someone  
13 should reimburse the county this money that they have  
14 -- because basically you'll be giving away a pretty  
15 expensive road. And the county spent a lot of money on  
16 it. And with that, I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

18 BOB WALDREP: Just a point of information,  
19 Mr. Chairman. With regard to the procedure for road  
20 closing, I have been a little bit unenlightened on the  
21 process with regard to the role of county council in  
22 making this a resolution such as this. I know that  
23 it's always taken as input. But I've never been quite  
24 sure whether or not it's required that council act one  
25 way or the other. Is that, Mr. Pitts -- could I ask --  
26 may I ask Mr. Pitts if he's looked at that.

27 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. Mr. Waldrep, that's,  
28 that's correct. We've got an -- in Anderson County  
29 there's a, there's a procedure for coming before  
30 council to get a resolution one way or another, but  
31 that's not required under state law. Only a judge can  
32 close a road and through the judicial abandonment,  
33 through a lawsuit filed in circuit court, which is how  
34 this case arose. So it's -- Anderson County has that  
35 procedure, but I don't think it's -- it's not a  
36 prerequisite to closing a road.

37 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay. Mr. Chairman,  
38 just kind of following that up, there's a -- having  
39 been involved in some road closings on this council  
40 before and looking at some general principals where  
41 roads are used by the people, there's a, there's a  
42 general principal that I'm aware of and it's called  
43 once a road always a road. So I just wanted to say  
44 I'll be voting against closing this road. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

46 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, if I  
47 might. Just so I'm clear on this, the original reason  
48 a year ago for closing this road was because of the  
49 trash, litter, vagrancy, etc.

50 CINDY WILSON: There were, I think, two or

1 three landowners who petitioned the county to close the  
2 road.

3 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And ---

4 CINDY WILSON: And we had so many people  
5 opposed. We held the meeting at Creightonville.  
6 Sheriff Skipper came. They have been patrolling it. I  
7 haven't had a chance to talk with Captain Bowman, but  
8 obviously -- I've had no phone calls in a year.

9 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So the main reason,  
10 primary reason, original reason for closing is no  
11 longer valid.

12 CINDY WILSON: Not according to, to the  
13 Sheriff and not according to landowners around there.  
14 But there is a public -- I mean a hearing on March 25th  
15 before the Master in Equity. One of the adjoining  
16 landowners is evidently suing the county to close the  
17 road.

18 TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. Thank  
19 you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? Any more  
21 discussion? Hearing none, we're ready to vote on Ms.  
22 Wilson's resolution. All in favor of the resolution,  
23 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show opposed  
24 has it unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 6  
25 Recycling Presentation Project by the Hanna Westside  
26 Extension School of Fashion Design Students to Benefit  
27 the Anderson County Animal Shelter.

28 SARA JORDAN: I still don't think -- yeah,  
29 there it is. I just want to introduce myself to  
30 council members and all the people here from Anderson  
31 County. I'm Sara Jordan. I'm from Hanna Westside  
32 Extension Campus. I'm a fashion interior design  
33 teacher and I wanted to introduce my students who are  
34 here tonight to present this project for council.  
35 These students are members of FCCLA which stands for  
36 Family Career and Community Leaders of America.  
37 They're going to be competing in the state competition  
38 at the end of the week and they felt like their project  
39 was worthy for Anderson County Council to be aware of  
40 their project and what they're doing for our county.  
41 The project is called Illustrated Talk. It's a star  
42 event in which participants who make oral presentations  
43 about issues concerning family consumer sciences and/or  
44 related occupations. And so they have presented or  
45 prepared a presentation for council members here  
46 tonight and want to share it with you. So we have  
47 Katherine Payne and Kayla Deutsch.

48 KAYLA DEUTSCH: Hey, I'm Kayla Deutsch.

49 KATHERINE PAYNE: And I'm Katherine Payne.

50 KAYLA DEUTSCH: And our Illustrated Talk is

1 KAYLA DEUTSCH AND

2 KATHERINE PAYNE: Dumpster Designs for Dogs.

3 KAYLA DEUTSCH: We are here to express our  
4 concern about a problem that we have noticed in our  
5 community of Anderson, South Carolina. Our local  
6 animal shelter is overflowing with stray dogs, most of  
7 which will not live to see the outside of their cage.  
8 The Anderson County Animal Shelter is a non-profit  
9 organization that strives to keep animals off the  
10 street and provide them with shelter. They take in  
11 unwanted or stray dogs and give them a place to stay  
12 where they are waiting to be adopted.

13 KATHERINE PAYNE: While researching animal  
14 shelters, we found that between six million and eight  
15 million dogs enter shelters every year in our nation.  
16 Three million to four million dogs never leave. This  
17 is particularly bad in the rural South. There are many  
18 situations where pet owners abandon their animals and  
19 these animals end up in shelters. Most of these  
20 families can't take care of their dogs. They drop them  
21 off on the side of the road or take them to a shelter.  
22 The economy is also affecting people's ability to  
23 provide for their pets.

24 KAYLA DEUTSCH: While finding information on  
25 our local animal shelter, we learned that older dogs  
26 are less likely to be adopted than younger dogs. Also  
27 dogs that have darker coats are overlooked as potential  
28 pets. People believe that the darker the coat, the  
29 more aggressive the dog which is not always the case.  
30 Because of this, we focused our project on helping  
31 these neglected dogs. We are addressing this problem  
32 by taking action and trying to help them get adopted.

33 KATHERINE PAYNE: Dumpster Design for Dogs is  
34 taking scrap fabrics and other recyclable things and  
35 turning them into dog outfits. Our inspiration for  
36 this project came from many past experiences and of our  
37 animals of our own. I've worked at the animal shelter  
38 many times and I love it there and I love helping. And  
39 I have two animals, I have two dogs, Buddy and Sadie.  
40 Sadie is four and Buddy is ten.

41 KAYLA DEUTSCH: And I have a nine year old  
42 Golden Retriever named Stewart and both of us attend  
43 T.L. Hanna High School where we take fashion design and  
44 construction apparel. Our idea for our Illustrated  
45 Talk came from our passion for animals and fashion. We  
46 both decided to incorporate our love of fashion into  
47 our cause by creating outfits for these animals to  
48 stand out on adoption day.

49 KATHERINE PAYNE: We both love making a  
50 difference in our community. It makes us have a better

1 appreciation of what we have and it's such a joy to  
2 help those who cannot help themselves.

3 KAYLA DEUTSCH: Dumpster Designs for Dogs is  
4 a very unusual project that not many people would think  
5 of. We both love thinking outside of the box and doing  
6 things out of the ordinary, so this is perfect.

7 KATHERINE PAYNE: There are many  
8 advertisements for our project around Anderson County.  
9 Our project was featured on a series of adorable  
10 commercials on Radio Station RIX 103.1. We also  
11 advertise by spreading the word to our friends at  
12 school and on Facebook. We have recently presented our  
13 idea to the Anderson County Animal Shelter, along with  
14 Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn.

15 KAYLA DEUTSCH: During our creating process,  
16 we received many generous donations. Not only are we  
17 helping animals, we are helping the environment at the  
18 same time. The outfits we created are completely made  
19 out of recycled sweaters, ties, and old fabric that  
20 were donated to our cause. We are donating all of the  
21 outfits we make to the animal shelter that will be  
22 modeling our designs.

23 KATHERINE PAYNE: For our project, we created  
24 collars, bandanas and shirts for these dogs to have a  
25 better chance of finding a home. We dressed darker  
26 dogs with bright and colorful outfits so they would  
27 stand out. We cut our recycled fabric out by using  
28 different pattern pieces and sewing them together to  
29 make an outfit.

30 KAYLA DEUTSCH: We first went to the animal  
31 shelter to find dogs that we wanted to make our  
32 creations for. We measured the length of their necks,  
33 backs, and their waists so everything we made would fit  
34 perfectly. While measuring, we bonded with two dogs in  
35 particular named Rosie and Calhoun who are both  
36 modeling our designs today.

37 KATHERINE PAYNE: Our designs will be featured  
38 in a doggie fashion show on March 20th from eleven a.m.  
39 until two p.m. All of the dogs modeling in the fashion  
40 show are available for adoption.

41 KAYLA DEUTSCH: There are so many people  
42 that helped us with making our idea become real. We  
43 would like to thank Ms. Sara Jordan, our fashion  
44 teacher, for helping us whenever we needed her and for  
45 providing all the scrap fabric we could ask for, and  
46 our fellow classmates for help when needed.

47 KATHERINE PAYNE: We'd like to thank Angela  
48 Stringer for providing wonderful advertisement and for  
49 helping arrange all of our presentations and events.

50 KAYLA DEUTSCH: We'd also like to thank



1 everyone at the Anderson County Animal Shelter for  
2 helping these animals who need help and for allowing us  
3 to use their animals for this project.

4 APPLAUSE

5 SARA JORDAN: They're going to give you a  
6 very quick fashion show of two of their designs.  
7 They're just going to walk them in very quickly so you  
8 can see their work. I do want to remind everyone that  
9 these are going to be on display on the 20th at the  
10 Pavilion for the doggie fashion show and they're very  
11 excited about that. They will not be in attendance  
12 because they'll be at competition. The first dog is  
13 Rosie. She's a Golden Retriever/Lab mix and she is  
14 prancing around wearing her hot pink new Dumpster  
15 Design complete with her name embroidered on the back.  
16 She's ready for a sunny day in the park. And the other  
17 one, Calhoun, is a black Lab who sports his new  
18 Dumpster Design and he's ready for any kind of hot,  
19 spicy friend to take him home with his new hot chili  
20 pepper collar. So thank you so much for letting them  
21 share their project with you.

22 APPLAUSE

23 SARA JORDAN: We really think that's going  
24 to help these dogs find homes faster because they --  
25 how can you resist a cute dog with a cute outfit?

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all and if y'all  
27 would come back up front, we've got some Pride Awards  
28 we'd like to give. I thank very much the opportunity I  
29 had to go down to the animal shelter and meet y'all and  
30 these young ladies the other day and to watch this in  
31 progress, a part of it, and put on this presentation  
32 and I think it's great. Particularly for the animals  
33 and I think it very much will help some adoptions. And  
34 I'd just like to take this time -- I'd like to ask the  
35 council if they would to make a motion to give these --  
36 Ms. Sara Jordan, Kayla Deutsch, Kayla Deutsch, I'm  
37 sorry, and Katherine Payne, Pride Awards.

38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
41 favor, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. At this  
42 time, I just want to take a quick, brief time. I think  
43 this is important.

44 Anderson County, acting by and through the  
45 Anderson County Council and the county administration,  
46 in special recognition of your exemplary  
47 accomplishments, Anderson County and its people hereby  
48 confer upon you, Sara Jordan, the Anderson County Pride  
49 Award for exhibiting excellence in community service  
50 and good citizenship through your efforts to benefit

1 the Anderson County Animal Shelter by working with your  
2 students on their unique Family Career and Community  
3 Leaders of America project. That's FCCLA green project  
4 which involved recycling old clothes and fabric  
5 materials and restructuring them into beautiful doggie  
6 designs. These beautiful handsewn creations will go to  
7 special animals awaiting a forever home. Anderson  
8 County applauds your dedication in finding a very  
9 substantial way to help Anderson County pets is greatly  
10 appreciated.

11 Also, Anderson County, acting by and through  
12 the Anderson County Council and the county  
13 administration in special recognition of your exemplary  
14 accomplishments, Anderson County and its people hereby  
15 confer upon you, Kayla Deutsch and Katherine Payne, the  
16 Anderson County Pride Award for exhibiting excellence  
17 in community service and good citizenship through  
18 efforts to benefit the Anderson County Animal Shelter  
19 with your unique Family Career and Community Leaders of  
20 America project, the FCCLA green project which involved  
21 recycling old clothes and fabric materials and  
22 restructuring them into beautiful doggie designs.  
23 These beautiful handsewn creations will go to special  
24 animals awaiting a forever home. Anderson County  
25 applauds your dedication to finding a very tangible way  
26 to help Anderson County's pets is greatly appreciated.

27 If we'll just all step down and give these  
28 ladies these awards and shake hands. I would ask all  
29 council to step down for a second. Also we want to  
30 wish y'all very good luck on y'all's project and hope  
31 y'all win.

32 KAYLA DEUTSCH: Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all so much. Take  
34 one group picture right quick, take one group. Give  
35 them a good hand one more time.

36 APPLAUSE

37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, while  
38 everyone's being seated, I wanted to thank Mrs. Jordan  
39 for the lovely hor's deurves that were served at our  
40 sunshine forum Friday night. They were worthy of any  
41 high society spectacle and I appreciate it. Thank you  
42 very much. Y'all did a lovely job.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I would also at this time  
44 like to thank the animal shelter people, employees, out  
45 there for helping out and making this thing possible.  
46 I really appreciate the job they do. Moving on to  
47 Resolutions and further Pride Awards. At this time we  
48 go on to Resolution 2010-019, Mr. Tom Allen.

49 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
50 have three resolutions that I'd like to present

1 tonight. But before I start these I'd like to say,  
2 it's always been a saying in the theater business,  
3 never follow an animal act because you're going to look  
4 bad. Well, I'm going to look bad. Seriously though, I  
5 have three resolutions and what I'd like to do is read  
6 each one of these resolutions for the vote up here and  
7 then I'll go down front and present the actual plaques  
8 to the individuals involved. The first resolution --  
9 this is a rather bitter sweet one tonight -- this is  
10 for Pendleton High School and they've had a recent  
11 tragedy out at the High School. Elizabeth Ayers was  
12 tragically killed in an auto accident a few days ago so  
13 it's not been a pleasant time for those folks. After I  
14 read this resolution and the other two, as I said,  
15 we'll go down front. When we go down front for the  
16 presentation to Pendleton High School, I'd like for  
17 everyone -- we'll just have a moment of silence. All  
18 right. So I'm going to go ahead and read the first  
19 resolution.

20 This is Resolution 2010-019, a resolution to  
21 recognize the Pendleton High School Bull Dogs for their  
22 outstanding achievement in the fields of academics and  
23 athletics and for recently being named one of the top  
24 schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report and  
25 matters related thereto. And I'd like to put that in  
26 the form of a motion.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
30 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
31 Motion carries unanimously.

32 TOM ALLEN: The -- I'll tell you what,  
33 I'm going to go over to the third resolution. I don't  
34 actually have the second one written up here -- I'll  
35 read it when I get down front. But the third  
36 resolution, if we might, Mr. Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, (c).

38 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Down to (c).

39 TOMMY DUNN: It'll be Number R2010-21.

40 TOM ALLEN: Exactly. Yes. This is a  
41 resolution ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, excuse me. I  
43 meant to -- I messed you up. It's R22, you're on (c).  
44 I said (b).

45 TOM ALLEN: 22.

46 TOMMY DUNN: (b), yeah.

47 TOM ALLEN: Okay, 022. This is a  
48 resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County  
49 residents, Ms. Imogen de Lavis, Miss Olivia Dillon for  
50 their top national rankings in the equestrian sport of

1 three day eventing -- that's the equine equivalent to a  
2 triathlon -- and their trainer, Ms. Amy Nichols, and  
3 matters related thereto. And I'd like to put that in  
4 the form of a motion.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second? Ms.  
6 Wilson seconds. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
7 favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
8 the motion carries.

9 TOM ALLEN: I'd like to go down front  
10 now and present these awards.

11 CINDY WILSON: While Mr. Allen is walking  
12 down to make that award, I want folks to know that this  
13 is almost Olympic level that these young ladies have  
14 achieved this level of riding. So this is just awesome  
15 and we're very proud.

16 TOM ALLEN: All right. I'd like to have  
17 the representatives, the representatives from Pendleton  
18 High School come up please. All right. Whereas, the  
19 Anderson County Council desires to rightfully honor the  
20 outstanding performance and diligent work shown by  
21 Anderson County students in the areas of academics,  
22 athletics and arts; and

23 Whereas, the students of Pendleton High  
24 School, known as the Pendleton Bull Dogs, display these  
25 qualities each day and unite themselves as one student  
26 body; and

27 Whereas, Pendleton High School, as a result of  
28 the accomplishments and hard work of the faculty,  
29 staff, administration, and student body, recently was  
30 named one of the best schools in the country in a study  
31 released in December 2009, U.S. News and World Report;

32 Whereas, this recognition given to only eleven  
33 percent of the South Carolina high schools is based on  
34 the quality of education the students receive, the test  
35 scores of the students, and the achievements of the  
36 school's minority and disadvantaged students; and

37 Whereas, this award demonstrates the desire of  
38 the students and faculty of Pendleton High to succeed  
39 in all that they do; and

40 Whereas, County Council now recognizes the  
41 continued success of the Bull Dogs and expresses its  
42 sincere gratitude to the Bull Dogs for their  
43 contributions to Anderson County;

44 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
45 Anderson County Council, the County Council commends  
46 the student body, faculty, staff, administration and  
47 community of Pendleton High School for their  
48 accomplishments in all areas and for their receiving  
49 this recognition from U.S. News and World Report. This  
50 resolution shall take effect and be in force

1 immediately upon enactment. Resolved in this meeting  
2 duly assembled the 16th day of March 2010.

3 APPLAUSE

4 TOM ALLEN: This is the same award  
5 Clemson strives so hard to get every year from U.S.  
6 News and World Report, so you folks are doing a great  
7 job. Thank you very much.

8 Is Mr. Stowers here? Ms. Stowers from Pendleton.  
9 Not here. Okay. I'm just -- I'm going to go ahead and  
10 read the title of this for a vote. All right. And  
11 then we'll present this award to her at a later date.  
12 This is Resolution 2010-021, a Resolution to recognize  
13 Pendleton High School student and athlete, Jasmine  
14 Stowers, for being proclaimed finest athlete Pendleton  
15 High School has ever produced for earning twelve gold  
16 medals in state track competitions and for signing a  
17 letter of intent to participate in college sports at  
18 Louisiana State University and all matters related  
19 thereto. And I'd like to make that in the form of a  
20 motion.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen makes that in the  
22 form of a motion. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?  
23 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
24 hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

25 TOM ALLEN: And I can just tell you that  
26 this young lady is something else. I wish she was here  
27 tonight so that I could read all this to you but she is  
28 an amazing individual.

29 The next award is very timely and very appro po.  
30 As a lot of you know, we have been trying to improve,  
31 increase, whatever word you want to use, the equine  
32 activity here in the Anderson area based around the  
33 Garrison Arena. There's a lot of opportunities out  
34 there, a lot of economic development that we can, can  
35 bring forth by improving our equine stature here in the  
36 state and around the country. So the individuals that  
37 I'm going to honor right now have really done a great  
38 job in this arena. Are they here this evening? The  
39 three ladies? Yes, please come on up. I can tell you  
40 they've worked very hard helping us on this activity so  
41 I'd like to go ahead and read the rest of the award  
42 here.

43 Whereas, working student, Ms. Imogen de Lavis  
44 is ranked number one in the United States at the young  
45 rider preliminary level and third in the United States  
46 at the young rider intermediate level. She is ranked  
47 nineteenth in the nation among all eventing riders  
48 including professionals and Olympians and is tenth  
49 leading lady rider nationally; and

50 Whereas, Ms. Olivia Dillon is currently ranked

1 seventh at the young rider preliminary level, having  
2 won the U.S.E.A. Area Three awards at novice and  
3 training for the last three years; and

4 Whereas, Ms. Amy Nichols, who is a U.S.E.A.,  
5 I.C.P., and A.R.I.A. certified instructor and a  
6 competitor in her own right, is their trainer; and

7 Whereas, the Olympic equestrian sport of three  
8 day eventing is composed of dressage, cross country,  
9 and stadium jumping requiring the complete training and  
10 preparation of horse and rider; and

11 Whereas, unlike many sports focused on one  
12 person or a team of persons, this sport involves a  
13 unique partnership between horse and human and their  
14 meeting many challenges together.

15 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
16 Anderson County Council that County Council wishes to  
17 congratulate these young athletes, Imogen de Lavis and  
18 Olivia Dillon, and their trainer, Amy Nichols. We  
19 thank you for bringing honor and inspiration to your  
20 fellow Anderson County citizens. Best wishes on your  
21 continued efforts.

22 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
23 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting  
24 duly assembled this 16th day of March, 2010. Ladies,  
25 thank you.

26  
27 APPLAUSE

28 AMY NICHOLS: I've been working pretty  
29 hard with Anderson County Council and the local equine  
30 community to increase the eventing visibility and bring  
31 more horse activities to the area. I think it's really  
32 important for kids like this to have a passion and it  
33 keeps them out of trouble and focused on something  
34 really important that can stay with them the rest of  
35 their lives. They can do this sport until, you know,  
36 they're old like me.

37 TOM ALLEN: Thank you so much. We  
38 really appreciate what you've done. Thank you.

39 APPLAUSE

40 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be moving  
41 on to Resolution R2010-023, South Carolina Litter  
42 Control Association -- Litter Control Association  
43 awards. Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This is a  
45 resolution to recognize the South Carolina Litter  
46 Control Association 2010 award recipients for their  
47 dedicated service and leadership to promote litter  
48 education, environmental conservation, litter control  
49 enforcement, and the preservation of the natural beauty  
50 of Anderson County and palmetto state, and all matters

1 related thereto.

2 Whereas, South Carolina Litter Control  
3 Association is a statewide non-profit organization  
4 dedicated to the cause of litter reduction in the state  
5 of South Carolina through education and enforcement  
6 efforts; and

7 Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes  
8 the importance of maintaining the litter free natural  
9 beauty of our highway -- highways to attract and retain  
10 tourists thereby wishes to express thanks to those  
11 individuals and organization who work diligently to  
12 preserve the beauty of the county and the great state  
13 of South Carolina, specifically the following 2010  
14 South Carolina Litter Association award recipients.  
15 The Upper Regional individual award went to Mr. Terry  
16 Chapman, Old Town/New Town, the Upper Regional group  
17 award went to Friends of Broadway Lake, and the  
18 Outstanding Performance award went to the volunteers,  
19 Mr. Roy and Mrs. Peggy Ivey.

20 Whereas, Anderson County, a body politic and  
21 corporate and a political subdivision of the State of  
22 South Carolina, acting by and through its Anderson  
23 County is pleased to recognize and honor the  
24 individuals, organizations, and law enforcement  
25 agencies who are diligent in doing their part through  
26 education, awareness, enforcement, and community pride.

27 Now, therefore, it's hereby resolved by the  
28 Anderson County Council on behalf of the residents of  
29 Anderson, South Carolina, Anderson County, by this  
30 resolution, the Anderson County Council ...

31 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE

32 GRACIE FLOYD: ... and Peggy Ivey, Friends  
33 of Broadway Lake, and Keep America Beautiful of  
34 Anderson County.

35 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
36 force immediately. Resolved in meeting on -- duly  
37 assembled this 16th day of March 2010. Mr. Chair, I  
38 put that in the form of a motion that we accept.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Mr.  
40 Waldrep seconds. Any further discussion? Hearing  
41 none, all in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion, show of  
42 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
43 unanimously. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. It has been hard  
45 to wait until today to do this. We have a new council  
46 ordinance by our newly elected chairman that we wait  
47 until certain quarter -- a certain time in the quarter  
48 to present our awards so we can have some time. Even  
49 though it's been before, I mean just -- it seemed like  
50 at just any time, it just took me -- it was just hard

1 for me to sit back and just wait to do this because I  
2 was so excited. Folks, I was there when this happened.  
3 It was my first trip to the association for its award,  
4 Mr. Chairman, and next year I'm taking you with me.  
5 Okay. This is something that we should see, that you  
6 should see, and that we all should want to be a part  
7 of. I'm going to ask the people whom I've named to  
8 please meet me at the front down here. Mr. Chairman,  
9 would you mind coming with me? I did this last year  
10 too, remember? Last year the award was won by the  
11 Homeland Park area with Doreen and Michael Montepara  
12 being the awards. It seems like in District Two we're  
13 just, we're just happy people. First of all, I'd like  
14 to award this to Roy and Peggy Ivey. Roy and Peg, it  
15 has just been so good that you're here, that you came  
16 here with a vengeance. And your vengeance was just to  
17 live on a beautiful lake in a beautiful place that you  
18 could help take care of and you did it. I thank you  
19 for choosing Anderson County. You could have gone  
20 anywhere in this world to live but yet you chose us.  
21 And we know that when you came here you didn't have  
22 family or friends here. You just came because you  
23 liked it. And we like you. And especially we like the  
24 work that you do and we just thank you so much and  
25 we're ask that you please keep it up. Good, good. Do  
26 you want to say something, Roy, on behalf of the  
27 family?

28 ROY IVEY: On behalf of my family and  
29 another group here that's going to be recognized,  
30 Friends of Broadway Lake, I just want to tell you what  
31 a great, a great thing it is to receive such an award.  
32 And also to say that Gracie Floyd is our District Two  
33 representative. And frankly, if she hadn't asked me to  
34 start Friends of Broadway Lake, it never would have  
35 happened. So it's really -- it all goes back to Gracie  
36 Floyd. And I thank you very much.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: I think I may have told you  
38 this story before. We had started a community group on  
39 the other side of town and it got too big. Can you  
40 imagine that? People were coming every -- from  
41 everywhere and we were having such a good time. But  
42 then in the middle of the meeting we had to split. And  
43 I needed someone to take over the county part of this  
44 community meeting so what I did was to close my eyes  
45 and I said Mister, you will do it. He stepped up to  
46 the plate and he did it, and boy, did he do it. This  
47 award goes to Terry Chapman. Mr. Chapman, please come  
48 over here. Terry has been a good friend, he's been a  
49 good community leader, the best that we could ask for  
50 in Anderson County, and I just want him to know how



1 much we appreciate the work that you do. You do it  
2 because you want to, not because you have to. You are  
3 a retired man and you could be on the fishing banks  
4 catching us some fish, but instead you chose to work  
5 with the community and for this we are so grateful and  
6 we are so thankful. Thank you.

7 TERRY CHAPMAN: She used to say that God  
8 pointed me out, but I told her God didn't get me into  
9 this. He wouldn't do me like that. But, no, it is an  
10 honor and just like I told them at the luncheon we had,  
11 this is from everybody Appleton Mill Old Town/New Town.  
12 My wife's a big part of it. But the people of that  
13 community have come together and thankful with the help  
14 of Ms. Floyd, county council, Sheriff's Department,  
15 Animal Litter Control, our neighborhood is looking a  
16 whole lot better. And if you want to, come ride  
17 through and see what the grants that we've gotten from  
18 the Appalachian Council of Governments, I can't even  
19 talk tonight. But we appreciate the help from all of  
20 them to make a better life for everyone over there.  
21 And we'll be honored to help anywhere anybody else  
22 wants to start a group. And we thank you.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm going to ask our  
24 Chairman to come and stand next to me even though he  
25 doesn't want to. He wanted me to do it. But this  
26 award I am very, very pleased to give. When I became,  
27 when I became the -- what am I, the county council  
28 person for District Two? I knew I had something in my  
29 district that was unique and no one else had it in  
30 their district, I had it in mine and it was Broadway  
31 Lake. I used to call it, Mr. Burns, a diamond in the  
32 rough, but I don't call it that anymore because it's  
33 not rough anymore. I went to, thank you, I went to Roy  
34 and asked him if he would chair a community group for  
35 me. He said no, but I'll get it started and we'll find  
36 you somebody and did he ever. He found John Steely.  
37 John Steely is a young man, he was a bachelor at the  
38 time and he could do more work, but anyway, he's a,  
39 he's a young man who has worked very, very hard to get  
40 Broadway Lake where it needs to be with the help of the  
41 members of the organization, the Iveys, as well as  
42 Elliott Hallman. They have really turned Broadway Lake  
43 into something wonderful. If you haven't seen it in  
44 years, you need to go take a look at it. This award  
45 goes to Broadway Lake for the work that they have done  
46 as a community to enhance the beauty, to enhance the  
47 beauty of our lake which is Broadway Lake. Thank you.  
48 Mr. Steely, would you?

49 JOHN STEELY: I'm not going to say a lot  
50 other than this is, this is not the efforts of one

1 individual, it's the effort of an entire community of  
2 individuals. And we appreciate the opportunity and  
3 just -- of living in Anderson County. So thanks a lot  
4 for the recognition.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Now all of this is wonderful  
6 things. We have so many people in so many areas. I  
7 think we have about fourteen to maybe sixteen community  
8 groups now in District Two. I've lost count somewhere.  
9 But this is a wonderful thing. But it could not be  
10 done without a head over everything. For this we have  
11 Keep America Beautiful. Come on up. Yeah. We have  
12 Keep America Beautiful. We could not do the work  
13 that's being done in Anderson County without this  
14 organization, without this young lady, and without the  
15 people who are behind her who help her do what needs to  
16 be done. I don't know about you folks, but I like  
17 living in Anderson County. I don't know about you  
18 folks, but I think Anderson County is beautiful. I  
19 don't know about you folks, but I love Anderson County.  
20 And I like for it to be pretty. When people come  
21 traveling down Highway 95 or through our backdoor on  
22 Highway 29, I want them to see us in our best. And  
23 without this young lady, it could not help it --  
24 happen. This is Dana -- Dana what's your new name?

25 DANA OWENS: Owens.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Dana Owens. This is Dana  
27 Owens. Dana, I don't know what happened to the plaque,  
28 but we'll get it there to you, okay. But I just want  
29 to thank you and please say something to our people.

30 DANA OWENS: Well, Keep America Beautiful  
31 is only as strong as our volunteers. And thankfully I  
32 have an outstanding group of volunteers to support me  
33 in all that we do. So I appreciate you all very much.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say I want  
35 to thank KAB for all what they do and volunteers. And  
36 like Ms. Owens said, that's exactly right, it's the  
37 volunteers that makes this work in Anderson County and  
38 the council's got criticized in the past about not  
39 supporting this. It's the volunteers and citizens of  
40 Anderson County that gets behind things, that make it  
41 popular, and make it go, and make it work and we're so  
42 proud of them. Let's give all these folks a great big  
43 hand.

44 APPLAUSE

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. At this time,  
47 we'll move on to Item Number (e), the Pride Awards and  
48 I'd to ask council if they would to give a -- I want to  
49 make the motion to give these awards out. There's  
50 three of them tonight. These are very -- we've won

1 some state awards. This is for Anderson County Special  
2 Population Area 14 Awards. The Spirit of Special  
3 Olympics Award to Ms. Paige Dockins; the Outstanding  
4 Business/Corporate Support Award, George Bikas, and  
5 Outstanding Area Award, Ms. Susan McMahan will be  
6 accepting that. I make that in the form of a motion.

7 BOB WALDREP: Second.

8 CINDY WILSON: Second.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Hearing  
10 none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. At  
11 this time I'd like to read the Pride Award for Ms.  
12 Paige Dockins.

13 Anderson County, acting by and through the  
14 Anderson County Council and the county administration,  
15 in special recognition of your exemplary  
16 accomplishments, Anderson County and its people hereby  
17 confer upon you, Paige Dockins, the Anderson County  
18 Pride Award for earning of the Spirit of Special  
19 Olympics Awards during the 2010 Special Olympics South  
20 Carolina Leadership Conference at Myrtle Beach, South  
21 Carolina, January 22nd through 24th, 2010. This award  
22 is presented, presented to you, the individual, who  
23 best exemplifies the dedication and unselfish efforts  
24 associated with the true spirit of Special Olympics.

25 At this time I'd like to -- Anderson County  
26 would like to -- Anderson County, acting by and through  
27 the Anderson County Council and the county  
28 administration in special recognition for exemplary  
29 accomplishments, Anderson County and its people hereby  
30 confers upon you, Mr. George Bikas, the Anderson County  
31 Pride Award, in earning the Outstanding  
32 Business/Corporate support Award for The Clock  
33 Restaurant during the 2010 Special Olympics South  
34 Carolina Leadership Conference at Myrtle Beach, South  
35 Carolina, January 22nd through 24th, 2010. This award  
36 is presented to the best example of a business or  
37 corporation who has demonstrated support for the  
38 Special Olympics of South Carolina.

39 At this time, Anderson County, acting by and  
40 through the Anderson County Council and the county  
41 administration, in special recognition of exemplary  
42 accomplishments, Anderson County and its people hereby  
43 confer upon you Susan McMahan, Area 14 the Anderson  
44 County Pride Award for earning the Outstanding Area  
45 Award during the 2010 Special Olympics South Carolina  
46 Leadership Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina,  
47 January 22nd through 24th, 2010. This award is  
48 presented to the area whose overall Special Olympics  
49 program showed the greatest improvement, best  
50 exemplifies the Olympic spirit and concept, and

1 provides a well developed year round program for the  
2 athletes, coaches, families and volunteers. You see, I  
3 think Ms. McMahan's here. Is anyone else here? Would  
4 y'all please come up to the front and all council  
5 members because this is from Anderson County. This  
6 ain't -- I mean -- step down and present these Pride  
7 Awards please. We appreciate all you do for us, for  
8 these folks. We've heard nothing but great things  
9 about you and we really appreciate y'all representing  
10 us well. And thank you a lot. Do you want to say a  
11 few words?

12 SUSAN MCMAHAN: Yes, thank you. This award  
13 is not for me, it's for all these volunteers standing  
14 behind me. We couldn't do what we do without these  
15 volunteers so let's give them a round of applause.

16 APPLAUSE

17 SUSAN MCMAHAN: And I wanted to recognize  
18 one of our athletes that's here, Sandy Harris. Sandy,  
19 come up here just a minute. Sandy is going to Nebraska  
20 in July, along with another athlete, Bruce Osborne,  
21 from Anderson County and our coach, John McGovern, who  
22 couldn't be here tonight, to represent Anderson County  
23 at the Special Olympics national games. So let's give  
24 Sandy a ...

25 APPLAUSE

26 SUSAN MCMAHAN: And one more thing, I'm  
27 going to ask Gloria Byrd to come up here with me.  
28 Gloria. Gloria has been a volunteer and our co-area  
29 director for Special Olympics for thirty-one years.  
30 She's what keeps me going, so give her a big round of  
31 applause.

32 APPLAUSE

33 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
34 again present the Pride Award for Business/Corporate  
35 Sponsorship and I know he does a lot more that ain't  
36 just business, Mr. George Bikas.

37 GEORGE BIKAS: Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you so much.

39 GEORGE BIKAS: Thank you for the  
40 opportunity to help out. Thank you.

41 APPLAUSE

42 TOMMY DUNN: So proud. It's an honor to  
43 be able to give this award out. Give it to her and  
44 tell her we appreciate her so much.

45 MANDY DOCKINS: Paige is at Fort Riley  
46 visiting her brother this week on spring break, but  
47 she'd like to express her appreciation to you all for  
48 this recognition, but she'd also like to specifically  
49 thank Suzanne, Gloria, and all the athletes for the  
50 opportunity to serve in this capacity. She loves it.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all so much. It  
2 makes Anderson special.

3 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE ONE

4 TOMMY DUNN: And we move on to Item 8,  
5 Soil and Water Conservation District - Mr. Tom  
6 Garrison, Ms. Nancy McCannon.

7 TOM GARRISON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
8 thank council for giving us the opportunity to bring  
9 you up to date about the conservation district. I also  
10 want to thank county council for the recognition you  
11 gave my father and our family a few weeks ago and we  
12 really appreciate it. It meant a lot to us. We have a  
13 power point presentation we're going to try to go  
14 through real fast. We know you've got a busy schedule  
15 and we don't want to bore you, but we want to present  
16 to you some of the updates that we've -- taking place  
17 in conservation district. As you see, that's our staff  
18 that's on the board there. There's five commissioners,  
19 three of them are elected on a countywide basis, non-  
20 partisan and two of them are appointed by the DNR board  
21 and our conservation staff you see there. Just a quick  
22 overview of how conservation districts got started back  
23 in the thirties. Federal conservation law was passed  
24 and establishing conservation districts throughout the  
25 country and then South Carolina followed suit. Our  
26 conservation districts of South Carolina follow county  
27 lines. That's not the case throughout other states  
28 whereas the big western states may have ten counties or  
29 so in one conservation district. There's over three  
30 thousand conservation districts in the United States of  
31 America. And I had the opportunity to serve on the  
32 National Conservation Board for six years. And the  
33 American people are really getting a good bang for  
34 their buck in the conservation districts. Just a few  
35 of the things we do on the land, practices you see, we  
36 help landowners in developing comprehensive plans on  
37 public and private lands. Next slide. We provide  
38 technical assistance to landowners. You know, people  
39 ask us what are, are our most important functions. And  
40 most important functions to me is, and I've been on the  
41 board for twenty-eight years, is preserving our natural  
42 resources, controlling erosion, and enhancing water  
43 quality. And we all know those are vitally important  
44 to Anderson County as -- and I think it's very fitting  
45 that we follow Ms. Floyd and her presentations to the  
46 people of Broadway Lake. When I first came on the  
47 board, Conservation District headed up the program to  
48 dredge Broadway Lake back in the eighties. And then  
49 also established all the upstream conservation measures  
50 and the watershed to prevent further siltation from

1 filling the lake up again. So that was one of our  
2 highlights. Another thing is we brought a lot of  
3 federal money into our county over the past several  
4 years. See six hundred and something thousand dollars  
5 that was spent on the land here in Anderson County.  
6 Next slide. One other thing we've done in the past two  
7 years is with the drought, even though we're not in it  
8 now, everybody was hurting for water. We do a rain  
9 barrel sale that we only make about a dollar per rain  
10 barrel. It's a, it's a high quality rain barrel that  
11 we sell twice a year to the public. Okay. Before I  
12 turn it over to Nancy McCannon about the -- our  
13 educational program, our Conservation District also  
14 oversees watersheds in Anderson County. And Anderson  
15 County's got probably the biggest watershed program in  
16 the state. There's fourteen of these watershed  
17 structures. We have to oversee the watershed boards  
18 and their budgets. They have to maintain these  
19 structures, make sure they're properly mowed, the dams  
20 are maintained. And even though we're out of the  
21 drought now, a few years ago when we had extreme dry  
22 weather, some of these watersheds could be used as  
23 municipal drinking water and were built for that  
24 purpose. So I'm going to let Nancy tell you a few  
25 about our -- a few things about our awards program and  
26 then I'll sum it up.

27 NANCY MCCANNON: I agree with Tom, thank  
28 you for letting us be here tonight. One of my favorite  
29 quotes talks about how we don't own the land, we hold  
30 it in stewardship for the future generations. That  
31 fits my personal beliefs and also the goals of the  
32 Conservation District. We do a lot with education,  
33 youth development, and like always, we need partners to  
34 help us with that. And some of those of our partners  
35 are our local teachers, who we recognize each year as  
36 outstanding ones, and our conservationist of the year  
37 who's one of our cooperators who's helping us put  
38 conservation on the ground. As we work with these  
39 youth, we start them with kindergartners doing a  
40 bulletin board. This year the topic dealt with  
41 habitat. Our middle schoolers work with writing an  
42 essay. And our older students have many opportunities  
43 as they get into high school. They have opportunities  
44 for scholarships, attending the Carolina Coastal  
45 Adventure down in Charleston area which is an  
46 outstanding activity. And then we also work with our  
47 local youth groups, particularly FFA. And there are  
48 opportunities to help our young people learn how to  
49 protect our natural resources. One of the programs  
50 that we were able to add this year was our Arbor Day

1 programs. Sending our staff people out, we have one  
2 employee and the five volunteer commissioners, and she  
3 was able to go out and do the Arbor Day programs this  
4 year which were a tremendous hit with the groups.  
5 Unfortunately, cuts have hit us all. One of our best  
6 activities over the past few years has been a farm/city  
7 event where we invited every third grader in the county  
8 to an opportunity to learn about where their food and  
9 fiber comes from. We didn't have it this year because  
10 of budget cuts. So everyone here can help us reach the  
11 goal next year by being an affiliate member. Whether  
12 you're on county council or not, you have an  
13 opportunity to help us meet that need. And we take the  
14 time in December to say thank you to our affiliate  
15 members with a small drop-in. And I'll turn it back to  
16 Tom.

17 TOM GARRISON: We want to thank y'all for  
18 being part of our legislative breakfast we had back  
19 last month with Farm Bureau. We partnered with Farm  
20 Bureau because we have many common goals and objectives  
21 in promoting farm land and keeping it in the family,  
22 keeping it protected. And you see our ultimate goal is  
23 to better our community and world through conservation  
24 awarenesses and practices. Last but not least, I'd  
25 like to say that we are supported by the state. We got  
26 cut tremendously last year. We're probably going to  
27 get cut tremendously again this year. We were zeroed  
28 out of the budget last year at the county level, but we  
29 were able to get just a little bit of money at the end  
30 of the budget process to help us keep our doors open.  
31 And we know everybody's going through tough times, but  
32 if you -- if there's any way the county can fund us,  
33 we'd, we'd really appreciate it. We know we all have  
34 to tighten our belt. But one last thing I'd like to  
35 share with you too, Anderson County is the only  
36 conservation district in the entire country that still  
37 does a monthly newsletter. And so we're still active  
38 with our community in promoting the conservation of our  
39 natural resources and enhancing the quality of life in  
40 Anderson County. With that, we thank you for your  
41 time. If anybody ever has any questions or if the  
42 Conservation District can be of any help to the county  
43 or any of the municipalities, we're, we're available.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd. Go  
45 ahead.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Thank you. I missed  
47 the sale of the rain barrels. When do you do those?  
48 When do you sell those? Okay. I would like to suggest  
49 please that when it's time to do this that you send  
50 flyers to different places in District Two. I think

1 our people would love to have, to have an opportunity  
2 to do this as I would also like to do. But sometimes  
3 you have to do a little more than the newspapers. Okay.  
4 All right, all right.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Question number two, may I  
7 ask you how much are, how much they are? How much?  
8 Okay. All right. That sounds good. All right.  
9 Number three, if I need to talk with someone about a  
10 project, whom would I speak to or ask to speak to?  
11 Which -- Mr. Garrison?  
12 TOM GARRISON: Well, you can call any of  
13 the commissioners any time and we'd be glad to put you  
14 in touch with the right people. Mike Banks, our  
15 district conservationist, is really the go-to man  
16 because ---  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Would you introduce  
18 the folks and see what they do?  
19 TOM GARRISON: Oh, okay. I was trying to  
20 save time so I ---  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Forget about that. We just  
22 need to know this information.  
23 TOM GARRISON: Mike Banks is our district  
24 conservationist; Brandon Grant -- Durants -- excuse me;  
25 Freddie Major, one of our district commissioners, a big  
26 farmer down in Honea Path; and Nancy McCannon, who you  
27 heard from.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you a commissioner as  
29 well?  
30 TOM GARRISON: Yes, ma'am. I'm chairman of  
31 the district.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. All right.  
33 TOM GARRISON: But Mike Banks is the go-to  
34 man.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Banks, where are you  
36 again? Raise your hand again. Okay, Mr. Banks.  
37 TOM GARRISON: Long hair.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It looks good.  
39 Don't, don't do that. It looks really good. Okay.  
40 All right. I thank you for answering the questions.  
41 And Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the opportunity.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
43 Mr. Waldrep.  
44 BOB WALDREP: Tom, I just wanted to thank  
45 you for all your service. You've been a real horse for  
46 this service over the years. And I've seen you working  
47 not only up here, I've seen you working down in  
48 Columbia where you go down and you try to get a little  
49 bit of money and I know how tough it is. And I wanted  
50 to express to the council that this is probably one of



1 the best run programs that we have in the state. They  
2 do an outstanding job. And I'm very appreciative of  
3 the important work that you do. And I hope that  
4 there's some way to give you some help this year.  
5 Thank you, Tom, we appreciate it.

6 TOMMY DUNN: I want to say I also  
7 appreciate the job y'all do, Mr. Garrison. And I  
8 promise you, we want charge you nothing for the plug we  
9 got tonight on the rain barrels neither. We get info  
10 on that right there on the tape there.

11 TOM GARRISON: If anyone ever needs us, our  
12 office is out on 28 Bypass at Farm Services office  
13 across from Builders First Choice right near  
14 Centerville Fire Department. So please feel free to  
15 stop by anytime.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

17 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Moving on to  
19 Item Number 9, Annual Report of Appalachian Council of  
20 Governments Service to Anderson County.

21 STEVE PELISSIER: Thank you, sir. Last year  
22 and over the past nineteen years, Anderson County's  
23 investment in the Appalachian Council of Governments  
24 has been seventy-four thousand nine hundred forty-eight  
25 dollars per year. For fiscal year 2010, we're  
26 projecting a return on that investment to the county of  
27 over 7.8 million or a return on investment ratio of a  
28 hundred four to one. Of this total 1.7 million has  
29 gone into loans made directly to Anderson County  
30 businesses through the Council of Governments Small  
31 Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program. These have  
32 generated an additional 2.1 million dollars in private  
33 capital investment that's been leveraged. And this is  
34 a program that really excites me because there's a lot  
35 out there for the big guy and the big plants that come  
36 in and economic development incentives. But this is  
37 one of the few programs for the little guy, for the  
38 entrepreneur, the small home grown business where  
39 really most of the jobs and most of capital investment  
40 is coming from these days. Also over the past year  
41 we've been able to help two entities in the county  
42 obtain half a million dollars each in Appalachian  
43 Regional Commission Grant funding. The Town of  
44 Pendleton for waste water treatment, treatment plant  
45 upgrades. And also to the Anderson Joint Regional  
46 Water System for expansion and improvement to the  
47 system. Through Worklink, who we serve as the  
48 administrative entity for, we've had a little over two  
49 and a half million dollars of funding for training,  
50 work force development training. These help citizens

1 to enhance skills, provide services to workers affected  
2 by plant closing, provide funds to local business for  
3 on-the-job training opportunities which are often the  
4 entryway for young people into a career path. These  
5 funds also go towards youth training and a stimulus  
6 related summer youth jobs program. We've had an  
7 additional four hundred fourteen thousand for programs  
8 for senior citizens including almost fifty-two thousand  
9 meals served, as well as health care, transportation,  
10 and home care services. In addition to the dollars  
11 I've listed on the report, some of the highlights of  
12 the services we've provided to the county. I'm not  
13 going to take the time to read all of these but would  
14 ask that you look at it at your convenience. We do  
15 continue to help the county and entities in the county  
16 identify grant opportunities and administer grants.  
17 The Tri County Telecommunications Master Plan that we  
18 completed is an element that's essential to tap the  
19 almost billion dollars in federal funding that's out  
20 there for internet broadband high speed  
21 telecommunications development. Infominum used by your  
22 economic development office to produce reports, provide  
23 data that's needed for folks looking to invest money in  
24 the county either through new businesses or expansions.  
25 Upstate Alliance Property Navigator is a component of  
26 that. We work with your economic development staff to  
27 re-do your economic development web site. It's now a  
28 prototype for the region and for the area and have  
29 received a lot of really positive feedback on that.  
30 Working with your staff to make sure you're ready for  
31 the 2010 census. As you all know, so much of federal  
32 dollars is a function of count so we want to make sure  
33 every citizen in Anderson County is counted to make  
34 sure you get your fair share. Staff training, we've  
35 trained several hundred of your employees this year on  
36 diversity, workplace, and harassment avoidance.  
37 Municipal assistance, we work with a bunch of your  
38 towns. Many of you are familiar with the work Mr.  
39 Newton's done with some of your towns who've gotten  
40 themselves in financial trouble over the years and how  
41 he's helped them get out of that. Conduct council  
42 retreats for Belton and Williamston. And I also note  
43 there coming up some of the things to look forward to  
44 in FY2011. We have 2.7 million dollars allocated  
45 towards transportation improvement county -- projects  
46 in the county over the next year. Over the past nine  
47 years, we've been able to allocate thirty-four million  
48 dollars for Anderson County road enhancement  
49 transportation upgrade projects. Finally, on pages  
50 three and four, I just have a chart showing the grants

1 that we've helped the county and entities in the county  
2 obtain since 2004. Figure a little over nine million  
3 dollars there. And we look forward to continuing to  
4 work with you. I want to be brief this evening because  
5 I know you have a long agenda, but I'd certainly be  
6 glad to answer any questions that you may have.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: I have some questions, Mr.  
8 Chairman.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I notice here  
11 that you were talking about the home grant. In 2011,  
12 you said that you were going to continue staffing of  
13 the Anderson County and all the others -- Belton Home  
14 Consortium. I don't understand continue staffing.

15 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am. We work with  
16 the county and those two cities. Our staff services  
17 include on individual re -- housing rehabilitation  
18 projects, building inspector service, contractor  
19 coordination service. Our staff also does the required  
20 annual plan and plan update which the three entities  
21 submit to HUD to list what your goals and priorities  
22 are and work with the selection -- we provide the  
23 legwork for the selection committee that actually  
24 selects which projects to do.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I haven't heard  
26 much about what was going on with the home grant. Do  
27 we have any more money left for -- in this, in this pot  
28 for rehabilitations of homes?

29 STEVE PELISSIER: For the current year, the  
30 selection committee has allocated all of its funds.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: The current year being 2010  
32 or 2011? Which one?

33 STEVE PELISSIER: FY2010.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So are we expecting  
35 to get any more money?

36 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am. There's a,  
37 there's an annual allocation -- I'm talking federal  
38 year so that we're talking October 1 is when 2011  
39 begins for this, but there's an annual allocation that  
40 will begin October 1 of 2010.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. But we  
42 haven't gotten an allocation since the last one, am I  
43 correct? The one that I was -- that I knew about.

44 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am. We're still on  
45 the 2010 allocation which the selection committee has,  
46 has allocated all the funds from.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to be  
48 notified through my home address which I still hope  
49 that you have.

50 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: When there is a new  
2 allocation coming down. Okay?  
3 STEVE PELISSIER: Absolutely.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Also, it says here  
5 continued staff support to the Anderson County Gang  
6 Task Force.  
7 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we going to get some  
9 staff members to ...  
10 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am. You're going  
11 to, you're going to see me. In fact, I was -- had some  
12 email conversations with Ms. Boyd today.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Who?  
14 STEVE PELISSIER: Ms. Boyd who the -- I  
15 believe is the secretary to the Gang Task Force sent  
16 out some emails today looking for better meeting times  
17 and been having a conflict with the fourth Thursday.  
18 But hopefully that will be some times that -- I gave  
19 her several times that I'm available and, you know,  
20 look forward to hopefully getting a time that I'm able  
21 to attend.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Because it's  
23 important that we -- if you say that you're going to  
24 continue staff support, it's important that you come  
25 and meet with us.  
26 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Because we're having a --  
28 we're having some things going on that I'd like for  
29 your company to be a part of it. Okay. And I think  
30 that answers all of my questions there. Okay. The  
31 2010 census information, Mr. Pelissier, I talked with  
32 the census people today out of Washington or wherever  
33 there that they are. They told me that it is a federal  
34 mandate for people to fill out the census form. That  
35 it's against the law not to fill out the form Title 13.  
36 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I don't think enough  
38 of us know about that because I understand that there  
39 was a public information going out across the airwaves  
40 that was asking people -- telling people not to fill  
41 them out. But I think that needs to be made clear by  
42 somebody that it's a federal law that you have to fill  
43 out those forms and send them back in. Okay.  
44 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Title 13.  
46 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am. It is a federal  
47 law. And for everybody who doesn't they're costing  
48 their community over the next ten years tens of  
49 thousands of dollars.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know that and you

1 know that, but I think there are people who don't know  
2 it or don't care to know it. Okay. But you need to be  
3 aware that that has gone out where people are being  
4 told not to fill out the forms. Okay. All right. And  
5 maybe you could help us in Anderson County to do  
6 something about that.

7 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, ---  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: -- Mr. Chair.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Ms. Floyd. Mr. Allen.  
12 TOM ALLEN: I have a question maybe to  
13 help clarify or confuse this last issue. I know  
14 yesterday I received that thing in the mail for the  
15 census. The ten questions, that has to be filled out  
16 by law and that's very easy to do. But about a month  
17 ago there was a large thing that came out with about  
18 thirty-eight or forty questions on it and I forget what  
19 department it was from but it had listed on the front  
20 of that, that that had to be filled out by law. But  
21 then I heard, no, that that did not have to be filled  
22 out by law. Are you familiar with ...

23 STEVE PELISSIER: I'm guessing you're one of  
24 the people in the sample that the census does that's  
25 part of the community survey.

26 TOM ALLEN: That may be.  
27 STEVE PELISSIER: And they sample a part of  
28 the county for that and I guess you were a lottery  
29 winner and ---

30 TOM ALLEN: And was one of the ...  
31 STEVE PELISSIER: -- was selected as one of  
32 those. The law does say that you have to return it.  
33 TOM ALLEN: Because I have heard stories  
34 where you don't have to and I wasn't.

35 STEVE PELISSIER: Right.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: But you've got to.  
37 TOM ALLEN: I did return it.  
38 STEVE PELISSIER: Right. You do, you do have  
39 to.

40 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
42 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
43 wanted to thank the Council of Governments. Mr. Moore  
44 and I as members over there we enjoyed our association  
45 very much with the Appalachian Council of Governments  
46 and we like the return on investment that we have. A  
47 dollar for -- I believe a hundred and four dollars it  
48 looks like for every dollar that ---

49 STEVE PELISSIER: That's the way it worked out  
50 this year.

1 BOB WALDREP: I wish you were my  
2 investment banker. But, anyway, just wanted to thank  
3 you for what you do. And we do want to stay in close  
4 contact with you because we have a -- I think we have a  
5 very good relationship. Appreciate you very much.  
6 STEVE PELISSIER: Thank you, sir.  
7 BOB WALDREP: Thank you. And Tom, if  
8 you'll just share the answers to those census  
9 questions, we'll appreciate that too.  
10 TOM ALLEN: I'll give you my cheat  
11 sheet.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: He needs the help.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Any, anything further?  
14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
16 EDDIE MOORE: I would also like to thank  
17 Mr. Pelissier. I really enjoy -- that's one of the  
18 most worthwhile organizations I've ever been a part of  
19 and I really have enjoyed it. Got a lot of useful  
20 information. I've asked a lot of questions. They've  
21 assisted us many times when I was chairman last year  
22 and I really appreciate it. It's a very, very good  
23 organization, very well run. And I appreciate all the  
24 support you've done for Anderson County.  
25 STEVE PELISSIER: Thank you very much.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
27 Pelissier. We appreciate what all the Council does.  
28 Thank you very much. Moving on to Item Number 10,  
29 Ordinance Second Reading, Number 2010-004, Ordinance to  
30 authorize and accept the transfer of authority to  
31 conduct elections scheduled for November of odd number  
32 of years for the Towns of West Pelzer, Honea Path to  
33 the Anderson County Registration and Election  
34 Commission and other matters related thereto. Public  
35 hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,  
36 please step forward and state your name. Anyone at  
37 all? Time for public hearing. Hearing none, the  
38 public hearing will be closed. Make a motion?  
39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
40 motion to move.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion and a  
42 second. We've got a motion by Mr. Wilson and second by  
43 Ms. -- motion by Mr. Moore and a second by Ms. Wilson.  
44 Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
45 motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
46 motion carries unanimous. Moving on to Item Number 11,  
47 the Finance Committee Report. Mr. Allen.  
48 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As  
49 a finance committee report this is kind of an ongoing  
50 report actually because what we've been working on in

1 the finance committee is a continuously moving program.  
2 Kind of a program in progress, if you will. And  
3 currently, we've been working on reducing the number of  
4 vehicles being driving home by county employees. As  
5 you may recall, we started out almost a year ago at  
6 this time, there were fifty-five vehicles being driven  
7 home. We got that narrowed down to twenty-nine, then  
8 we got it narrowed down to twenty-four, and now we  
9 currently have it narrowed down to twenty vehicles that  
10 are being driven home and we're still work on this.  
11 Like I said, it's a work in progress. Two of the  
12 vehicles that are being driven home are actually  
13 outside of the county. Now those folks that are  
14 outside of the county, they're going to be charged  
15 mileage for that distance outside the county so we have  
16 that angle covered. During this time, as I said, it's  
17 an ongoing program, we've received information from  
18 several other counties and Mr. Moore has been  
19 instrumental in this, pulling information in from  
20 Berkeley County, York County, Greenville and Horry  
21 County. And we're studying this, looking over it,  
22 trying to figure out how are they doing it, what are  
23 they doing right, what we could we do maybe a little  
24 bit better. I think we're doing a pretty good job  
25 right now having knocked thirty-five cars off of the  
26 drive home list. But we're still going to -- I think  
27 we need to have yet another finance committee meeting  
28 in the near future, and I'll set a date for it here in  
29 a few minutes, to go over this and make sure that we  
30 have shaved these automobiles down just as far as we  
31 can. And we're not only looking at automobiles, we're  
32 looking at every penny and dollar we can possibly save.  
33 This includes cell phones, Blackberries, insurance,  
34 anything that we can do to save a few dollars. So for  
35 instance right now, we're, we're allowing twenty cars  
36 to be driven home. Greenville County is driving forty-  
37 two cars home. Now they're a bigger county than we are  
38 and they have some different categories than we do.  
39 But you can kind of get an idea there as to, as to how  
40 we're doing on the cut back on drive home vehicles.  
41 But as I said, there's still be some question even on  
42 those twenty that are being driven home. Can we narrow  
43 that down some more? And we want to look at that, we  
44 want to study what the other counties have done, and,  
45 excuse me, see if there's magic bullet in there that we  
46 can use too. And again we'll be looking at all these  
47 other things I just mentioned such as insurance  
48 programs, Blackberries, cell phones, the whole works.  
49 And that's not going to be a panacea to all of our  
50 budget problems by any means. But, like I said, we

1 want to shave every penny that we can. Everybody's got  
2 to tighten their belt some. Having said that, I don't  
3 know if, if there'll be any questions on what we've  
4 done so far. As I said, I would like to set a date for  
5 the next finance committee meeting. And a question had  
6 come up about possibly this Friday. I'm booked up this  
7 Friday. I can't squeeze it in that fast. And I was  
8 wondering next Thursday the 25th at 5:00 p.m. I know  
9 the, the animal shelter's having their first committee  
10 meeting here and I wondered if we could have ours right  
11 prior to that? Ms. Wilson says no. And since you're  
12 on the finance committee ...

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

14 TOM ALLEN: Yes.

15 TOMMY DUNN: May I suggest, and we'll  
16 announce it, if y'all get together after the meeting  
17 and come up with a date because I've been here before  
18 on trying to get a date and I know how that can be.

19 TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. So  
20 that...

21 TOMMY DUNN: Let's get together and try  
22 to get something or other and come up with something.

23 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

24 TOMMY DUNN: I would just like to mention  
25 a couple of things on the finance committee before you  
26 take questions from any of the other members. It is my  
27 understanding Ms. Wilson's requested some reports from  
28 departments about employees, what they do and whatnot.  
29 And I think it's a good idea, might be a good idea, I'm  
30 just suggesting to the finance committee also to bring  
31 in department heads or either go out, go out to their  
32 place and actually see what these things, you know. We  
33 went around, I know some of us did before we got  
34 elected, you know. All of us probably went around at  
35 one time but it's been a while. Just go by and ask,  
36 ask actual questions. You know filling out a report or  
37 filling out whatever ain't going to give you a chance  
38 to ask questions. You know, I just throw that out  
39 there. And another thing that's been on -- a topic for  
40 a few years now. Maybe get some clarity. If y'all  
41 could be in charge of getting us this report on this  
42 and this is the EMS tax in the county. And what I mean  
43 by that, you know, certain people, you know, they say  
44 is double taxed and whatnot, enhanced. Let's get to  
45 the bottom and let's clear this up one way or the  
46 other. You know, either we are or we ain't and we can  
47 deal with it. But let's get the true figures and facts  
48 and get people out where they can know the information.  
49 I've got a call -- I got a couple of calls on that  
50 today, in fact. Any other, any other members have



1 anything for Mr., Mr. Allen? Questions or anything?  
2 Hearing none. Thank you, thank you, Mr. Allen, for all  
3 what y'all doing and ---

4 TOM ALLEN: We'll get together.

5 TOMMY DUNN: If y'all would just get  
6 together and get a date and let us all know and if we  
7 can make or whatnot. But I will urge you, whatever  
8 y'all come up with or anything for the ones of us that  
9 can't make it, make sure we get the information if you  
10 would. And I know you do and I appreciate it.

11 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ordinance, Ordinance First  
13 Reading, Number 2010-003, Ordinance amending Section  
14 55-32 of the Anderson County Code pertaining to the  
15 County Vehicle Policy and matters related thereto. Mr.  
16 Moore.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
18 to leave this tabled for now. What we're going to do  
19 is when Mr. Allen has his meeting, we have our finance  
20 meeting, we're going to take and try to get a policy,  
21 maybe write one and replace this ordinance that I had  
22 originally written and try to incorporate it into a  
23 county policy on the cars. And we'll work on that in  
24 the finance committee and when we come for the first  
25 reading, we'll have something that everybody can be  
26 comfortable with. But we do know there are exceptions.  
27 We've got to run the county and we can't, you know, put  
28 restrictions on certain cars so we want to make sure  
29 that we do the right thing. You know, give us the  
30 opportunity to have some of the department heads to  
31 come into our finance committee meeting and we can work  
32 this out and have us a policy instead, you know, and  
33 pass it, you know, maybe an amendment to the ordinance  
34 we already have on the books. And with that said, I  
35 would like to just leave this one tabled. And I  
36 appreciate it, Mr. Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I appreciate it, Mr. Moore,  
38 and thank you for the work y'all have done on this. I  
39 just want to say this also, I think the committee  
40 headed up by Mr. Allen's already done great work on  
41 this, you take fifty-five cars down to twenty. And I  
42 appreciate your time, y'all looking at this and  
43 continue to look at it and get a policy on this. And I  
44 appreciate your consideration of taking this off --  
45 leaving it on the table until we can -- y'all have a  
46 chance to meet and make it -- refine it a little bit  
47 and I really do appreciate that. Moving on to Item  
48 Number 13, Resolution R2010-20, a resolution  
49 designating Anderson County, South Carolina, as a  
50 recovery zone for the purpose of the Anderson, excuse

1 me, purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment  
2 Act 2009 allocating a portion of Anderson County's  
3 volume cap allocation for recovery zone facility bonds  
4 to the South Carolina Research Authority and other  
5 matters related thereto. Mr. Burns, Mr. Pitts, you  
6 going to tag team it or which one wants to go. Both of  
7 you are down here.

8 MIKE PITTS: I'll take a first crack at  
9 it. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to introduce this evening,  
10 we have Margaret McGee, who is bond counsel to the  
11 Clemson Research Authority, and also Julia Martin, who  
12 is with the, with the Research Authority. They can  
13 give you some more details about the project that's  
14 being under consideration. But just in a nutshell what  
15 this is, is that the county has been allocated a  
16 certain amount of bond capacity by the Department of  
17 Treasury under the -- and they're called Recovery Zone  
18 Bonds. There are two different kind. The kind that  
19 the Research Authority has asked us for is something  
20 called recovery zone facility bonds. And they are a  
21 method of, of low cost financing that private or  
22 private/public partnerships can avail themselves of.  
23 This is the kind of bond issue where the debt service  
24 is paid by the party receiving the benefits of the  
25 proceeds so the county is not going to have any, any  
26 monetary obligation for these bonds being issued.  
27 They're also referred to as conduit financing. It  
28 won't affect the county's bond rating or its bonding  
29 capacity. It's got so much facility zone bond  
30 allocation, I believe is 14.7 million. They've asked  
31 for 4.5 to this particular project. We have confirmed  
32 that this isn't going to interfere in any way with any  
33 other projects that, that might be in the works for the  
34 county. And with that, I'll, I'll turn it over to  
35 these two ladies.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

37 JULIA MARTIN: First I'd like to thank you  
38 all for taking the time out of your agenda to hear this  
39 matter tonight. I'm Julia Martin. I'm with SCRA. I'm  
40 chief financial officer. We are a public 501(c)(3)  
41 organization and a primary portion of our mission is  
42 the support of economic development in the state. So  
43 we are planning the construction of a four and a half  
44 million dollar facility which is going to be located in  
45 the Clemson Research Park which is off of Highway 187  
46 here in Anderson County. It's going to be a sister  
47 facility to Clemson's Advanced Material Research Lab  
48 and their planned Innovation Center there. So we are  
49 going to be locating our -- a portion of our advanced  
50 materials division in this facility. We're also going

1 to be using it to help us to attract and grow  
2 businesses here in the county. I don't know if you all  
3 are familiar with the S. C. Launch program which is a  
4 statewide program that we run as well, so this is going  
5 to provide additional infrastructure to help us execute  
6 that program. And as Mike mentioned, we're not asking  
7 the council for any money, we're not asking the county  
8 for any money. We planned -- we're a self funded  
9 organization. This is a part of -- what we're doing is  
10 in our operating plan and we'll be financing the  
11 facility ourselves. We're just asking for this bond  
12 allocation.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

14 JOE LUCAS: Good evening. I'm Joe Lucas  
15 from Pope Zeigler. I just wanted to add one thing  
16 regarding this alloc -- the overall allocation to the  
17 county and to all the counties around the state and  
18 around the nation. This allocation runs out at the end  
19 of this year and once it's gone, there's no indication  
20 Congress is going to give it back, so that money goes  
21 away. So if we don't use it for good projects like  
22 this then it's just going to disappear.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Any council members? Mr.  
24 Waldrep.

25 BOB WALDREP: I just have a question or  
26 two. It was explained by Mr. Pitts that we, we pay for  
27 the debt service. Is that -- so we don't, so we don't  
28 pay for anything? So this is -- we don't have to pay  
29 nay money back to anybody?

30 JULIA MARTIN: SCRA will be financing the  
31 facility and we'll be responsible for the debt service  
32 on the facility.

33 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So this is, this is  
34 one of those things that sounds like it's too good to  
35 be true? And that's, that's the only reason I ask  
36 these questions is because this might be the first time  
37 that I've seen something that was too good to be true  
38 to be true.

39 JULIA MARTIN: We will be benefitting from  
40 the allocation as Mr. Pitts explained through a lower  
41 cost of capital for the facility. So -- and we will be  
42 -- again, a primary portion of our mission is economic  
43 development in the state. So this is going to not only  
44 be used to house our advance materials division and to  
45 grow that division, but also to help grow some of the  
46 pro -- the companies that are coming through our launch  
47 program and hopefully, we're going to be able to use  
48 the facility for -- to specially outfit for companies  
49 coming in to meet their needs and to attract them to  
50 the area.

1 BOB WALDREP: It's for research? Now that  
2 was a question that I -- the kind of facility that you  
3 have though you're putting it in the research park. Is  
4 it a research facility?

5 JULIA MARTIN: It, it will be -- a portion,  
6 a portion of it will be office space for our facility.  
7 We're also going to have some secure facilities for --  
8 to conduct some of our federal programs and those that  
9 we partner with Clemson University for. Some of the  
10 facility will also house lab space that will be  
11 complementary to the space that's in the Clemson  
12 facilities there on the property.

13 BOB WALDREP: Is this going to be a  
14 species or some kind of part of the facility like they  
15 have in Greenville? They have a research facility over  
16 there. Is this related to it in any way? The  
17 research?

18 JULIA MARTIN: The C.U.I. CAR campus?

19 BOB WALDREP: I'm talking about the one  
20 that's over there on -- off of -- it's 385 or  
21 something.

22 JULIA MARTIN: Right. I think a -- and I'm  
23 not an expert in this area so let me put that out  
24 there.

25 BOB WALDREP: That's a Clemson, that's a  
26 Clemson ...

27 JULIA MARTIN: They're focused on  
28 automotive research.

29 BOB WALDREP: Right.

30 JULIA MARTIN: What we're doing here in  
31 Anderson is related to the advance materials area. Now  
32 there are still advanced materials that's related to  
33 the automotive. But this particular facility, the  
34 group of facilities is around advanced materials  
35 research, composites, and composites manufacturing,  
36 that type of thing.

37 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

40 EDDIE MOORE: This will also bring some  
41 jobs to the county too, want it?

42 JULIA MARTIN: Yes, sir. We are planning,  
43 again, we're going to be housing folks there who are  
44 going to be employed by SCRA. We also have a growth  
45 plan for the facility. We're currently leasing space  
46 for just under twenty folks at the advanced materials  
47 research lab and we're going to be busting out of there  
48 pretty soon. The other portion of the, of the concept  
49 of the facility is that as part of the launch program,  
50 again I don't know how many of you are familiar with

1 it, but we are in the business of sort of mentoring  
2 companies that are growing here. A lot of those  
3 companies come from research that's being  
4 commercialized out of the universities. Some of them  
5 are just folks off the street who have a good idea and  
6 who need help with an environment to grow their  
7 business. And so part of that is having adequate  
8 infrastructure to house these folks when they're ready  
9 to grow and also helping to attract them to the area.

10 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I may have missed  
11 this. Did you say you were going to be moving into one  
12 of the existing buildings there or building a new?

13 JULIA MARTIN: We are currently leasing a  
14 small amount of space from the advanced materials  
15 research lab.

16 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

17 JULIA MARTIN: But we're going to out grow  
18 that. And so we are -- we ourselves are going to be  
19 housed in part -- a portion of the facility and will  
20 accommodate our growth. And then we're also going to  
21 have other companies come in there with us.

22 TOM ALLEN: Will you be utilizing any of  
23 the vacant buildings out there? There are some vacant  
24 buildings I believe on the research ...

25 JULIA MARTIN: We, ourselves, will not be.

26 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Okay.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Folks, I want  
29 you to know that I did my homework. This is my papers.  
30 I sat down and watching Andy Griffin while I read  
31 through this thing. Then I had to cut off Andy Griffin  
32 because I wasn't understanding anything about this. So  
33 I have a couple of questions for you, okay? It does  
34 seem like it's too good to be true. I was not familiar  
35 with that, what is it, the Recovery Act? It has --  
36 what -- who has made use of this Act already in this  
37 state? Has anyone made use of -- anyone else have  
38 employed this Act for anything?

39 JULIA MARTIN: There are several projects  
40 in the works and, in fact, there's another project in  
41 Anderson County that's coming up that's probably going  
42 to use these Recovery Zone facility bonds as well. And  
43 there have been projects all over the state. South  
44 Carolina's been a little bit, little bit slow using  
45 these bonds but there's several counties in North  
46 Carolina.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: What -- could you just name  
48 one in the state for me?

49 JULIA MARTIN: I'm not sure there's been  
50 one that's using the facility bonds although there is

1 ---

2 MARGARET MCGEE: I'm familiar with two  
3 projects, but I'm hesitant to put names out there  
4 because I don't know how public they are.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand, I understand.  
6 Well my, my point was just to try to understand what  
7 you're talking here and how it went -- how it's going  
8 rather. You said that this -- this came in effect in  
9 '09.

10 JULIA MARTIN: Right.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: But I apologize that I  
12 haven't paid much attention to it because I don't know  
13 anything about it. But anyway, I did read through it  
14 and I underlined some things and I wrote some  
15 questions. Now I know it's been answered already that  
16 we won't have to pay any money.

17 JULIA MARTIN: Right.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: But somebody's going to have  
19 to pay the piper. Who's going to do that?

20 JULIA MARTIN: That'll be the South  
21 Carolina Research Authority. They're borrowing money  
22 and they'll be repaying the money. Anderson County's  
23 not on the hook.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So they're borrowing  
25 the money from RCA -- the Recovery Act? Am I correct?

26 JULIA MARTIN: They're borrowing the money  
27 through a bond created by the Recovery Act.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And you  
29 guys will get the money and you will pay it back.  
30 Right?

31 JULIA MARTIN: Right.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Well that sounds good. So  
33 how can we help? How do we play in this, the council?  
34 How do we play into this?

35 JULIA MARTIN: Well, we just need the  
36 council to agree to the things in the resolution. We  
37 need for y'all to agree to designate Anderson County as  
38 a recovery zone because these bonds can only be used in  
39 a recovery zone.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh now. Yeah. That's the  
41 meat of it.

42 JULIA MARTIN: Right.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: That is the meat of it. All  
44 we have to do is to assure, or validate, or sign our  
45 names to papers saying that Anderson County is a  
46 recovery zone and we are because of the job market --  
47 the decrease in the job market that we've experienced  
48 and the fact that we've had so many plants close down  
49 and stuff.

50 JULIA MARTIN: Right.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: And the unemployment rate is  
2 high. That's it?  
3 JULIA MARTIN: That's it.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: You've got my name. All  
5 right. I understand.  
6 JULIA MARTIN: Well, we appreciate that.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. It had to be made  
8 just a little clearer to me. I just wasn't getting it.  
9 But now I have it.  
10 JULIA MARTIN: Right. And Anderson County  
11 got a fourteen million dollar allocation for these  
12 facility bonds. That means they can -- the county --  
13 there can be fourteen million dollars worth of these  
14 bonds issued. We're just asking for four and half  
15 million of the allocation to go to the South Carolina  
16 Research Park.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now how  
18 many jobs do you think will be created because of this?  
19 Because of what you're going to do?  
20 JULIA MARTIN: Our projections were around  
21 fifty for our facility and then additional in the  
22 sister facilities. And that's a -- I believe it was a  
23 seven or eight year projection.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: In seven or eight years,  
25 fifty people?  
26 JULIA MARTIN: We have, we have about  
27 twenty today.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. How many people  
29 will you be bringing in?  
30 JULIA MARTIN: I don't -- again, we had a  
31 projection over -- I think it was a seven year  
32 projection, so it would be an additional thirty jobs.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no. I didn't phrase, I  
34 didn't phrase that one correctly. How many people will  
35 be moving into our area, will you be bringing with you  
36 to take some of these jobs?  
37 JULIA MARTIN: Not -- none immediately  
38 because we have -- currently we have just under twenty  
39 folks who are currently employed in Anderson County.  
40 Within the next year we expect to add another three  
41 folks to that division.  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Another three?  
43 JULIA MARTIN: This year.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: This year. Okay. What kind  
45 of jobs do y'all have up there that I haven't heard  
46 about that you've been employing people?  
47 JULIA MARTIN: So we -- and again, I'm not  
48 the marketing person ...  
49 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE TWO  
50 JULIA MARTIN: ... run the composites

1 manufacturing technology center for the office to  
2 enable research, so the folks that we employ are in  
3 project management for that. They are also -- I mean  
4 we have a couple of Ph.D.s out of Clemson, who have  
5 graduated out of Clemson who work on our composite  
6 programs. We have folks who are experts in contracting  
7 and procurement with the federal government. So  
8 there's those types of jobs. Did I answer your  
9 question?

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, you have. But are we  
11 going to have some jobs up there for the everyday  
12 people? People who don't have Ph.D.s and just people  
13 who need employment, you know, just to have a job. It  
14 won't be those kinds of jobs, right?

15 JULIA MARTIN: Right. So just speaking  
16 from an economic development point of view, when we  
17 bring those kinds of jobs into the area, there'll be  
18 ancillary services as well that will be required.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Okay.  
20 All of it sounds good and I'm on your team, I'm on your  
21 side. But I have one more question, Mr. Chairman.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: What y'all making up there?  
24 I don't want to find out later on that y'all, that  
25 y'all making stink bombs up there. But tell me what  
26 are y'all making up there?

27 JULIA MARTIN: They're not -- we are not  
28 manufacturing anything there so ...

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

30 JULIA MARTIN: The work that we're doing  
31 there is primarily with the federal government. We  
32 work with them at their locations.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: But you don't know what  
34 they're making either?

35 JULIA MARTIN: Well -- so the composites  
36 manufacturing technology center is looking at the use  
37 of composites and ---

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh, that doesn't help me.  
39 What's -- what are composites?

40 JULIA MARTIN: Oh now, see, you're out of  
41 my realm, I'm not a technology ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Anybody know what composites  
43 are? Okay. All right, all right. Well I guess you've  
44 helped me as best you can. You've done a remarkable  
45 job and I thank all of you.

46 JULIA MARTIN: Thank you.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else? If y'all --  
49 next time if y'all want to put a dollar amount on that  
50 you wouldn't have to answer so many questions. They



1 thought this was too good to be true. We have a  
2 motion?  
3 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we move  
4 this.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, Mr. Moore makes  
6 the motion to adopt. Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any further  
7 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, show of hands.  
8 All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
9 unanimously. Thank y'all very much.  
10 JULIA MARTIN: Thank you.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Appointments. At this time,  
12 we move on to Item Number 14, Appointments. Mr. Allen.  
13 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one. I've been  
16 looking for a Civic Center replacement and I've found  
17 one. His name is Levi Leverick. I'm appointment Mr.  
18 Leverick to the Civic Center board. I have an opening  
19 on that board. Mrs. Eddleman will be given his address  
20 and phone number.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?  
22 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. All in  
24 favor, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
25 motion carries unanimously.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Anything further?  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: No. That's all I have.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
30 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. I would like to  
31 appoint Mr. Ronnie Mattison, 3720 Trail Road in  
32 Anderson, back to the construction board of adjustment  
33 and appeals.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds the  
35 motion. All in favor, show of hands. All opposed,  
36 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
37 Anything else, Mr. Moore?  
38 EDDIE MOORE: None further, Mr. Chairman.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep, any  
40 appointments?  
41 BOB WALDREP: No appointments, Mr.  
42 Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
44 CINDY WILSON: None right now, thank you.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 15,  
46 Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Carroll.  
47 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, we have six  
48 items for your consideration tonight. All six of these  
49 are on state contract and per the purchasing changes  
50 back in the fall, all state contracts over ten thousand

1 need to come before you. As you noticed in your  
2 packet, you had five. We had a request come in Friday  
3 for the last item on there and I did a revised sheet  
4 and put it in front of you if you'll still entertain  
5 that. Starting at the top, I have Ms. Gail King, I  
6 believe here from MIS department, if you have any  
7 questions. Item one is the vendor data network  
8 solutions - one hundred twenty-nine thousand seven  
9 twenty-one ninety-eight. And you can see the  
10 description of the project. There's a couple of  
11 components of this. But that's the first item for  
12 consideration and it is a state contract.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Motion?

14 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move it.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion.

16 Do we have a second?

17 TOM ALLEN: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds the

19 motion. Any discussion?

20 TOM ALLEN: I ...

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

22 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick  
23 question. Is this sort of a back-up system that we're  
24 talking about? Okay. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: I had, I had some questions  
27 that the Sheriff answered for me concerning the two  
28 items on there for the Sheriff's office.

29 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. This is just  
30 this one. We'll get -- we'll go down one at a time.  
31 We're on the first one for right now. That's all we're  
32 going to be voting on.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. I got the -- all  
34 right. The mistake is mine. I apologize.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. That's all right.  
36 Mr. Waldrep.

37 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I was just  
38 going to try to get an understanding of our computer  
39 system here. My information was that we had a very old  
40 computer system and ---

41 GAIL KING: No, sir.

42 BOB WALDREP: We don't?

43 GAIL KING: No. We got the First ?? 400  
44 in 1992, but that machine has been replaced, oh, I  
45 would say two or three times over the course of the  
46 years. The latest -- last time we got one was probably  
47 three years ago, we got the new version.

48 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

49 GAIL KING: It is very ---

50 BOB WALDREP: So it's all up to date?

1 GAIL KING: It is.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, fine. That was  
3 just the only question I had. And what we're doing  
4 here in compatible?  
5 GAIL KING: What, what this will do will  
6 replicate -- our computer room is on the first floor  
7 and we have the servers that really run all of our  
8 county operations ---  
9 BOB WALDREP: You say replicate, you mean  
10 like duplicate? Is that the same word we're using?  
11 GAIL KING: Yes, yes. Should -- what  
12 this will do, should we lose our computer room here, if  
13 we lose it here, they can't collect taxes, courts  
14 can't, you know, function.  
15 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay.  
16 GAIL KING: What we do is kind of a  
17 triangle that we're setting up and we would actually  
18 cease to function here, move the operation to the FAA  
19 Building. The data, everything is replicated out there  
20 and everybody would continue to process.  
21 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you. That's  
22 it.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? All in favor  
24 of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign.  
25 Show the motion carries. Item number two.  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: Dell Computer. This is  
27 another component of the same system - twenty-four  
28 thousand five twenty-four twenty.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
30 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move it.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion.  
32 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Second, Mr. Allen. Any  
34 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
35 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the  
36 motion carries unanimously. Moving on to item number  
37 three, the Sheriff's Office.  
38 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. This is for a  
39 2010 Chevrolet Suburban. These next two items, I  
40 believe the Sheriff is here to answer any questions if  
41 you may have any.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: We have a -- do we have a  
43 motion?  
44 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
45 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson.  
47 Second by Mr. Allen. Any discussion?  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Skipper, Sheriff

1 Skipper, would you come down to the mike, please?  
2 Thank you. I, I had some questions of Mr. -- I mean of  
3 the Sheriff that I think that I'd like to share with  
4 the, with the full council. I was asking him about the  
5 two vehicles, I mean the three vehicles he was going to  
6 purchase. One is a Suburban and the other ones a  
7 Tahoe. First of all I wanted to find out from him --  
8 well this money is coming from the Sheriff's budget?

9 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's correct.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Uh huh. So it doesn't  
11 need to be any confusion placed on the floor about  
12 where the money's coming from. It's the Sheriff's  
13 budget. You want to repeat after me. This is the  
14 Sheriff's budget. All right. Sheriff, you explained  
15 to me why you needed these type cars. Would you like  
16 to explain it to the ---

17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, I've got the Suburban  
18 on there and then I've got two Tahoes. Obviously, we  
19 doing four wheel drive. We're looking at these for our  
20 Forensics Unit and a few other functions like that.  
21 Obviously, we, you know, we do work off road, you know,  
22 we do in the rain and the snow as we just had and the  
23 ice and everything else. And when you call us, you  
24 don't want no excuses why we can't come. So, I mean,  
25 and that's it, and obviously, for the hauling and the  
26 capabilities of those.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I asked you one other  
28 question. Okay. Yeah. This -- would you please  
29 explain to everybody where you're getting this, you  
30 know, where you got these bids from and just what  
31 you've done here, please?

32 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Oh, well, the bids come from  
33 the state contract. The, I mean, that's through the  
34 state procurement and I think the contractor for that  
35 is the Burns. And I actually looked around here, had  
36 William Ray go to a local dealer to try to get a -- to  
37 try to get the vehicles through them, but the prices  
38 were state contract and we couldn't get a better price  
39 than what they got, as I understand it.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Sheriff,  
41 I was fully -- Sheriff?

42 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yes, ma'am.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. I was  
44 fully pleased with the answers that you gave me and  
45 after talking with you I was satisfied ---

46 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Right.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: -- that you were doing what  
48 was in the best interest for your department and for  
49 your, for your budget. And, but I just thought that  
50 you -- maybe you needed to share ---

1 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: -- these questions with the  
3 council members, as well as with some members of the  
4 public.  
5 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Great. Thank you.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
7 Chair.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of  
9 -- anything else -- anyone else?  
10 BOB WALDREP: I just had a question there  
11 of the Chevrolet Tahoe, are they sixty thousand dollars  
12 each?  
13 TOM ALLEN: No.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: That's for two.  
15 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's two of those. Yes,  
16 sir.  
17 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thanks. I just  
18 wanted to make sure of that.  
19 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I wouldn't have bought them  
20 for sixty each.  
21 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none,  
23 in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
24 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on  
25 to item number four.  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: The next item's also two  
27 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office - sixty  
28 thousand six fifty-six.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought we did that  
30 together.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: No. We didn't. We should  
32 have. But motion -- do we have a motion?  
33 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
35 move.  
36 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
38 discussion, further? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
39 motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
40 the motion carries unanimously. Moving on to item ...  
41 ROBERT CARROLL: Item five. The next item is  
42 for Connecting Elements, Incorporated - forty-three  
43 thousand two ninety-two sixty. This is for furniture  
44 for the DSS Building which you approved the renovation  
45 on the bond issue and this is part of that bond issue.  
46 This is furnishing for approximately twenty employees,  
47 I believe the director said, for DSS up on the third  
48 floor.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
50 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
2 to move. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Carroll?  
6 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Do they not have any  
8 furniture that can be used? What happened to it? The  
9 one that they're using now? All of it's just old or  
10 ...  
11 ROBERT CARROLL: They are using everything  
12 that they have. This is the new area on third floor  
13 which was unfinished, they've renovated it, turned it  
14 into offices, and this is ---  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: I see.  
16 ROBERT CARROLL: And some time during last  
17 year's budget I believe they said this is when they  
18 were able to get the additional employees. And  
19 basically they've been one on top of another for six  
20 months or more.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is for an area  
22 -- okay. This is for an area, a new area, that was not  
23 in use before. Am I correct?  
24 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Well, you know,  
26 we had trouble approving twelve thousand dollars for  
27 furniture for the McFalls Landing Building. I don't  
28 know how this one's going to do. But anyway, thank you  
29 for answering my questions.  
30 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
32 BOB WALDREP: Not to be too picky, Robert,  
33 but I'm just a little bit surprised about that figure  
34 for DSS. They are -- are they adding on more  
35 employees, the Department of Social Services or -- I  
36 just wondered why -- what, what was the real need for  
37 this, all this work that we're doing here for DSS?  
38 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm looking to see if anyone  
39 from DSS is here. I don't believe so. But I believe  
40 some time during the last budget year, they did obtain  
41 additional employees in the Anderson office and this is  
42 to accommodate those folks. There's, there's a  
43 department, DSS, and then there's a Department of  
44 Health and Human Services. There's like two different  
45 groups over there.  
46 BOB WALDREP: Well ---  
47 ROBERT CARROLL: This request was for the DSS  
48 twenty -- basically it's the cubicles and the office --  
49 two or three offices for those persons. And then there  
50 was another -- the other side of that which was

1 renovated was, was requesting additional, I believe,  
2 eight persons to be put up there. And based on the  
3 fact that those eight were not approved then they  
4 didn't need the furniture to furnish that side. So as  
5 of right now, if this goes through, the one side which  
6 is a much larger side of that third floor will be  
7 furnished and the other side will sit vacant and I  
8 guess used for storage.

9 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I don't want to  
10 get into the picky details. But nevertheless, this  
11 company that's providing this furnishings, where does  
12 that -- is it Connection Elements, Inc.?

13 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes. This is on state  
14 contract. I don't -- I want to say Rock Hill, but I  
15 may not be correct on that, Mr. Waldrep, where they're  
16 located. But they are -- this matches the type  
17 furniture that they have currently in the other areas  
18 of their building and they had used this when we built  
19 the building seven, eight years ago and then they went  
20 with the same type of furniture, manufacture.

21 BOB WALDREP: Well, I hope it's better  
22 quality than that we put down at McFalls Landing, I can  
23 tell you that. Okay. Thank you.

24 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

26 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Is this within  
27 the construction budget that we have? It doesn't make  
28 the budget go over? Is that factored in?

29 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am. That, that  
30 number I think was somewhere around six hundred  
31 thousand and then there was a -- there will be some  
32 reimbursement back by DSS. I don't think it's a one  
33 time shot. I think it's over a few years that we'll  
34 get some of this money back, is my understanding from  
35 talking to Ms. Davis in finance.

36 CINDY WILSON: I thought that was three  
37 hundred and twenty some odd thousand, not six hundred  
38 thousand.

39 ROBERT CARROLL: No. It was six hundred  
40 something. The bid just came in like at two hundred  
41 and eight thousand, so they were drastically below the  
42 original estimate.

43 CINDY WILSON: I have a comment. This was  
44 just handed to us as we came in. And looking at the  
45 dates, it would be so nice if we could have this in our  
46 packet so we could have it so we could ask questions.

47 ROBERT CARROLL: It -- Ms. Wilson, it was in  
48 your packet. The last item that I spoke of while ago  
49 was added.

50 CINDY WILSON: This was not in what I had,

1 I don't think.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: One's like it in there, but  
3 there's one thing on that column's been added. But  
4 this was new, but you had everything on there but one.  
5 ROBERT CARROLL: But the last item that we  
6 haven't vote on.  
7 TOM ALLEN: ... packet in there.  
8 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.  
9 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm sorry. If it wasn't, I  
10 apologize. But it was -- I believe it was, Linda.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: I got it.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: It's in there.  
13 TOM ALLEN: It's in there.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: It's in there.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, are they about  
16 through out there finishing up?  
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
19 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. They got in there  
20 and got out very quick.  
21 CINDY WILSON: I'm in error. You're right.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Are we ready to vote? All  
23 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed,  
24 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
25 ROBERT CARROLL: The last item, Mr. Dunn,  
26 which is the one that was added after the reports went  
27 out on Friday is for the airport. Mr. Hopkins is here  
28 to speak about it. Greenwood Equipment is a state  
29 contract vendor - thirteen thousand eight hundred for a  
30 Batwing bush hog.  
31 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, this is where  
32 we have a tractor in place. We have a part time  
33 employee that's already doing some mowing around the  
34 place. But to do -- to eliminate our mowing contract  
35 for this summer, we just need this one piece of  
36 equipment and we can do it in-house. Hoping to save,  
37 save money at the airport.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr., Mr. Hopkins, what was  
39 the mowing contract last year roughly?  
40 HOLT HOPKINS: Twenty-five thousand.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Twenty-five thousand. And I  
42 think the new airport manager, it's my understanding,  
43 he wants to do a little bit -- not throwing off on  
44 other contractors -- wants to do a little bit different  
45 mowing try to work it in and prune it up a little bit.  
46 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. He wants to ---  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Groom it.  
48 HOLT HOPKINS: -- groom it over the next  
49 year or two to -- and it's kind of hard to price that.  
50 But doing it in house they'll be able to hopefully



1 really get it looking better out there for the  
2 visitors.

3 TOMMY DUNN: And while you're here just,  
4 I know we -- what you call it, you want to just mention  
5 the conversation we had today about the airport lights?  
6 You feel free to talk about that?

7 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. Yes, sir. I think it  
8 was Mr. Waldrep asked when we were talking about the  
9 grant for the airport. There's been a little bit of a  
10 twist. We were in a hurry at the last time because the  
11 FAA thought we were going to have to turn that around  
12 real quick to get that money that they were offering.  
13 One other wrinkle since then has come in. They -- we  
14 took some of the information from council back to them  
15 and they are going to award us money to fix a majority  
16 of the lights. In doing so, it's -- they have moved us  
17 out of the March pot of money or April pot of money and  
18 they moved us into June. So everything's been delayed  
19 a little bit. But the good part of that is we're going  
20 to get our lights fixed too.

21 TOMMY DUNN: That's good. Do we have a  
22 motion?

23 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion to  
25 move. Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any further discussion  
26 from anyone?

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I want to ask about  
28 the lights.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I want to ask  
31 about the lights. Will -- is this the lights that --  
32 are we talking about the lights that went out?

33 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. The taxiway  
34 lights.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Fine. Okay. And we're  
36 going to get those fixed?

37 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Well good. I'm glad of  
39 that. Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anything else?  
41 All in favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign.  
42 Show the motion carries.

43 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

45 Moving on Item Number 16, Requests by Council Members.  
46 Ms. Wilson. Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

47 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
48 request from my recreation fund and that would be five  
49 hundred dollars to go to the Upstate Chili Cook-Off.  
50 And let me explain that that is a very big operation

1 that's coming -- I think it's statewide. It's coming  
2 to Mr. Moore's district in Belton. And so I just  
3 wanted to -- everybody to understand that. And  
4 hopefully, we'll get some information. I'm not exactly  
5 sure when the cook-off takes place.

6 EDDIE MOORE: April.

7 BOB WALDREP: In April. Okay. So, so  
8 look for it because we'll have people coming from all  
9 over the state. And then they will enter into the  
10 national competition. And so I just thought I'd give  
11 them a chili reception. Then the -- if I could ask for  
12 that vote on that.

13 TOM ALLEN: Second.

14 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and a  
15 second. All in favor?

16 GRACIE FLOYD: How much are you doing, did  
17 you say?

18 BOB WALDREP: Five hundred.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Five hundred. Okay.

20 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,  
21 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the  
22 motion carries unanimously.

23 BOB WALDREP: Okay. One more, Mr.  
24 Chairman, that would be five hundred dollars to go to  
25 the Foothills Alliance. This is for abused children.  
26 Out of my recreation fund.

27 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second by Ms.  
28 Wilson. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrep out of his  
29 recreation account. Six hundred and fifty dollars.  
30 All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

31 BOB WALDREP: How much did you -- five  
32 hundred? How much did you say?

33 TOMMY DUNN: I thought you said six  
34 fifty. Did you say five hundred?

35 BOB WALDREP: I said five hundred.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry. For the --  
37 well, I can't -- you can't blame me for trying.

38 MIKE PITTS: I believe the number, Mr.  
39 Waldrep, is five seventy-five.

40 BOB WALDREP: No. On this one it says six  
41 fifty, but I'm cutting it -- I want to cut it down to  
42 five hundred. Okay. Do I hear five fifty? Does  
43 anybody -- going once, going twice, five hundred.

44 TOMMY DUNN: We've got to change that.  
45 Mr. Waldrep's, Mr. Waldrep's recommendation -- request  
46 is five hundred. Mine was six fifty and I can't get  
47 him to budge. We've got an auctioneer here, Alan, if  
48 you want to get up and try to get him to go a little  
49 bit. But any more discussion? Hearing none, all in  
50 favor of Mr. Waldrep's motion five hundred dollars,

1 show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
2 Mr. Moore.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. I have two. I have --  
4 the first one I have is for the Battle of Anderson, the  
5 re-enactment we're going to have next month - fifteen  
6 hundred dollars. I put that in the form of a motion.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion of Mr. Moore fifteen  
8 hundred dollars for the Battle of Anderson. Second by  
9 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

10 BOB WALDREP: He's not referring to the  
11 primary, is he?

12 TOMMY DUNN: Could be, could be, could  
13 be. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
14 opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
15 unanimously.

16 EDDIE MOORE: I have one more. I have  
17 down at Grove Fire Station, we're replacing their --  
18 where they pull their tanker out. It was sunk in and  
19 I'm going to replace it out of the paving account.  
20 Five thousand dollars to fix their paving right in  
21 front of their doors.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We have a motion.

23 CINDY WILSON: Second.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds the  
25 motion. Takes five thousand dollars out of Mr. Moore's  
26 paving account for the Grove Fire Department. Any  
27 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, show  
28 of hands. Anything else?

29 EDDIE MOORE: That's all, Mr. Chairman.  
30 Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I find myself in  
33 a dilemma here. I wanted to make an allocation from  
34 District Two's account to two places, but I won't be  
35 able to give as much to the second place as I thought  
36 because of having to do it for the first place. But  
37 anyway, I would like to allocate five hundred dollars  
38 to the Homeland Park community for -- to be used for  
39 their Pride Day Award. Pride Day is a combination of a  
40 recreational activities for the community, as well as a  
41 clean up day. I think this is a worthwhile project for  
42 the people in that area. I have people in District Two  
43 who also live in that area who, who I am representing  
44 with my donation of five hundred dollars. That's in  
45 the form of a motion.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

47 TOM ALLEN: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds the  
49 motion. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in  
50 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like

1 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. My, my second  
3 donation is for the chili cook-off. I have, I have a  
4 small, tiny segment of District Two in the Belton --  
5 that live in the Belton Township. I don't have any  
6 boxes, I don't have any voter boxes in those areas, but  
7 I do have people in that area. In fact, my address is  
8 Belton as well. So I would like to -- I wanted to do  
9 more, but because I had to do the Homeland Park, more  
10 for Homeland Park, I'm going to have to do but two  
11 hundred and fifty dollars for the chili cook-off in  
12 Belton. That's in the form of a motion.  
13 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Moore. Any  
15 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
16 motion, show of hands. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: No. That's it. Thank you.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.  
19 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I have two. I  
21 also would like to donate two hundred and fifty dollars  
22 to the Homeland Park Pride Day clean up. Down there in  
23 the spring time last year and there were a lot of folks  
24 down there and got things and I would like to put that  
25 in the form of a motion.  
26 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
27 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,  
29 show of hands. Like sign. I'd like to ask for one  
30 hundred and one thousand dollars and three hundred  
31 sixty-five and twenty-seven cents out of my paving  
32 account to do full depth patching for as much as it  
33 will go for Old Pearman Dairy Road, Dixon Road,  
34 Sullivan Road, Standridge Road, and Clinkscates Road.  
35 This was recommended to me out of -- from staff. I put  
36 that in the form of a motion.  
37 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
39 favor, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
40 the motion carries unanimously. At this time, we'll go  
41 to Administrator's Report.  
42 RUSTY BURNS: No report, Mr. Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. At  
44 this time, Mr. Pitts.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute, wait a  
46 minute. Yeah. I have some questions on the  
47 Administrator Report. On, on the departmental  
48 transfers, Mr. Burns, you have money being transferred  
49 from the Farmers Market, Public Safety, Public Safety,  
50 Public Safety, and it goes to -- the reason it just

1 says reorganization. I don't understand, I don't -- I  
2 need -- may I have more information than just  
3 reorganization? And also here, this is from the  
4 Sheriff's Office, a reason to transfer, I think is  
5 ninety-five thousand dollars, is because doing budget  
6 process, salary for retirement accounts were not  
7 correct. Additional monies needed in police retirement  
8 but is, but is available in state retirement. All  
9 right. That's a big error and I don't understand why  
10 it wasn't caught earlier, you know, so we could have  
11 done something about it during the budget time. And  
12 another one from emergency service is two thousand  
13 eight hundred dollars, I believe, was transferred out  
14 and I don't see it on the -- on yeah, there it is. It  
15 was transferred from training to fuel and oil. To  
16 account -- yeah, it was transferred from training to  
17 fuel and oil and it's to help cover costs of fuel for  
18 technicians. Now what technician is that? I -- which,  
19 which technician is driving -- I mean, you know, needs  
20 that kind of help when we have taken away most of the  
21 cars from emergency services. I mean which one of them  
22 needed to have, you know, more money in that account?

23 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I don't have  
24 those answers on hand. I'll be happy to give them to  
25 you tomorrow and report them publically at the next  
26 council meeting.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But how soon can I  
28 get a copy of it? I don't want to have to wait until  
29 next council meeting till I get one.

30 RUSTY BURNS: I'll try to get you a copy  
31 before twelve o'clock tomorrow.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 18,

38 Citizens Comments. Mr. Pitts.

39 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

40 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm glad to see all this  
41 information that comes in the stack with the agenda and  
42 I had some questions too. And I'm glad to see Ms.  
43 Floyd has pointed out some of the answers to those  
44 questions. I question, however, Sheriff Skipper said  
45 he needed those three vehicles, but I'm just wondering  
46 if that could be waited for a while to get to that.  
47 That still is a lot of money. We're in a budget  
48 crunch. And I'm just amazed at all these bids and  
49 these lists of things that are coming down and I'm  
50 wondering where, where's the money coming to pay for

1 these things? I don't know. Y'all have to figure it  
2 out. Also, I wondered if Mr. Pitts had gotten an  
3 answer on that question that was raised last week by  
4 one of the other citizens about conflict of interest  
5 and I think we'd all like to know that. Our government  
6 is in the gutter. The constitutional abuses are  
7 rampant. When Obama can bribe senators to vote his  
8 way, that is abuse of power. Obviously, he does not  
9 see that action as illegal, but the people do. How  
10 many officials are guilty of trading perks for power?  
11 However, his approval rate is also in the gutter. It's  
12 dropped from sixty-five percent to a mere twenty-five  
13 percent. My elders cautioned about associations and  
14 locations. Therefore, if you hang out at late hours,  
15 you're more likely to associate with alcohol drinkers,  
16 party goers, questionable morals, and opportunities for  
17 crime and trouble. Individuals are judged by the  
18 people they associate with and the causes they  
19 champion. If these associations are poor, your name is  
20 damaged. Impropriety. If you wish people to respect  
21 you, you must not present yourself in a situation of  
22 impropriety. Guilt by association becomes guilt by  
23 association as birds of a feather nest together. Thank  
24 you.

25 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

26 RICK FREEMANTLE: I'm going to pass at this  
27 time.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
31 we'll go to Remarks from Council. Mr. Allen.

32 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I've got a  
35 couple of things I need to talk about. First of all, I  
36 want to reiterate what was said earlier about the  
37 census. The census is mandatory. It's -- you have to  
38 -- by law, you have to file the census report that  
39 comes to you. I think a lot of people got them  
40 yesterday. And if we could post them, post them as  
41 soon as possible that would be great. But if you need  
42 to look at what I'm, what I'm telling you, check Title  
43 13, check Title 13. This is what the census people  
44 told me and they don't have a reason to lie to me just  
45 like I don't have a reason to lie to you. Mr. Burns,  
46 I'm sorry I missed the sunshine meeting the other day,  
47 but I had some folks there who I talked with and one of  
48 the things that was said that you said that was -- that  
49 reimbursement to people who pay for FOI was done. Who  
50 was it that received reimbursement, please sir?

1 RUSTY BURNS: One in particular that I  
2 recall off the top of my head was Ms. Cindy Wilson.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: No one else received  
4 reimbursement?  
5 RUSTY BURNS: Not off the top of my head,  
6 but I will be happy to check.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I need you to check  
8 that for me okay, please.  
9 RUSTY BURNS: I will do so. Yes, ma'am.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: But Ms. Wilson received  
11 reimbursement of how much?  
12 RUSTY BURNS: I don't have that on the top  
13 of my head.  
14 CINDY WILSON: Six hundred and seventy-  
15 three dollars for my ---  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And this was for ...  
17 Mr. Burns? Reimbursement for FOI for this year?  
18 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: For when?  
20 RUSTY BURNS: Previous years. Again, I  
21 don't have that on top of my head, but I'll be happy to  
22 supply you with all that information.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I sure would like to  
24 see that because there's other people who paid who  
25 didn't receive a reimbursement. But anyway, that's  
26 important. Okay. Also, Mr. Chairman, did you get a  
27 copy of the Jabun -- Jay Ruben Long Detention Center?  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. They're asking  
30 us -- they want to invite all of Anderson County  
31 Sheriff's Office staff, county council members, county  
32 administration, and detention staff to visit their  
33 facility. I think this would be a good visit and I  
34 would like to attend this because we will soon be in  
35 the same thing in trying to build a detention center.  
36 So even if I'm the only one, maybe the Sheriff would go  
37 with me, I would like to take a look at this. So will  
38 you arrange this or will you have Mr. ---  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Have Mr. Burns, if he would,  
40 and have staff contact these folks and make  
41 arrangements and see ---  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you get a copy of this?  
43 You did. Okay. So you don't need mine. Okay. Mr.  
44 Waldrep, I understand that you have applied to state  
45 college to be on the trustee. Yeah. Well, I haven't  
46 said anything yet to be paid for, but I just heard the  
47 news the other day. That -- where -- have you been  
48 accepted?  
49 BOB WALDREP: Not yet.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

1 BOB WALDREP: I've, I've applied. I've  
2 asked and I'm being considered.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: For state college?  
4 BOB WALDREP: South Carolina State  
5 College.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. State College?  
7 BOB WALDREP: Well, I call it South  
8 Carolina State and you call it State College. That's  
9 fine.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Well. You say tomato, I say  
11 tomato. So let's call the whole thing off, okay?  
12 BOB WALDREP: Oh, let's do.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I just wanted to tell  
14 you that and I've heard that and ... Now this message  
15 is a confidential message out there to the lady in  
16 Homeland Park. Ma'am, you made my day. You are the  
17 main reason why I have decided to do what must be done.  
18 I cannot thank you enough for the letter that you  
19 wrote, I can't thank you enough for the prayers, and I  
20 cannot thank you enough for the support. You are a  
21 wonderful person. Please, keep up the good work of  
22 letting people know how you feel. And again, I thank  
23 you. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you too.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.  
25 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
26 Just a quick progress report on the equine initiative.  
27 We've had just enormous turnout and participation. We  
28 have a -- an organizational meeting I believe it's  
29 Tuesday the 23rd here at one p.m. And I'll quickly  
30 give you an idea of what's in the agenda. There'll be  
31 an update on the trail grant submission, formation of a  
32 non-profit, mission statement, review and acceptance of  
33 the group, website development, potential fund --  
34 funding, fund raising and loans, future projects,  
35 including a number of different initiatives. We've  
36 been so blessed in the tri county area of having the  
37 caliber of folks you saw here earlier this evening.  
38 Ms. Amy Nichols has worked tirelessly on this. We've  
39 had two incredible staff members, three staff members,  
40 Mr. Chase Heatherly, Mr. Steve Newton, who's been  
41 working on the grant application, and Mr. Wayne  
42 Proctor. Anyone who has an interest, please join in  
43 this ideas and discussions will -- ideas will be  
44 discussed and there will be a great deal of progress  
45 hopefully made this time too. Thank you so much.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Ms. Wilson?  
47 That's it? Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.  
48 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
49 You know as we go into our budget process, I hope we  
50 will just have some kind of chance to review some of



1 this money that we're spending on some of the projects.  
2 It looks like some, some of it has been kind of  
3 committed, but I'm still concerned with matters like  
4 the DSS expansion out there with a number of employees  
5 and with the way the state budget is right now, I was  
6 just kind of surprised that this was going to go on.  
7 That's just -- I think we spent a good bit of money on  
8 this renovation this time and I realize that we're  
9 obligated to support I think DSS. At least give them  
10 facilities. We don't hire their employees, but we do  
11 need to have some reasonable limitations on some of the  
12 accommodations that we do for some of these folks. So  
13 I just want us to kind of keep that in mind as we get  
14 into the budget process. And I wanted to thank Mr.  
15 Hopkins again for his work in working on those lights  
16 at the airport. I thought that was a very good thing  
17 that, that we did to be able to get the lights.  
18 Because that airport is an economic development tool I  
19 think, that we have a first class airport out there.  
20 And with that, I thank you, sir.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Mr.  
22 Moore.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank  
24 you. I just want to comment on our sunshine review  
25 meeting last week. I thought it was really great. But  
26 do you think you could get somebody to check out the  
27 sound system out there? That was the only complaint I  
28 heard was how lousy the sound was because a lot of the  
29 people couldn't hear some of the questions, some of the  
30 answers. That was the only thing that I -- negative  
31 that I heard. That was outstanding for those of you  
32 that was able to come. Just a great thing. With that,  
33 Mr. Chairman, thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. -- I just -- one thing I  
36 forgot when Mr. Moore brought up the sound system. I  
37 spent the afternoon today over in the Anderson County  
38 Courthouse which, you know, we seem to spend a lot of  
39 time in court and this had to do with, of course, the  
40 litigation that's going on. But I know I'm a little  
41 hard of hearing, but I heard complaints from so many  
42 people over there that they could not hear in that  
43 courtroom. And Mr. Burns, if you would help me. We,  
44 we went through this with the Family Court where nobody  
45 could have a hearing, so to speak, because they  
46 couldn't hear. And so if, if we do one thing I think  
47 -- or I do one thing this year, if we could get it so  
48 that people could have a sound system in that large  
49 courtroom, I think it would be greatly appreciated.  
50 And it's, it's really kind of embarrassing, you know,

1 because even the lawyers on each side can't hear each  
2 other, and not to mention the public can't hear. So I  
3 just want us to be mindful of that. If we're going to  
4 be in court as much as we are, we ought to hear what's  
5 going on. Thanks.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd just like to  
7 say also I enjoyed the other Friday night at the  
8 sunshine thing at the Civic Center. I thought it was a  
9 real good program and thanks to the ones putting it  
10 together and the staff for working on it. And I thank  
11 everybody for coming out tonight. And motion to  
12 adjourn.  
13 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to adjourn.  
14 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor? Let's go.  
16  
17 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – April 6, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina )

County of Anderson )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: Our April 6th meeting of the  
2 Anderson County Council to order. I'd like to welcome  
3 -- Mr. Pitts, our attorney, couldn't be here tonight.  
4 He's out having fun doing other things, hard to imagine  
5 and -- but Mr. Chris King's here. Glad to have him,  
6 welcome him here. I appreciate you filling in for Mr.  
7 Pitts. At this time, I want to make a correction in  
8 the agenda. It will be Mr. Moore tonight, Mr. Eddie  
9 Moore will be doing the Invocation and Pledge of  
10 Allegiance. And at this time I'd like to ask Mr. Moore  
11 if he would to lead us in that.

12 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY EDDIE MOORE

13 TOMMY DUNN: And I would like to -- also  
14 like to make -- Ms. Floyd done it last meeting and it  
15 was an oversight and made a mistake. It was Mr.  
16 Moore's turn, so we appreciate Mr. Moore and Ms.  
17 Floyd's gratitude on that. And at this time I'd like  
18 to have a motion to approve last month's -- last  
19 meeting or any corrections or changes need to be made?

20 RON WILSON: So move.

21 CINDY WILSON: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and a  
23 second. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
24 Oppose like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
25 At this time I'll ask Mr. King for any citizens signed  
26 up in Citizens Comments. Please keep it on agenda  
27 matters and state your name and address, please, and  
28 address the Chair.

29 CHRIS KING: Mr. Chairman, we have two  
30 citizens signed up. The first is Mark Powell.

31 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven,  
32 Williamston. Finance Committee. You know, we read  
33 through The State where they're going to have a lot of  
34 budget cuts. I've missed several meetings so I haven't  
35 gotten to say it's way past time. You guys have been  
36 sitting there a little over a year, a year and four  
37 months. It's sad. I know y'all think it's sad, but  
38 you're going to have to get rid of some people.  
39 Through arbitration there's been a lot of payroll cut  
40 due to people who just leave, retire or whatever has  
41 happened. But with the state's budget cuts coming  
42 through I'm sure we're going to get hit even harder.  
43 One would think, I mean I call them missapalities now  
44 and I ask the question to the members when I'm there in  
45 the area, have y'all had to let people go? Anderson  
46 County's one of the few - and I know you hold your  
47 heads high that you haven't - but you're one of the few  
48 that are still, as I say it, wasting my tax dollars by  
49 continuing to employ more people than we need to do the  
50 amount of business that our county needs to conduct at

1 this present time. I beg you, step up to the plate,  
2 chop some heads. It needs to be done to save our tax  
3 dollars to keep us from getting in worse shape. The  
4 other item I'd like to talk about is use of cars. I  
5 appreciate the fact that you guys have done such a  
6 great job of lowering from fifty something cars to  
7 twenty something cars and maybe tonight ten, twelve,  
8 whatever. Thank you. It is a privilege to drive a  
9 company car. I did it for more of my life. But I work  
10 for a company that pays taxes. I've always worked for  
11 companies that pay taxes. Taxes is what is giving  
12 those people a personal car, not some company that  
13 writes it off on their profits. It's getting written  
14 off because of my tax dollars go there to fund it. And  
15 I want to say thank you very much for the cuts that  
16 y'all have done because it has saved our county a lot  
17 of money. A lot of people want to say on the  
18 Blogosphere that it's only twenty-seven thousand  
19 dollars. Bull. You know, we've saved a lot more money  
20 than that and I do appreciate it and I appreciate you  
21 continuing on with it. But please, fire some people,  
22 get rid of some overhead. We've got too many people.  
23 A lot of municipalities to do it, so you're not going  
24 to have to go, we were the first. You will probably  
25 rank about the last at finally getting it done, but  
26 please, get some of it done. Thank you.

27 CHRIS KING: Next we have Rick  
28 Freemantle.

29 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr.  
30 Chairman. Rick Freemantle from District Six. I would  
31 like to speak on Ordinance 2010-003, again dealing with  
32 the finance committee and the vehicle situation. I  
33 would like to commend you for the work you've done in  
34 this area. I hope that this finishes it up and you can  
35 make some more progress to take an even yet more  
36 vehicles off the road that we really don't need to be  
37 spending taxpayers' money on and maintenance and all  
38 that good stuff. You know, we are heading in for bad  
39 times and this here shows that you have our interests  
40 at heart. This along with a long line of things you've  
41 done over the past two years to reduce the cost to the  
42 taxpayers in this county. And again, I would just like  
43 to hope that this passes and everybody approves of the  
44 changes in it. And again, thank you for the hard work  
45 you have done for us.

46 CHRIS KING: That's all we have, Mr.  
47 Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. King. At  
49 this time, move on to Item Number 5, Resolution R2010-  
50 025, a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson

1 County resident Ruby M. Johnston on her 100th birthday.  
2 Cindy Wilson.

3 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 I'd like to put this in the form of a motion and vote  
5 and then have the family come forward.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

7 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds it. Any  
9 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

10 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I'd like to  
11 invite the Johnston family members forward, please.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Show that motion carried  
13 unanimously.

14 CINDY WILSON: Well, there we go.

15 Whereas, Mrs. Ruby M. Johnston was born in  
16 Donalds, South Carolina, on March 20, 1910 and as a  
17 young lady married the late C. I. Johnston and had one  
18 daughter and two sons, five grandchildren, and seven  
19 great grandchildren; and

20 Whereas, Mrs. Johnston attended Erskine  
21 College for one year after graduating from high school;  
22 and

23 Whereas, Mrs. Johnston was a homemaker and co-  
24 owner of Johnston Livestock and was an avid fisherman;  
25 and

26 Whereas, Mrs. Johnston has led an active life  
27 and continues to enjoy spending time with her family  
28 and friends and attending services at Honea Path First  
29 Baptist Church; and

30 Whereas, Mrs. Johnston was known for her  
31 wonderful cooking and everyone was always welcome at  
32 her table and she continues to be a good neighbor and  
33 enjoys talking to her neighbors and friends and  
34 checking on the old folks around Honea Path; and

35 Whereas, Anderson County, a body politic and  
36 corporate and a political subdivision of the State of  
37 South Carolina, acting by and through its County  
38 Council, desires to honor and recognize this remarkable  
39 individual on her 100th birthday.

40 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by  
41 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that  
42 Anderson County, acting by and through its County  
43 Council, hereby recognizes and honors Mrs. Ruby M.  
44 Johnston on her 100th birthday and the tremendous use  
45 that she has made of those years to serve her community  
46 and her fellow man and wishes her continued health and  
47 happiness. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Johnston. You have  
48 used your years well.

49 All orders and resolutions in conflict  
50 herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only,

1 repealed and rescinded. Should any part or portion of  
2 this resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise  
3 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction,  
4 such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof, all  
5 of which is hereby deemed separable.

6 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
7 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved this 6th  
8 day of April, 2010 in meeting duly assembled.

9 And here is our former Clerk of Court, Ms. Linda  
10 DeShields, the daughter. I'd like to turn this over to  
11 her and show you what an illustrious family you have.  
12 We have another from this family.

13 LINDA DESHIELDS: Thank you very much, Mr.  
14 Chairman and members of Council. It's quite an honor  
15 for me to be here to accept this for my mother, along  
16 with my family and some of our friends. She was not  
17 able to come today. She planned to come but when you  
18 get a hundred, you don't know from day to day how your  
19 back and your old hip's going to do. But her mind is  
20 wonderful. I think most days it's better than mine.  
21 So we just accept this on her behalf. Thank you all  
22 very much. We appreciate the good work you do in this  
23 county and it would be nice if we could recognize all  
24 of our hundred year old citizens. It's a good thing  
25 that Cindy Wilson thought of this. I think it's  
26 important when people get older to be recognized. They  
27 sort of get left by the wayside. But we thank you so  
28 much and we appreciate what our council does and our  
29 county does for us every day. Thank you, ladies and  
30 gentlemen.

31 APPLAUSE

32 NANCY JOHNSTON: My name's Nancy and I  
33 married Ms. Johnston's youngest son. And she's always  
34 treated me just like a daughter and we've had many good  
35 times fishing. She had fishing rights at the Sauer's  
36 Farm and I was the driver, so I got to go along and  
37 that was really a treat. But she is a remarkable lady.  
38 She has taught me so much and I really love her and  
39 appreciate her.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 6,  
41 Ordinance. It'll be the third reading, Number 2010-  
42 004, Ordinance to authorize and accept the transfer of  
43 authority to conduct municipality elections scheduled  
44 for November of odd number years for the towns of West  
45 Pelzer and Honea Path to the Anderson County  
46 Registration and Elections Commission and other matters  
47 related thereto. Third reading. Do we have a motion?

48 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
49 motion.

50 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion on the floor



1 of Mr. Moore. Do I have a second? Ms. Wilson. Any  
2 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
3 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
4 carries unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 7,  
5 Finance Committee Report. Mr. Tom Allen.

6 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 This is just an update on the finance committee meeting  
8 that we held back on March 23rd just to give you some  
9 idea of where we stand right now. As we discussed  
10 during that meeting, we went over a number of things  
11 that we had talked about in the previous meeting to  
12 find out just where we stand on such things as personal  
13 property insurance, health insurance, the actions that  
14 we might be able to take regarding the budget when  
15 budget cuts do come along as they certainly appear to  
16 be coming this year. We looked at such things again  
17 as, as furlough days and people that are on the TERRY  
18 program that are retired once, in other words, and have  
19 come back to work. We discussed briefly the outputs  
20 and functions of various departments and is there a  
21 possibility of consolidating some of these things,  
22 savings some of the workforce. We looked at those  
23 items. It's apparently going to take about another  
24 month to get a good handle on the property insurance.  
25 We're looking at trying to find the lowest bidder on  
26 that so that we can save a few dollars there. The  
27 employee health insurance program is still being  
28 discussed. That's going to take a little bit longer to  
29 try and work out health insurance policies and where we  
30 may be able to save some money on that. And Mr. Moore  
31 has, has put together an ordinance for this evening  
32 regarding the vehicles because we did discuss those  
33 cuts again and that will be presented shortly here on  
34 the agenda. A list of Blackberries, phones, and so on  
35 will be available for Mr. Burns at the next meeting.  
36 We're trying to see if we can cut back some there. And  
37 I know this is relatively small change, but we're  
38 looking at everything we can do to make this just as  
39 trim and as lean and as mean as possible as we go into  
40 this next budget year. That pretty well sums up what  
41 we have done so far in the finance committee meeting  
42 and we're still working on these things. It takes a  
43 little bit of time to chop some of these things back.  
44 So I would like to call another finance committee  
45 meeting for this Thursday at nine a.m. And that would  
46 be over here in the conference room adjacent to these  
47 chambers. And at that time we will continue to work on  
48 budget matters.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Are you through, Mr. Allen?

1 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Go ahead.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Allen, I  
4 would like to add a couple of -- something else to this  
5 -- to the budget search, things that we can do to cut  
6 out of the budget to help us not to have to fire  
7 employees. I just find it very hard to believe that  
8 people would just come up and ask us to fire folks.  
9 But there are other ways to do it. For example, I  
10 think that we could save, we could save close to twenty  
11 thousand dollars plus the pay-outs of seventy-three  
12 thousand dollars if we would look at the insurance that  
13 is paid for council members. I really do think that  
14 council members should be able to hold their own as  
15 comes to insurance. After all, we are just part-time  
16 employees. For example, Mr. Waldrep and I both are on  
17 the state. Now I know that's taxpayers money too, but  
18 it comes from the state budget rather than from the  
19 county budget. Mr. Moore's wife, I believe, works with  
20 the, works with the school district, so Blue Cross/Blue  
21 Shield could pick up him. Mr. Allen, you are a retired  
22 person from the Army and you have retiree insurance  
23 from the United States government that could be done.  
24 Mr. Dunn is self-employed with a business. He could  
25 handle his own. Mr. Wilson is getting ready to retire  
26 from council so he won't be a problem. And Mrs. Wilson  
27 is a broker, a certified broker, and I feel like she  
28 could handle hers. Now if we would all get together  
29 and let's cut this little portion out, we could save  
30 nineteen thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars  
31 and sixty-four cents a year. And the pay-out of this  
32 whole thing, the pay-out of the individual pay-outs  
33 that we've done for everybody comes to a total of a  
34 little more than seventy-three thousand dollars. And I  
35 think that we need to consider, we need to consider  
36 that, as well as if it's necessary for us to hold some  
37 people together on, on the salary thing, I think maybe  
38 we could volunteer as Mr. Binka, one of the candidates,  
39 has done who says that he would give up his salary.  
40 Surely we are not on this board for the salary.  
41 Surely. Because if we were we would be working full  
42 time jobs, you know. So the salaries could be  
43 voluntarily given up for three months or six months  
44 just to keep us from getting ahead. Now you folks  
45 talking about little penny things like cutting out a  
46 telephone here and keeping a car from being driven  
47 there. But there's other ways, there are other ways  
48 that we can make some real cuts. If we're serious,  
49 let's get serious, let's get for real. If we just want  
50 to cut out everybody else but us, then tell me that

1 too. But I would like for the finance committee to  
2 look at that. Also, I have asked the finance committee  
3 to send me a copy -- I mean please do some research to  
4 see if we are really saving money by taking Mr. Jones'  
5 car that he has been allowed to take home with him. I  
6 want to know how much Mr. Jones is charging us for  
7 travel and I want to compare that to the savings that  
8 we're supposed to be getting. Now I know that the  
9 county pays for my phone because I think the county  
10 ought to pay for my phone. But six hundred dollars  
11 folks, six, six hundred dollars a year for my telephone  
12 as compared to what is being paid for some of these  
13 extraordinary health things here, I'll trade it with  
14 you any time any day. And I'll give up my phone if you  
15 give up your insurance. And I thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
17 Have a few minutes left. Hearing none, I'd just like  
18 to make a comment or too to clear up a couple of  
19 things. I don't have health insurance through the  
20 county. My business pays for it. I've got, I've got  
21 dental insurance and I'll be glad to pay for that.  
22 Everything should be on the table. I asked for  
23 everything to be on the table last time. We've got  
24 expense accounts. I didn't take a dime last year,  
25 won't take none this year. But I ask Mr. Chairman of  
26 the finance committee, everything should be on the  
27 table.

28 TOM ALLEN: It is, it is.

29 TOMMY DUNN: On that too. Moving right  
30 along. Item Number 8, Ordinance first reading, Number  
31 2010-003, Ordinance amending Section 55-32(a) of the  
32 Anderson County Code pertaining to the County's vehicle  
33 policy and matters related thereto. Mr. Moore.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
35 would like to go ahead and put this in the form of a  
36 motion to get it in discussion.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I have a -- we've got a  
38 motion of Mr. Moore and we've got a second by Mr.  
39 Waldrep. Mr. Moore.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I would like to make  
41 a couple of corrections that's in here. If you'll go  
42 down to page four, there's a couple of typos in there  
43 and one of them was -- it says law enforcement. That  
44 should have read litter control.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I think this is  
46 -- I don't think we have to do that, Ms. Floyd, but ...  
47 I think anything that stays on -- we'll do it just to  
48 clear up any misunderstanding. I understand that  
49 anything that stays on the table twice it automatically  
50 comes back off. It don't have to be -- if you look at

1 the rules. But we will be -- we'll start back over.  
2 And this is in our code of ordinances. Mr. Moore, if  
3 you would make the motion to bring it off the table.

4 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to bring it  
5 off the table.

6 CINDY WILSON: Second.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it. All  
8 in favor of bringing the motion off the table, show of  
9 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
10 carries. Now, Mr. Moore, you want to restate your  
11 motion to move this on. Mr. Waldrep, seconds it. Now  
12 discussion. Mr. Moore.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As  
14 I was saying, on page four if you'll look at the top it  
15 says i.e. in parentheses law enforcement. That should  
16 say litter control. And if you go down to right below  
17 there, (b), where it says employee's law officer, it  
18 should also say litter control also. I feel like this  
19 is a pretty good policy. It -- really our policy  
20 hasn't been defined inside the ordinances and this will  
21 give us a start. And we can always come back if you  
22 see some things that you want to add to it or if you  
23 see that we can, once the finance committee meets and  
24 we see that we can maybe reduce the cars even more, we  
25 can always come back and amend the ordinance at a later  
26 date. I think this is a pretty good start and it does  
27 give us a policy that really has not been in place in  
28 the county. And that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Waldrep.

30 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I do  
31 understand that the policy has kind of a grace  
32 provision in it that would enable the administrator to  
33 designate some use of some cars in emergency  
34 circumstances as he sees fit. So it's not a policy or  
35 a law that is kind of hide bound as far as the practice  
36 is concerned. So I just wanted to point that out in  
37 case anyone had any ...

38 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

39 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just -- I had a  
42 similar question to that and I think Mr. Moore just  
43 answered it a few minutes ago. I wanted to be sure  
44 that if we did put this into an ordinance form that it  
45 would not lock us into, into something that we have  
46 trouble getting out of because we're still looking at  
47 this vehicle policy. We're still trying to determine  
48 can we remove some more vehicles. Mr. Hopkins is  
49 tracking that right now to find out how many times a  
50 lot of these people are getting called out during the,

1 the month. Also, we're going to track as far as  
2 dollar savings which Ms. Floyd mentioned. That will  
3 probably be best done at the end of the fiscal year  
4 because we've gone from fifty-five down to twenty-nine  
5 to twenty-four to twenty and so on, so we're still  
6 tracking any savings. And it will be easiest to do  
7 that at the end of the fiscal year to see what kind of  
8 money we've actually saved. So those two things were  
9 kind of a concern. But it looks like this ordinance  
10 will give us the flexibility to -- and the  
11 administrator the flexibility if we have to, to move  
12 some things around. So, I thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: Actually, I find this  
17 ordinance some what weak, but it's a good start. There  
18 are two clauses dealing with violations that are  
19 interesting. One of them says in the event an employee  
20 holds a position with the county where a vehicle is  
21 required and suffers loss of that vehicle through  
22 misconduct, such employee, at the discretion of the  
23 county administrator, may be demoted to a position  
24 where vehicle operation is not required. It goes on to  
25 say if the county administrator determines that an  
26 accident was chargeable and/or preventable, he or she  
27 may recommend that the responsible operator be levied  
28 an assessment for not more than ten percent of the  
29 repair cost. That seems to be somewhat mild to me.  
30 Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
32 I'd like to add a couple of things. I'm going to vote  
33 for this tonight, but I'd like to see us make sure we  
34 get -- and I'm glad to see Mr. Moore straighten up the  
35 language about the police to make sure there ain't no  
36 misunderstanding. The Sheriff's got their own policy.  
37 I'd like to see something put in there about mileage to  
38 the people outside the county. I think that's a policy  
39 the Sheriff's got and I think I addressed that. And  
40 I'll be glad to work with you. And also in the case of  
41 - two other things - in case an emergency comes up,  
42 you've got to give the administrator the right to act  
43 in case of -- okay. And the other thing is I'd like to  
44 see it not have to go back through - we can fix it - we  
45 don't have to go back through three readings. If we  
46 come up here, like I said, I'm sure there's going to be  
47 some more cars parked. I don't like to see us have to  
48 go through three readings. The administrator ought to  
49 be able to park three cars or park a car or something.  
50 But I, I do think it's a good start. I appreciate the

1 work you've done on this. Anyone -- anything else?  
2 Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
3 motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion  
4 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
5 Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson in favor. And opposed, Ms.  
6 Floyd. Moving on to Item Number 8(b), Ordinance to  
7 approve a rezoning request by Waterview, L.L.P., owner  
8 of six acres at 102 and 106 Giles Street, 210 through  
9 234 Giles Street, Anderson. At this time, Mr. -- and I  
10 know we'll have a public hearing, but I want to let Mr.  
11 West, if you would have a -- explain anything so we'll  
12 don't know what you're talking about.

13 BILL WEST: If there's, you know, any  
14 questions be happy to answer them. But this request is  
15 to allow the eventual construction of an assisted  
16 living facility of a hundred and eight beds, ninety-six  
17 total units, and so forth. You know, two story  
18 facilities up on Liberty Highway just past the old, the  
19 old nursery business that's up there. And it rezones  
20 from part R-20 and part RM-7 to, to, excuse me, to RM-  
21 17. And the property owner is represented here. This  
22 has been to the planning commission and to the advisory  
23 group, both of which recommended in favor of the  
24 rezoning. And, you know, if there's other questions,  
25 I'll be happy to answer them or Mr. Tony Cirelli who's  
26 representing the property owner can answer as well.

27 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll go into  
28 our public hearing on this matter. Anyone wishing to  
29 speak to this matter, please -- it'll be a public  
30 hearing. Step forward and state your name.

31 TONY CIRELLI: Members of council, my name  
32 is Tony Cirelli. I'm representing the applicant, Mr.  
33 Bill Dunn, who's in attendance tonight, along with his  
34 architects. Mr. Burns. The request to rezone Mr.  
35 Dunn's land is, as Mr. West said, is from RM-1 and R-20  
36 to RM-7. Approximately about five and a half acres  
37 currently is RM-1 and about three quarters of an acre  
38 is R-20. The citizens advisory and the planning  
39 commission, as Mr. West said, unanimously recommended  
40 approval. Mr. Dunn is requesting this rezoning to  
41 build this assisted living facility that you see there  
42 in the renderings before you. As I said, his  
43 architects as well as himself, a registered engineer,  
44 are here tonight to answer technical questions if you  
45 have any. But this facility would be made up of two  
46 parts. There would be a independent living facility.  
47 There would be four quadraplexes towards the front of  
48 the facility. These will have a total of sixteen units  
49 in them, in all four of them, or I should say sixteen  
50 total. And of the four units in each one of these

1 quadraplexes, it'll have it's own kitchen, dining room,  
2 bathroom, bedroom, and a patio. In the hundred and  
3 eight assisted living area, there will be a breakdown  
4 of both private rooms with private baths, private rooms  
5 with shared baths, and semi-private bedrooms with a  
6 private bath. So there'll be everything available to  
7 those who need assisted living. There will also be a  
8 dining facility there in, in the -- in one of the wings  
9 of the facility. And, let's see, there will also be  
10 recreation on site. Some moderate shuffle board,  
11 walking paths. There will be a lot of gardens. In  
12 fact, forty-six percent of the site is green, open  
13 space. The way it's going to be laid out, there will  
14 be a retention wall that may vary in size from four  
15 foot to eight foot which will come around Giles Street  
16 for, for privacy and, and provide access because part  
17 of this will be mass graded up on top because this is a  
18 hill in part. And just the top part of this will be  
19 taken off and then the dirt allocated to those low  
20 areas. So a nice brick rock retaining wall will come  
21 around the side all along Giles Street. We've been  
22 working very closely with the State Highway Department.  
23 The developers, at their cost, will go ahead, come down  
24 Liberty Highway from Giles Street all the way back up  
25 towards four lane and widen that. Bring the four lane  
26 down to Giles Street and provide a turning lane in  
27 there to provide a turning movement into Giles Street  
28 for that -- for the safety of those accessing the  
29 facility in and out, or Giles Street, because there are  
30 some neighbors there too. There are, I think, six or  
31 seven homes along the lake there. We're also talking  
32 with the county road department, and if you've ever  
33 been up Giles Street and I know several councilmen  
34 have, there's a crown on Giles as you come to the top  
35 and we're going to work with the county road department  
36 to take that crown down and help provide more site  
37 visibility for entering and exiting the assisted living  
38 facility. All drainage on the site, we're going to try  
39 and take all that drainage down the easements that we  
40 already have but try and pipe it all the way down  
41 along, with DOT permission, down to the Lake Hartwell.  
42 The Corp has told us they'll take all the water that we  
43 can give them, but they just don't want the silt or the  
44 sediment which we'll provide silt traps, underground  
45 silt traps, and then hopefully be able to take all the  
46 silt out and provide water down the pipe directly to  
47 the lake. And at this point in time, if you have any  
48 technical questions, I can turn it over to Mr. Dunn or  
49 one of his architects. If not, I thank you very much.

50 TOMMY DUNN: We going to have any

1 questions? Questions? Anyone else?

2 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
3 You know, I've said this before. I know Tony, known  
4 him for years, dealt with him and Mr. West. I think  
5 it's ironic, sad, pathetic, and life. A man who helped  
6 write these zoning ordinances controlling our lives,  
7 gets paid to help people get through the zoning  
8 ordinances in order to get something somebody wanted to  
9 do with the land they own in the United States of  
10 America which should be free. I just think that's odd.  
11 I'd also like to point out, since we're talking  
12 ordinances changes, when Cindy read that thing earlier,  
13 at the end she had to read that big long thing that if  
14 any of this comes to be untrue or unjust or  
15 unconstitutional - how pathetic has our society come to  
16 where we have so many laws that people like you, like  
17 other counties, other governments do to us to control  
18 our everyday lives. It sickened me to hear recognizing  
19 a hundred year old woman and having to read that  
20 paragraph at the end. So sad. Hogg Road. Y'all are  
21 doing a zoning hearing tomorrow on my road. I'm on the  
22 other side of the road, so I'm not zoned. That area  
23 asked for zoning and somebody owns four acres and they  
24 want to turn and put a horse on ---

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell, I appreciate it,  
26 but we need to stay on this public hearing. We can  
27 talk about this other stuff later during Citizens  
28 Comments.

29 MARK POWELL: Okay. But it, it -- on this  
30 ordinance, if somebody wants to build apartments to put  
31 people in who need assisted living, Mr. West is happy  
32 with it, everyone's happy with it, but we as the  
33 citizens ought to be ashamed that we have so many laws  
34 governing our everyday life. That's just pathetic.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else  
36 speaking to this matter? One more time, anyone else?  
37 Hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. I'd  
38 just like to state for the record -- I know how people  
39 are to get things started. Me and Mr. Dunn's no kin as  
40 far as I know. And we've got no business dealings and  
41 never have. I've met the gentleman a couple of times  
42 and that's about as far as it goes. Anyone have  
43 anything?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Which one of you -- please,  
45 Mr. Dunn, please come up to the mike. Thank you, sir.

46 BILL DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, please tell me  
48 where is the property located?

49 BILL DUNN: The property is located on  
50 -- north of the intersection of Brown Road on to



1 Highway 178 just beyond Highway 28 By-pass  
2 intersection. If you're familiar with where Busby's  
3 Nursery was for years.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Now ---  
5 BILL DUNN: It's next door to that on  
6 Giles Street.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now I know where it  
8 is. Okay.  
9 BILL DUNN: Okay.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: And if your property -- if  
11 you can get the rezoning that you want, that you're  
12 asking us for, you're going to building what we just  
13 saw in the pictures.  
14 BILL DUNN: That is what we're going to  
15 build.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Where are the pictures now?  
17 What happened to them? Okay. And these are going to  
18 be living -- assistant living facilities right?  
19 BILL DUNN: Yes, ma'am. That is  
20 correct.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: That is good. Okay. I want  
22 to commend you.  
23 BILL DUNN: Thank you.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to commend you, okay,  
25 because I know with the -- with our society getting  
26 older that these kinds of -- and living longer, these  
27 kinds of things are going to be needed in Anderson  
28 County. And I also know that it can be an economic  
29 stimulator ---  
30 BILL DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: -- to the county because you  
32 will be hiring -- they will be hiring people to this  
33 kind of thing.  
34 BILL DUNN: That's correct. We're ---  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: And people will be coming to  
36 this area to make -- perhaps stay there.  
37 BILL DUNN: Yes. That's right.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So I think it's a  
39 good thing. I commend you for doing it. And I, I am  
40 going to support this.  
41 BILL DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate it.  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: And I thank you.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Dunn.  
44 BILL DUNN: Thank you.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
46 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move  
47 this.  
48 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now, is  
50 there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of

1 the motion, show of hands. All oppose, like sign.  
2 Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on to Item  
3 Number 9, Acceptance of Bragg Street Subdivision to the  
4 County Road System. Mr. West.  
5 BILL WEST: This is that final step that  
6 the county, county takes to actually take over the  
7 roads after they have been built in the subdivision.  
8 This is up off of Midway Road, the development -- it's  
9 been under development since year -- since about 2000  
10 with forty-five lots. I think it's all -- almost all  
11 built out as we speak. But it has been completed now,  
12 inspected, and is ready to be accepted by the County  
13 Council.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
15 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
16 EDDIE MOORE: Motion.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
18 to accept. Mr. Waldrep seconds it. Now any  
19 discussion?  
20 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
22 BOB WALDREP: The usual question.  
23 Specifications, I wasn't sure whether we had on record  
24 that the specifications were met in the acceptance  
25 proposed.  
26 BILL WEST: Yes, sir. You have in your,  
27 in your packet you have a letter.  
28 BOB WALDREP: I, I want it on the record.  
29 You saying ---  
30 BILL WEST: Oh. I'm sorry. Okay. That  
31 the engineering has found that the road meets all  
32 specifications of the county.  
33 BOB WALDREP: Okay. That's all. Thank  
34 you.  
35 BILL WEST: Yes, sir. Okay.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
37 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
38 hands. Oppose, like sign. Show the motion carries  
39 unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 10, Appointments  
40 to various boards and commissions. Ms. Wilson. Mr.  
41 Waldrep. Mr. Moore.  
42 EDDIE MOORE: None, Mr. Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.  
44 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have  
45 one. I'd like to appointment to the Human Relations  
46 Council Ms. Genevieve Brown.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion by Mr. Allen  
48 and a second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Motion --  
49 all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed,  
50 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

1 Anything else, Mr. Allen?  
2 TOM ALLEN: That's all. Thank you.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: I have a -- I'd like to  
6 appoint also to the Human Relations Council Ms. Elaine  
7 Epstein and Ms. Jeanette Ramsey. I make that in the  
8 form of a motion.  
9 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
11 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
12 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on  
13 to Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Robert Carroll.  
14 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, I have one bid  
15 for you to approve tonight. It is the grass cutting  
16 for the county parks. Staff recommends Hughes Lawn  
17 Service and Landscaping. It was the low bidder. S & S  
18 Lawn Care was second and U.S. Lawns was third. Be glad  
19 to answer any questions you might have.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions?  
21 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept  
22 it.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
24 to accept.  
25 RON WILSON: Second.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson seconds. Any  
27 further discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the  
28 motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
29 motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll.  
30 At this time ---  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Before we go into our  
34 requests by council members, may I say something  
35 regarding the requests?  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Remember the  
38 Young Marines that came to our area in here and has  
39 opened up our cere -- our county meetings for us?  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: And remember one of you, I  
42 can't remember which one, was talking about how  
43 wonderful it was that even though they were not  
44 supposed to participate in a ceremony that the people  
45 who were supposed to do it didn't show up? But the  
46 Young Marines came and they did it for them and the  
47 ceremony could go on. You know what I'm talking about?  
48 You remember?  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, thank you. Well

1 they've gotten another, another big accolade. They  
2 have been invited to go to Washington, D.C. to  
3 represent Anderson County Young Marines in a ceremony  
4 there. This is an honor. This is quite an honor. I  
5 looked over the list of students that are going and  
6 believe it or not, there are some from almost all of  
7 our districts. There are three from Greenville County.  
8 One won't be able to go, but there are two from  
9 Greenville County. Excluding them, there's about  
10 twenty-one of our children will be going to Washington,  
11 D.C. to represent us. And it's only one hundred  
12 dollars a piece, only one hundred dollars for each  
13 child. I'm asking you today, fellow council members,  
14 to please join with me in helping these kids go to, to  
15 Washington, D.C. Mr. Moore, the -- most of them are in  
16 my district and your district. But they are from all  
17 over Anderson County. I cannot think of a better way  
18 for us to use some of our recreation money than to help  
19 these young people go to Washington, D.C. to represent  
20 us. They could be doing anything in this world, folks.  
21 They could be on the street corner, they could be out  
22 creating havoc for their neighbors and their  
23 neighborhood, but they're not. So, Mr. Chairman, I  
24 thank you for the opportunity to, to say this.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. While we're on  
26 it -- you've got the floor, do you got any requests?  
27 We'll start with you, Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if you  
29 don't mind, may I please wait until the end so we can  
30 see if we're going to get any money for these kids?

31 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We'll go -- we'll  
32 start with Mr. Wilson? Have you got any request for  
33 any recreation money? Thank you. Mr. Allen.

34 TOM ALLEN: Yes, I do. I have one  
35 request for the Townville Recreation Department, I  
36 would like to see that they get fifteen hundred dollars  
37 from the rec fund. They need a good bit of work on  
38 their ballfield up there.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Ms.  
40 Wilson seconds the motion. Any discussion? Hearing  
41 none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
42 Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
43 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. ...

44 TOM ALLEN: That's all. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Okay. Mr.  
46 Waldrep.

47 BOB WALDREP: I have a request for -- out  
48 of my road money to go for an improvement of Townsend  
49 Street in the city for forty-five hundred dollars

50 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second by Ms.

1 Wilson on Mr. Waldrep's request. Any further  
2 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
3 show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
4 carries unanimously. Anything further, Mr. Waldrep?  
5 BOB WALDREP: That's all. Thank you.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
7 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. I have a couple of  
8 requests. I'd like to request five hundred dollars for  
9 the Crescent High School Band for their trip. They  
10 have a competition they're going to be involved with.  
11 I'd like to put that in the form of a motion.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second? Second  
13 by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
14 favor of the motion of Mr. Moore, show of hands. Like  
15 signs, opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
16 Mr. Moore.  
17 EDDIE MOORE: Also, five hundred dollars  
18 to Leda Poore Recreation in Belton to the ballfield to  
19 help with their dugout renovations.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second? Ms.  
21 Wilson seconds Mr. Moore's motion. Any further  
22 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
23 show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
24 carries unanimously.  
25 EDDIE MOORE: And I would like to donate  
26 two hundred dollars to the Young Marines to go to  
27 Washington.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?  
29 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds that.  
31 Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor,  
32 show of hands. Anything else?  
33 EDDIE MOORE: That's all, Mr. Chairman.  
34 Thank you.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I request --  
36 I'll make a motion to request a hundred dollars to  
37 Young Marines along with Mr. Moore. I'll go a hundred  
38 dollars. I make that in a motion.  
39 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion? All  
41 in favor, show of hands. Ms. Floyd.  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Floyd. Show  
44 the motion carries unanimously. Go ahead.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. It seems  
46 like it's going to fall on me with these young people  
47 again. It's just something about encouraging our young  
48 people to do that just, that just -- it gets me every  
49 time. So I am going to make up the difference for some  
50 of it. I would like to do one thousand ...

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2                   GRACIE FLOYD:     ... Two three. Yeah. One  
3 thousand seven hundred dollars to the Young Marines to  
4 help them on their trip to, to Washington, D.C. to  
5 rep, to represent us. I was hoping that the county  
6 council members would step up for the children that are  
7 in their district, but you got to do what you got to do  
8 and I've got to do this. Okay. Because I'm so proud  
9 of those kids. And that's in the form of a motion, Mr.  
10 Dunn.  
11                   TOMMY DUNN:       Seventeen hundred dollars?  
12                   GRACIE FLOYD:     Yes, uh-huh.  
13                   TOMMY DUNN:       Okay.  
14                   RON WILSON:       Second.  
15                   TOMMY DUNN:       Any further discussion? Mr.  
16 Wilson seconds. Any further discussion? Hearing none,  
17 all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
18 opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
19 unanimously. Anything further, Ms. Floyd?  
20                   GRACIE FLOYD:     Yeah. I'm going to do, I'm  
21 going to do seven hundred dollars to the T. L. Hanna  
22 High Band to support them in their summer endeavors  
23 that they have to do this summer.  
24                   TOMMY DUNN:       Do we have a second?  
25                   TOM ALLEN:        Second.  
26                   TOMMY DUNN:       Ms. Wilson seconds the  
27 motion. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in  
28 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
29 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything  
30 else, Ms. Floyd?  
31                   GRACIE FLOYD:     That's it and I thank you.  
32 And I also thank Mr. Moore for the, for the  
33 contribution.  
34                   TOMMY DUNN:       Moving right along to the  
35 Administrator's Report. Mr. Burns.  
36                   RUSTY BURNS:      Nothing to report at this  
37 time, Mr. Chairman.  
38                   TOMMY DUNN:       Thank you. At this time  
39 we'd like to ask for Citizens Comments. Please state  
40 your name and address and address the Chair, please.  
41                   CHRIS KING:       Mr. Chairman, we have two  
42 citizens signed up. First is Mark Powell.  
43                   TOMMY DUNN:       Mr. Powell.  
44                   MARK POWELL:      I think it's -- Mark Powell,  
45 District Seven. I think it's ironic that we have the  
46 democratic member of our council willing to give up  
47 insurance when the democratic party has burdened our  
48 society with insurance for those of who, not in my  
49 words, can't afford it. Who choose not to spend their  
50 money wisely and choose to buy other things. I bet

1 they all have cell phones, I bet they all have cable  
2 TV, but they'll get on TV and whine and cry that I  
3 can't afford health insurance. Bull. They can't  
4 afford it because they spend their money unwisely. I  
5 also think it's ironic that the person wants other  
6 people to give up health insurance just because she's  
7 got it covered and other members may have it covered.  
8 That's just sad. I do believe you receive health  
9 insurance because of an ordinance that was written. I  
10 don't think there is no such ordinance saying council  
11 members receive a cell phone. So if it's not an  
12 ordinance that council members have a cell phone, I  
13 think it needs to be cut off tomorrow because it was  
14 voluntarily going to be cut off, oh, I don't know,  
15 about six months ago. But it's still going as we heard  
16 tonight.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Keep dreaming.

18 MARK POWELL: The -- there's no ordinance  
19 that's set. There's people -- you know, I give you  
20 guys a hard time about we need to cut employees. I  
21 have said cut half, I know that's unrealistic, but I'm  
22 a salesman. You ask for more than you want and hope  
23 you get something. Please, I beg you. Cut some jobs.  
24 Everybody in industry's done it. Go to any employer  
25 around here, they've all cut people. You guys are  
26 trying to hold your heads high to suck up to the people  
27 who have no respect for you. The fact that you're  
28 doing it don't get you any kudo points from the ones  
29 who don't want you to get rid of some people. You're  
30 not earning brownie points. Earn some with me, please.  
31 Fire some people like the other counties and  
32 municipalities and private industry. The difference is  
33 we, the taxpayers, pay every employee that works for  
34 this county. Not profits from doing business and  
35 generating income that businesses do. Every employee  
36 comes out of my back pocket, everyone in this room's  
37 back pocket, and ironically, every one of your back  
38 pockets. But I do think it's sad that the democrat is  
39 asking you to get rid of insurance when the democratic  
40 party is forcing it down the throats of we in America.  
41 It's unconstitutional. And you guys have an ordinance  
42 saying you have insurance. Keep it. Thank you.

43 CHRIS KING: Mr. Chairman, next is  
44 Elizabeth Fant.

45 ELIZABETH FANT: It's amazing that even  
46 though -- I'm District Two -- Three, sorry, Elizabeth  
47 Fant. It's amazing though Mark and I have not even  
48 communicated that we end up talking about the same  
49 thing. The means to a goal do not justify the end  
50 result. What a difference between cooperative efforts

1 for the good Americans or conspiratorial bullying,  
2 bribes, and buyouts forced down the throats of the  
3 public. No one disputes that health care reform is  
4 needed but Obama, Pulosi, and Reid's tactics to pass  
5 their health bill are outright illegal, improper, and  
6 disgusting. Likewise, on November 18, 2008 buyout of  
7 Anderson County's Administrator was a conspiratorial  
8 effort of five council members, county attorney,  
9 administrator, and assistant. In both instances, laws  
10 were broken, favors were traded, the public's wishes  
11 were disregarded, and the taxpayer will pay the price.  
12 Fast forward to two local meetings March the 23rd,  
13 2010, the one o'clock equine meeting of twenty-five  
14 interested volunteers was a wonderful example of  
15 cooperative effort to improve economic development and  
16 quality of life in the upstate. Enthusiasm and  
17 pleasant tone prevailed. The second meeting finance  
18 committee was cooperative among all except for council  
19 woman Number Two, one of the five alleged conspirators  
20 being sued by the county. Not even a member of the  
21 committee, Number Two Council Woman, domineered the  
22 meeting, kept the meeting off agenda, and proceeded to  
23 blame and argue and degrade suggestions by other  
24 committee members. As the meeting continued, four  
25 participants left unable to stomach the usual rudeness  
26 of Council Woman Number Two. Once and for all, you are  
27 not entitled to any exceptional voice, privilege, or  
28 perk not afforded equally to other council members.  
29 Plainly spoken, months ago you promised to give up your  
30 county cell phone. You lied. We the taxpayers do not  
31 wish to pay for it. No other council member has a paid  
32 county cell phone. And as of today, you know, you  
33 can't trade cell phone for insurance just trying to  
34 make that work. It don't work. Thank you.

35 CHRIS KING: That's all we have, Mr.  
36 Chairman.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
38 Remarks from Council Members. Ms. Wilson.

39 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It  
40 is a tough year financially for everybody practically,  
41 and I think it's very encouraging that most of us are  
42 working really hard getting our numbers together,  
43 trying to formulate ideas. And I want to thank the  
44 staff and any of the citizens for their input. It's  
45 going to take a lot of thought and I appreciate any  
46 input. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.  
48 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I  
49 just wanted to express my appreciation for those on  
50 council who are sincerely looking at ways to save



1 money, looking for ways to make government more  
2 efficient, more effective. We are operating under the  
3 gun as everyone knows. We are trying to accurate  
4 information through our finance department. And we are  
5 trying to -- I think everybody's trying to verify  
6 things so that they know that when we make a decision  
7 that it is a sound decision based on actual facts  
8 rather than speculation. It's -- sometimes it's hard  
9 in some of the meetings to really appreciate some of  
10 the remarks that are made from council members. But  
11 the last thing I want to do is get into some sort of  
12 squabble on that. But whatever it is, it is, as far as  
13 the numbers are concerned. Whatever amount that we're  
14 going to receive as cuts from the state is, and I don't  
15 know if that's going to be a definite figure or not,  
16 but we do know that there are a lot of areas that we  
17 can work on. I appreciate the participation of people  
18 that come to these meetings that listen to this. But I  
19 would say in summary that I've been very, very  
20 impressed by the sincerity of most people on this  
21 council, that they have spoken directly and honestly.  
22 And I think they can look forward to us doing a very  
23 good job under very difficult circumstances. Thank  
24 you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
27 just want to warn everybody that Mr. Waldrep has said  
28 he's going to leave his joke book with me. So I'm  
29 going to sell them, okay? I want to remind everybody  
30 also too, on April the 17th which is not this coming  
31 Saturday but the following Saturday, the chili cookout,  
32 cook-off in Belton will take place. And if you want to  
33 enter and the novices like myself who are going to  
34 enter just to have some fun, and it's forty dollars to  
35 enter and everybody can cook the chili off. And  
36 they're going to have awards for just regular people  
37 and then there will be professionals there that will go  
38 on to competition. So it's going to be a lot of fun,  
39 so everybody come over to Belton on April the 17th and  
40 enjoy the chili cook-off and bring your own Roloids.  
41 Also, this coming Thursday in Belton, we're going to  
42 dedicate the upstairs of the Town Hall. This will be  
43 at eleven o'clock and it's -- if you want to look at a  
44 real nice -- it was an old school and they have  
45 completely renovated the upstairs and it is really  
46 nice. And you see so many nice old buildings that's  
47 being torn down. And if you want to see what they can  
48 do on renovation to a nice old school building that was  
49 built in the early 1900's, come over there and join us  
50 and walk through the building. It is really something

1 to see. And they've put a lot of work in it. And  
2 really, to build a building of that caliber today would  
3 be in the millions. And the little money that they  
4 spent on the renovations is just absolutely  
5 astonishing. And come over and look at it. They'll be  
6 happy. They're very proud of it. And invite everybody  
7 to come over on Thursday for the ribbon cutting. It's  
8 really nice. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate  
9 it.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I have two things. First of  
12 all, I want you to know about the census. It has been  
13 said that Anderson County is leading the upstate with  
14 the return of the census form, and that's a good thing.  
15 Also, some of you may have gotten two census forms in  
16 the mail. If you have, you can only fill out one and  
17 send it back. You don't have to fill out the other  
18 one. In case you missed the news yesterday, Channel  
19 Four had a little thing about that. But I'm really  
20 proud of you. I'm proud of Anderson County for turning  
21 in the census. But we still have some time. We still  
22 have some more work to do. If you have not received  
23 one, you can go to the Anderson County Annex and pick  
24 up a form if you have not gotten yours in the mail.  
25 Okay. To the lady who spoke last, I want you to know  
26 you've had your freedom of speech. You have a right to  
27 stand up and say what you said. But now it's my time.  
28 I have freedom of speech too. The only thing about it,  
29 you can take it -- I mean you can dish it out but you  
30 can't take it. You run to the courts and want to sue,  
31 okay, but now it's my time for my freedom of speech,  
32 okay? What you said is not the truth. And I just want  
33 the people out there to know it's not the truth. The  
34 meeting I thought went very well. We had a lot of  
35 input. No, I am not a member of the committee, but I  
36 am a member of the council. And by being a member of  
37 the council, I have the right to go and speak. Now if  
38 that bothers you, that's just tough. Get over it.  
39 Every -- the other things that you said about people  
40 leaving and carrying on, only one person left. One  
41 person left. But I just want you to know now, you  
42 started it. You dish it out, now you take it. See you  
43 in court. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
45 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. And now  
46 on the bright side of the news.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: That was the bright side.

48 TOM ALLEN: Oh, okay. I didn't know.  
49 All right. I just wanted to note very quickly that  
50 there are some very positive things going on here in

1 the county. The equine initiative which was mentioned  
2 earlier is one of them, which is being based around the  
3 Garrison Arena. This looks like it's really going to  
4 take off. The folks that are involved in this are  
5 very, very enthusiastic, very cooperative, and I think  
6 it's going to be a real boom for the county and can be  
7 certainly classified as economic development. Also, if  
8 you haven't been out and looked lately, the new  
9 ballfields going in are looking really good. I'm, I'm  
10 amazed. I had no idea they were going to do that much  
11 work out there. I thought it would be fairly simple.  
12 It looked flat to me, you know, pour some lime out  
13 there, make the lines, and play ball. But this is  
14 really turning into a very nice asset there. And also,  
15 the new animal shelter, if you haven't been out that  
16 way, go take a look at it. They've broken ground.  
17 They're doing a lot of work out there. And I think  
18 we've got some very positive things going on here for  
19 the county. Final item. You may recall several months  
20 ago we, we decided to have some lights put in out on  
21 the interstate at the various exits to light up  
22 Anderson so people will know where it is, and that has  
23 started now. They've begun drilling out there to set  
24 the foundations for the interstate lighting, so that  
25 should, should be done by August 1st. So there are  
26 some good things going on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wilson.  
28 RON WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I, I  
29 tend to agree with one of the speakers tonight that I  
30 don't agree with very often. But I think, I think this  
31 year when budget time rolls around I think there will  
32 be real tough decisions to be made. And I think, you  
33 know, I don't know how many people will be laid off or  
34 to what extent that will be, but I think it's very hard  
35 to picture next year being like it is now with  
36 decreased revenues. And I'll go as far as to say the  
37 next group that's here next year will have a more  
38 difficult job than we'll have this year. So I think  
39 that -- I think there's got to be some, and I agree  
40 with Bob that you've got to -- we've got to analyze  
41 things and know to what extent things can be cut. But  
42 we're in some trouble financially. And so I just think  
43 that we all, you know, what time we've got left on here  
44 we need to work together and try to find some solution  
45 and have it to be the -- as painless as possible. But  
46 I think that there's going to be some tough decisions  
47 to be made. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wilson. I'd  
49 like to echo Mr. Wilson's sentiments on there's going  
50 to be some tough decisions to be made and we need to

1 work together to get through this -- these tough times.  
2 And also, without saying anything else, Mr. Brown, if  
3 you'll look at the clock, I told you we wouldn't make  
4 it out by seven. Can we have a motion on the floor to  
5 adjourn? Got a second?

6 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

7 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor. Let's go.

8 Thank you so much.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – April 20, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

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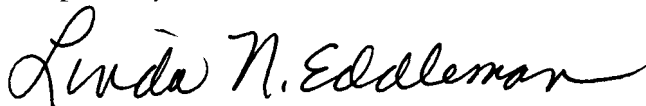
### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County   of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: If y'all are ready, we'll  
2 get started. We welcome everyone tonight and call the  
3 meeting to order, the April 20th, 2010 Anderson County  
4 Council meeting. At this time I'd like to ask Mr. Bob  
5 Waldrep if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance  
6 and Invocation. And Mr. Waldrep, if you would please,  
7 keep in mind and everyone else, Mr. Bill West and Mr.  
8 Holt Hopkins, in our prayers. They're in the hospital.  
9 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BOB WALDREP  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a motion to accept  
11 the minutes or make any changes to last week -- last  
12 meeting's minutes?  
13 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion that we  
14 accept the minutes.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion we  
16 accept the minutes. Any second?  
17 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
18 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. All in  
20 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like  
21 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you.  
22 At this time, Mr. Pitts, we turn over to Citizens  
23 Comments. And please, if you would, address the Chair  
24 and keep matters related to what's on the agenda and,  
25 and state your name and district, please.  
26 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have four  
27 citizens signed up tonight. The first is Bennie Sue  
28 West.  
29 BENNIE SUE WEST: Bennie Sue West, District  
30 One. Mr. Chairman, members of council, it's always  
31 good to be here at the county council meeting. I want  
32 to address R2010-030. I'm not for or against this  
33 proposal. What I find wrong with it is that it's  
34 presented as a resolution and should be presented as an  
35 ordinance because something of this magnitude deserves  
36 open discussion publically. And I know that it's been  
37 talked about or mentioned but nothing in the form of a  
38 discussion publically. And I would like to see you all  
39 table this tonight and change this to an ordinance and  
40 have three readings on it like it should be done.  
41 Thank you.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
43 MIKE PITTS: Next is Thomas Culberson.  
44 THOMAS CULBERSON: Thomas Culberson, Anderson  
45 County District One. I'd like to speak on the same  
46 thing. It's a resolution authorizing certain  
47 agreements. Does anybody except you know who -- what  
48 that certain agreements are? I think you should table  
49 it. I think it should come up in the form of an  
50 ordinance and have three readings and a public hearing

1 on it. You know, we had a big problem years ago with  
2 deals like this, secrecy and the people not knowing  
3 what was going on. And this kind of reeks of the same  
4 thing here. I have nothing against the Sheriff having  
5 the 911, but they had it before and they gave it back.  
6 So I think the people deserve to know what's going on  
7 over here. I think you ought to table it and bring it  
8 back up as a, as an ordinance. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

10 MIKE PITTS: Brooks Brown, IV.

11 BROOKS BROWN, IV: Brooks Brown, District One,  
12 also speaking on Resolution 30. I cannot understand.  
13 I read in the paper where we're going to shift a five  
14 million dollar account and we're going to save a  
15 million dollars doing so. All you're effectively doing  
16 is taking the money out of your left pocket and putting  
17 it in your right pocket. Now, like the previous  
18 speakers, I don't care whether the 911 is under the  
19 Sheriff or under the county, but we're owed an  
20 explanation as to how this million dollars is going to  
21 be achieved in savings. It should be discussed openly  
22 and brought up as an ordinance. Three readings, public  
23 hearing. Anything that you do in the way of a  
24 resolution expires December 31st. It's gone. What do  
25 we do then? Are we going to bring them all back into  
26 the county fold again and undo what we've done? We  
27 need something with a little more permanency in it. We  
28 need some more explanation. And I'd ask you tonight,  
29 Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, if you would please  
30 table this motion. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

32 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

33 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, County  
34 Council District Three. I'm addressing the same  
35 resolution, Resolution 2010-030, the agreement for  
36 emergency services and 911. It may be a good thing,  
37 but there's no information so far to back this up. It  
38 needs to be tabled. It needs to be put out as an  
39 ordinance. It needs to be public input. And I want to  
40 ask you, why is it such a fast deal all of a sudden?  
41 Pulled out of the air. This whole arrangement is  
42 suspect. It smacks of previous council arrangements,  
43 under the table deals. Some must have some sort of  
44 input into this. And also, wonder why the 911 grant  
45 equipment, why is it being housed over there at the  
46 armory next to the Sheriff's office and it's been there  
47 for some months if you weren't already planning on  
48 doing this? Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on at  
50 this time. We'll have a presentation to Harold "Stick"



1 Brown for obtaining the lifetime achievement award.  
2 John Skipper.

3 SHERIFF SKIPPER: There it is. Thank you. Up  
4 here with me I have, obviously, Harold "Stick" Brown.  
5 I have my jail administrator, Captain Gary Bryant, who  
6 was recently at the Jail Administrators Association,  
7 and I would like for him to fill in the background on,  
8 on why we're making this presentation.

9 GARY BRYANT: The South Carolina Jail  
10 Administrators Association was formed in 1988 by a  
11 group of eighteen jail and prison administrators who  
12 met in Myrtle Beach for the purpose of establishing an  
13 organization through which local detention officials  
14 would have access to information, assistance and  
15 professional development. And beside me, Harold  
16 "Stick" Brown, was one of those eighteen people. This  
17 organization would provide opportunities for city and  
18 county detention officials to study, discuss, and  
19 recommend improvements at the local level. It gave  
20 this group a voice within a state. It would also  
21 provide an avenue to exchange ideas and experiences and  
22 to collect and analyze and distribute information. It  
23 was decided it's constitutional purpose and mission  
24 statement would be to promote professionalism through  
25 training, to promote unity, to address relevant jail  
26 issues, to promote fellowship and goodwill amongst  
27 those who serve with the criminal justice system and  
28 continually strive to promote a positive image of  
29 professional and ethical behavior to the community and  
30 citizenry it serves. The association elected Harold  
31 "Stick" Brown of the Anderson County Detention Center  
32 as its third president in 1993. Mr. Brown served the  
33 association in several capacities over the years and  
34 even in retirement he serves as the association's  
35 historian because he was there from day one. He was  
36 presented an award at the only meeting he ever missed  
37 and he had a conflict. And I'll let the Sheriff  
38 present that award.

39 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And you know we've got  
40 jail issues and I don't know if the jail's older than  
41 Stick or younger than Stick, but they're both in about  
42 the same range. And you know, this is one of those  
43 times, and I've been in law enforcement now thirty-five  
44 years as most of you know. I started in 1972. And law  
45 enforcement, detentions and all, have changed. There's  
46 a lot of professionalism that's been brought into the  
47 community and this is one of the leaders right here  
48 from our community. So with that, the plaque says, the  
49 South Carolina Jail Administrators Association proudly  
50 presents the lifetime membership to Harold "Stick"

1 Brown, retired. Thank you for your service, dedication  
2 and support to the organization.

3 APPLAUSE

4 SHERIFF SKIPPER: He's probably like me, he's  
5 never been short for words, so we'll give him a chance  
6 to speak a few if he wants.

7 HAROLD BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
8 appreciate this. I enjoyed my tenure with Anderson  
9 County. Anderson County was good to me in every way  
10 and I appreciate all that they did for me. You know,  
11 the jail's not one of the most popular things on the  
12 County's budget so you don't get a whole lot. But it's  
13 a very important part of the criminal justice system  
14 and I appreciate all that they did for me.

15 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I would publically say  
16 to the council when we -- and the administrator, when  
17 we get into really looking at our jail and how we're  
18 going to build a new one, we need to include Stick in  
19 the process.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
21 say something, please, ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: -- about Stick. All right.  
24 And this is important to me. I met him thirty, it was  
25 about thirty years ago when I first met him. I walked  
26 into the jail for the first time on a new position I  
27 had just gotten with Vocational Rehabilitation. And my  
28 job was to go down to the jailhouse and talk to the  
29 inmates about when they got out of, out of the  
30 facilities looking for jobs and stuff, that's what we  
31 did at Vocation Rehab. And this tall man walked in  
32 and, I mean, I was scared to death. I had never been  
33 to the jail before and this man was massive to me. All  
34 right. But he took me in his office and we sat down  
35 and I introduced myself and told him what I had to do,  
36 what I was supposed to do. And I can't tell y'all the  
37 -- how this man, not knowing who I was or anything  
38 else, made me feel at ease in that facility and in my  
39 work doing that facility. That's the first day I have  
40 met, I met Stick Brown and I have -- he has been one of  
41 my favorites for the past thirty years when I met him.  
42 Stick, I hope I'm not embarrassing you, but I'm telling  
43 it like it is, honey. Okay. Congratulations. You  
44 deserve every bit of it. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anyone else?  
46 I'd just like to say it is greatly deserved and I  
47 appreciate the service in Anderson County you're doing  
48 for us, Mr. Brown. Moving on at this time,  
49 Proclamation to proclaim May 2010 as Bike Month in  
50 Anderson County.

1           Whereas, throughout this century the bicycle  
2 has become the part -- an important part of the lives  
3 of millions of Americans who engage in cycling because  
4 it is viable and an environmentally sound form of  
5 transportation and an excellent form of fitness and  
6 provides quality family recreation; and

7           Whereas, the education, promotion, and the  
8 practice of safe bicycle operation and techniques are  
9 the foundational steps towards preventing bicycle  
10 related injuries and deaths. Research shows that  
11 properly worn bike helmets can reduce the risk of  
12 serious head and brain injury by as much as eighty-  
13 eight percent; and

14           Whereas, bicycling activities and attractions  
15 have great potential to have a positive impact on  
16 Anderson County's tourism industry and to stimulate  
17 economic development making the Upstate attractive to  
18 businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and  
19 healthy lifestyles; and

20           Whereas, the City of Anderson, Anderson  
21 County, Tour la France executive committee, the  
22 Complete the Streets committee, cycling clubs, and  
23 independent cyclists throughout the upstate are  
24 partnering to promote greater public awareness of  
25 bicycling operation, safety education in an effort to  
26 reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities for all; and

27           Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
28 Anderson County Council on behalf of the residents of  
29 Anderson County, the Anderson County Council does  
30 hereby proclaim May 2010 Bike Month and encourages all  
31 Anderson County residents to participate -- to practice  
32 bicycle safety by wearing a helmet and following rules  
33 of the road, share the road with cyclist, pedestrians  
34 on our streets and highways, and join with Anderson  
35 County cycle enthusiast in observing May 2010 as Bike  
36 Month, participation in Bike to Work Day, Bike Day  
37 night, Downtown Block parties, Ride in Silence to honor  
38 those who have been injured or killed while cycling,  
39 and other events scheduled by the Complete the Streets  
40 committee, participate in Anderson County's Second  
41 Annual Bike Race, the 2010 Tour La France on September  
42 4th, 2010.

43           Resolved in meeting duly assembled this date  
44 -- 16th day of April, 2010.

45           At this time, I make that in the form of a  
46 motion. Second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
47 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed. Show the  
48 motion carries unanimously. Thank y'all. We had a  
49 signing today with the Mayor and thought it went real  
50 well and I appreciate y'all supporting that. Moving

1 right on to Item (b), 6(b), Resolution to honor Ms.  
2 Gladys Washington Henry for reaching her 106th birthday  
3 and to express gratitude to Ms. Henry for her  
4 contributions to and support of Anderson County and  
5 other matters related thereto. Ms. Cindy Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 This is a resolution for a most remarkable  
8 accomplishment.

9 Whereas, Mrs. Gladys Washington Henry was born  
10 on March 22, 1904 to the late Mr. George and Lily  
11 Watson Washington; and

12 Whereas, the oldest of ten children, Mrs.  
13 Henry and her baby sister, Leola Rice, are the only  
14 living survivors of their immediate family; and

15 Whereas, Mrs. Henry is the mother of three  
16 children, grandmother of nineteen, and great  
17 grandmother of many, and is known for her love of  
18 singing gospel music; and

19 Whereas, Mrs. Henry now resides in Williamston  
20 with her only surviving daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sara  
21 Henry; and

22 Whereas, Mrs. Henry celebrated her 106th  
23 birthday with family and friends at the home of one of  
24 her grandchildren on Saturday, April the 10th, 2010;  
25 and

26 Whereas, Anderson County Council now wishes to  
27 recognize Mrs. Henry for this great achievement and  
28 thank her for her patronage and service to Anderson  
29 County;

30 Now, therefore, it is hereby duly resolved by  
31 the Anderson County Council, Anderson County, acting by  
32 and through it's County Council, hereby honors Mrs.  
33 Gladys Washington Henry on her 106th birthday and  
34 commends her for her service and cheer during her life.

35 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Henry. We wish you many more  
36 happy memories.

37 This resolution shall take effect and be in force  
38 immediately upon enactment.

39 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 20th  
40 day of April, 2010.

41 And I'll put that in the form of a motion.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Waldrep. Any  
43 further discussion?

44 CINDY WILSON: Is there anyone with the --  
45 Mrs. Henry's family here tonight?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Hearing none -- let's go  
47 ahead and vote. All in favor of the motion, show of  
48 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries.  
49 Ms. Floyd had to step out of the room. Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: We'll present it at a later

1 time.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

3 CINDY WILSON: Thank you so much.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. At

5 this time moving to 6©, Resolution commending Iva  
6 resident Tori Beth Black for receiving eighteen  
7 thousand dollar scholarship upon winning a national  
8 American Legion contest where she was able to use her  
9 exemplary knowledge of the United States Constitution  
10 and matters related thereto. Mr. Eddie Moore.

11 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
12 would also -- I would like to read 27 and also 28 and  
13 award these together tonight. Tori has to go to  
14 Greenville and I want to make sure that we have the --  
15 our veterans from Post 44 together with Tori for -- to  
16 celebrate.

17 A Resolution commending Iva resident Tori Beth  
18 Black for receiving an eighteen thousand dollar  
19 scholarship upon winning the national American Legion  
20 contest where she was able to use her exemplary  
21 knowledge of the United States Constitution and matters  
22 related thereto.

23 Whereas, Ms. Tori Beth Black is a home  
24 schooled junior from the Town of Iva, South Carolina;  
25 and

26 Whereas, Tori, one of fifty-three students,  
27 recently entered a national competition sponsored by  
28 the American Legion in which students deliver speeches  
29 and respond to questions posed by judges using their  
30 knowledge of the United States Constitution; and

31 Whereas, this contest, in its seventy-third  
32 year, consists of three rounds, each requiring the  
33 candidates to deliver a ten minute speech before a live  
34 audience and an additional round in which contestants  
35 to respond to a topic selected at random; and

36 Whereas, students who entered this competition  
37 were judged on their poise, body language, the content  
38 of their responses and speeches, and their knowledge of  
39 our national Constitution; and

40 Whereas, Ms. Tori Beth Black went on to win  
41 first place in this national contest with her winning  
42 speech entitled, A Rising Sun, which praised the  
43 Constitution as the result of honor, freedom, and  
44 integrity; and

45 Whereas, the American Legion has awarded Tori  
46 a total of eighteen thousand dollars college  
47 scholarship for her being named winner of this contest.

48 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
49 Anderson County Council, County Council wishes to  
50 properly honor and commend Ms. Tori Beth Black on this

1 outstanding accomplishment and to express its sincere  
2 gratitude to Tori for bestowing this recognition to  
3 Anderson County and the Town of Iva.

4 And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
5 Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?  
7 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
8 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
9 unanimously.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 Second Resolution, Resolution 28, a resolution  
12 recognizing the American Legion Post 44 for their  
13 impressive knowledge of the United States Constitution  
14 and to thank the Legion for their service to students  
15 in Anderson County and matters related thereto.

16 Whereas, County Council wishes to honor the  
17 American Legion for their services to our country,  
18 state, and nation; and

19 Whereas, the American Legion Post 44, based in  
20 Iva, South Carolina, strives to impact the surrounding  
21 community in all that they do; and

22 Whereas, Post 44 remains heavily involved in  
23 the community by supporting and sponsoring children and  
24 students in all areas; and

25 Whereas, each year Post 44 hosts a Christmas  
26 party for underprivileged children in the Iva area and  
27 also sponsors male students to attend Palmetto Boys  
28 State and the Police Academy; and

29 Whereas, in February, Post 44 chose to sponsor  
30 Ms. Tori Beth Black in the Greenwood Area Zone meeting  
31 of the National American Legion competition in which  
32 students are to deliver speeches and reveal their  
33 knowledge of the United States Constitution; and

34 Whereas, Post 44 continued to support Ms.  
35 Black as she advanced to the state championship in  
36 Columbia, South Carolina, and on to the national  
37 championship in April, and will be hosting a reception  
38 in her honor on April 25, 2010; and

39 Whereas, Post 44 inspires many students  
40 similar to Ms. Black to take interest and study our  
41 nation's constitution; and

42 Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to  
43 thank the American Legion Post 44 for their knowledge  
44 of the United States Constitution and for inspiring and  
45 supporting youth in their surrounding community.

46 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
47 Anderson County Council, County Council hereby  
48 expresses its sincere gratitude to the American Legion  
49 Post 44 for their impressive knowledge of the United  
50 States and the desire to both instill this passion

1 within, and to support the students of Iva and all of  
2 Anderson County.

3 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
4 force immediately upon enactment.

5 And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
6 Chairman.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

8 TOM ALLEN: Second.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Second, Mr. Allen. Any  
10 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
11 show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
12 carries unanimously.

13 EDDIE MOORE: With that I would like the  
14 American Legion Post 44 and Tori, I would like for  
15 y'all to come up and we also have a couple of more  
16 veterans here from, I think from the Belton American  
17 Legion. Y'all come up and join. I would like for the  
18 County Council to come up and join us all in a photo  
19 honoring Ms. Tori and also the Post 44.

20 First of all, I would like to give this  
21 resolution, we framed a nice resolution for the Post  
22 44. Mr. Terry. Thank you. Now Tori. We present --  
23 members of the County Council, we are so happy to  
24 present this to you tonight. We appreciate you coming  
25 and letting us celebrate with you on this great, great  
26 achievement. Thank you very much. Everybody give her  
27 a big hand.

28 APPLAUSE

29 EDDIE MOORE: Is your mother here? Your  
30 parents? Please come up, too. We -- yeah, please.  
31 Congratulations. Everybody give all of our veterans a  
32 big hand, please.

33 APPLAUSE

34 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
35 Tori had to go to Greenville to receive another award.

36 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, we'll be  
37 moving on to Item 7(a), Ordinance's second reading.  
38 Ordinance No. 2010-003, Ordinance amending Section 55-  
39 32(a) of the Anderson County Code pertaining to the  
40 County's vehicle policy and matters related thereto.  
41 Mr. Eddie Moore. First, we'll be having a -- this will  
42 be a public hearing. I ask anyone at this time to step  
43 forward. Yes, ma'am.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

45 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I thought this  
46 -- all I seen was public hearing.

47 EDDIE MOORE: The time space is not enough  
48 so the public hearing will be on the third reading.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I'm sorry. All I  
50 caught was the third. Didn't read the fine print. I

1 just seen that. Mr. Moore.  
2 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
3 would like to make a motion that we move this on to the  
4 ...  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Third reading. Do we have a  
6 second?  
7 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second by Ms.  
9 Wilson. Any discussion?  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I  
13 did not support this on the first reading. I will not  
14 be supporting it on the second reading as I believe  
15 that the county vehicles policy should be under the  
16 administrator to decide who's going to drive what and  
17 when the driving is going to take place. I think it's  
18 okay for county to set policy for the administrator on  
19 him keeping up with it and maintaining it, but for the  
20 county to sit down and say who's going to drive it, I  
21 just think that's a little too much, so I won't be  
22 supporting this one. Thank you.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anyone else?  
24 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
25 hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries six to  
26 one. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
27 Waldrep and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposed.  
28 Moving on with 7(b), Ordinance to approve a rezoning  
29 request for Watersview, L.L.P., owner of 6.6 acres, 6  
30 acres at the 102 and 106 Giles Street and 210 through  
31 234 Giles Street. It'll be the second reading. Mr.  
32 West is not here. Ms. Alicia's here. Mr. West is in  
33 the hospital.  
34 ALICIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As  
35 you just mentioned, this will be the second reading on  
36 Watersview, L.L.P. This is a -- will be a proposed  
37 assisted living facility located on Giles Street here  
38 off of 178.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have any questions or  
40 anything for Ms. ... Hearing none, do we have a  
41 motion?  
42 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept  
43 it.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion.  
45 Do we have a second?  
46 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
48 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
49 show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
50 carries. Thank you, ma'am. At this time, moving on to



1 Resolutions, Item Number 8, Resolution 2010-029, a  
2 resolution to approve Anderson County's Anti-Fraud  
3 Policy and matters related thereto. Tom Allen.

4 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
5 I'll go ahead and read the resolution for vote and then  
6 we can have a discussion. This is Resolution R2010-  
7 029, a resolution to approve Anderson County's Anti-  
8 Fraud Policy and matters related thereto.

9 Whereas, in order to improve Anderson County's  
10 financial policies and internal controls, the Anderson  
11 County financial division, working with the County's  
12 outside auditors, developed the anti-fraud policy as  
13 more fully set forth in the document which is attached  
14 hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A;

15 Whereas, the Anderson County Council wishes to  
16 express its approval of the anti-fraud policy.

17 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by  
18 Anderson County Council that:

19 1. The Anderson County Council endorses and  
20 approves the anti-fraud policy.

21 2. This resolution shall take effect and be  
22 in force immediately upon enactment.

23 Resolved in this meeting duly assembled this  
24 20th day of April, 2010.

25 I'll put that in the form of a motion.

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
28 discussion?

29 CINDY WILSON: Yes. May I ask a question?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Having been  
32 accused of disclosing confidential material, I want to  
33 bring your attention to that item because it's a little  
34 bit nebulous and subjective. And I wondered if we  
35 could maybe look at that and do something with that  
36 one. Under scope of the policy, it says disclosing  
37 confidential or proprietary information to outside  
38 parties for financial or other advantage. That's a  
39 little indefinite and that in the wrong hands much  
40 could be made of nothing. And I do want to support our  
41 creating an anti-fraud policy and this looks really  
42 strong and helpful. We've been advised, I think, for  
43 about three or four years by our external auditors to  
44 have an anti-fraud policy, but just wanted to get some  
45 ideas on that one. Everything else looks pretty clear.

46 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

48 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, thank you. I just  
49 wanted to give a little preface to all of this. As Ms.  
50 Wilson stated, this normally comes up during our annual

1 audit that we need to have this verbiage in our  
2 policies, that's all. It's kind of a boilerplate  
3 thing. It's nothing fantastic, it's not a superman  
4 document or anything like that. We just need to have  
5 the wording in there that we will not tolerate any  
6 fraud, outlining the parameters of that, and the  
7 punishments, if necessary, should fraud be discovered.  
8 So I just didn't want any -- anyone to think that  
9 fraud's been running rampant throughout the county and  
10 we need to put this in. It's just a cover-all and it's  
11 kind of a boilerplate document that we do need to have  
12 in our policies and that's all. Thank you, Mr.  
13 Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

15 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

17 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to quiz the  
18 author a little bit about this ordinance. Apparently,  
19 we don't have anything now against fraud so, up to this  
20 point fraud's okay?

21 TOM ALLEN: Fraud is allowed to run  
22 rampant, but if we have this document, it will all  
23 stop. Yeah.

24 BOB WALDREP: All right. Second, second  
25 point is ---

26 GRACIE FLOYD: We don't need to be playing  
27 ---

28 BOB WALDREP: -- we're going to stop fraud  
29 tonight.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Point of order.

31 BOB WALDREP: The other question I had is  
32 ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Waldrep.  
34 What's your point of order, Ms. ---

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. My point of order is  
36 that, Mr. Chairman, we shouldn't be joking around with  
37 this. This is, this is important. If we need to put  
38 this in our laws or whatever, we need to do it. But I  
39 just don't think we ought to be joking around with it  
40 because people could mistake what you're trying to say  
41 here in fun. That's my point of order and I thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Waldrep.

43 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to  
44 continue on, whether some people think it's funny or  
45 not. But I was wondering about the fraud issue as how  
46 it does or does not apply to county council people. Is  
47 this more directed toward the employees? I read it  
48 kind of quickly and I just wondered if that was your  
49 intent, that it also include county council people, as  
50 well, or people who are elected officials.

1 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Is that part of it?  
3 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
5 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I might defer to, to  
6 Mr. Pitts on this. I believe it does. It concerns  
7 county employees and since we are paid by the county, I  
8 think we would fall under this too. But I'll let Mr.  
9 Pitts respond to that.  
10 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. That would probably  
11 be a reasonable reading of it. But it would be easy  
12 enough to add some language, you know, making it apply  
13 expressly to council, if y'all so desire.  
14 BOB WALDREP: Well, I just didn't know  
15 whether that was the intent because that's not funny.  
16 Okay. Thank you. All right.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
18 Any comments, discussion?  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yes, I do, Mr. Chair.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Allen, when you  
22 were writing up this anti-fraud policy did you have  
23 assistance with this? Did you -- and may I ask with  
24 whom, please?  
25 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Mr. Chairman.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
27 TOM ALLEN: I did not write this anti-  
28 fraud policy. It was primarily put together by the  
29 finance department.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: The finance department?  
31 TOMMY DUNN: With, with -- excuse me. I  
32 think that Mr. Pitts probably had some, had some say in  
33 this, didn't you?  
34 TOM ALLEN: Yes, yes, right.  
35 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. I believe this was  
36 prepared in large part by the outside auditors that the  
37 county uses and then I did review it.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, the outside auditors?  
39 MIKE PITTS: That's my understanding but  
40 ...  
41 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sure staff had some  
42 input too.  
43 MIKE PITTS: I'm sure they had some input  
44 as well.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I may  
46 ask Mr. Burns a question?  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And Mr. Allen, too.  
49 Both of you. I would like to know the author of this.  
50 I know you think this person did it or you think that

1 person did it, but I really would like to know the  
2 author. Who did this for us?

3 RITA DAVIS: Ms. Floyd, as was stated,  
4 our external auditors recommended this, that we adopt  
5 the anti-fraud policy. They forwarded a template, a  
6 boilerplate if you will. I made modifications. I then  
7 forwarded it to Ms. Humphries, who reviewed it and made  
8 great recommendations, substantive changes, which were  
9 implemented. I then forwarded it to Mr. Pitts who took  
10 a legal eye at it and, you know, he shored up the  
11 definition of fraud in eleven bullets on the first  
12 page. So we -- and then Mr. Allen reviewed it. So we  
13 all had a hand in preparing this document.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: All in the finance  
15 department, but the other departments were not ---

16 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. We're going to  
17 meet Thursday morning at nine o'clock and we're -- if  
18 this passes tonight, we will advise the division and  
19 department heads. We hope most, if not all, the  
20 elected officials will attend. And the purpose is,  
21 number one, to go over this document to reiterate that  
22 there is a culture of zero tolerance for fraud set at  
23 the top and it starts at county council and then we  
24 will pass that down to, like I said, the division and  
25 department heads. And we will discuss an enterprise  
26 risk management program and then at the end we're going  
27 to have a brainstorming session and kind of think about  
28 -- think outside the box. Where could fraud occur,  
29 where is our risk? And then, hopefully, implement  
30 procedures to prevent it, detect it, and then respond  
31 if fraud were to occur.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So you're going to do  
33 all of that after we approve this?

34 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Because the  
35 tone is set at the top. So we need council's buy in to  
36 that that you have zero tolerance for fraud.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I think -- I don't  
38 have a problem with having the tolerance, I don't have  
39 a problem with that. It's just if we're going to do  
40 this for the county of Anderson, I think more than just  
41 the finance department should have been involved in it.  
42 I see we have some personnel things in here as well.  
43 And I think maybe the personnel department, as well as  
44 the finance department, should have been a part of  
45 doing this. I understand the template and that was  
46 good because we had nothing else to follow with. But,  
47 you know, just the finance department -- I mean, fraud  
48 occurs in other areas too other than money and finance.  
49 Yeah.

50 RITA DAVIS: But if I'm not mistaken, the

1 personnel ordinance does address fraud. Maybe not to  
2 this extent, but this was just a separate policy that  
3 the Governmental Finance Officers Association  
4 recommended. This is part of their best practices for  
5 local governments.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now I'm not familiar  
7 with the personnel policy with the fraud. Does it  
8 cover any of the items in here?

9 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Pitts, are you aware?

10 MIKE PITTS: I don't know. I could  
11 certainly look it up. But I don't know exactly what it  
12 covers and what it doesn't.

13 RITA DAVIS: I spoke with the personnel  
14 manager, the HR, Phyllis McAlister, and she said that  
15 it was in the personnel ordinance. I did not look that  
16 up in particular. But again, our external auditors,  
17 Green, Finney & Horton, recommended that we have a  
18 separate policy.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that. Okay.  
20 Mr. Allen, did you happen to look up to see if we had  
21 any of the same things in the personnel fraud ordinance  
22 as we have in this one?

23 TOM ALLEN: I did not because as I  
24 understood this, this is a finance document, so I  
25 didn't go and look at the personnel document. No.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Well. Is it -- it didn't  
27 say, it didn't say finance only. It says intended to  
28 state the position of Anderson County to fraud as  
29 defined in this policy. It didn't say finance. But  
30 whatever. Thank you.

31 RITA DAVIS: The cover letter kind of  
32 talked about the finance division and external  
33 auditors.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: The cover letter? You mean  
35 the resolution thing?

36 RITA DAVIS: Yes. The actual resolution.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we're talking  
38 about the fraud policy now. We aren't talking about  
39 the resolution part. We're talking about the policy.  
40 But as I said, you know, thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
41 Chair.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Waldrep.

43 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I think that's  
44 a good point that's being raised in discussion here  
45 about what this applies to. I just wondered if it's  
46 allowed, is there any problem with this applying to  
47 everybody, I mean, to every department? Is there any  
48 problem with that?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me. I think will  
50 apply to every department. That's what this whole

1 thing's about. That's the reason the staff's wanting  
2 to do this. They've got a meeting coming up Thursday  
3 to explain it to everybody. This will apply across the  
4 board to Anderson County.

5 BOB WALDREP: Well, I just -- I guess  
6 looking at the resolution, it talked about financial  
7 policies, internal controls, and ...

8 TOMMY DUNN: I, I, I think it's coming  
9 from -- and I don't -- Mr. Pitts or Ms. Davis, this is  
10 coming from because it was asked -- like I said, it's  
11 been asked for -- our outside auditors have asked for  
12 this a couple of times for -- and it's a governmental  
13 thing. All -- when I was on the fire commission, they  
14 was asked to do it. This is a government thing coming  
15 up and trying to tighten things up, but it will be  
16 going across. But it does effect -- fraud's, you know,  
17 it's going across the county in every department.

18 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Whether it's the litter  
20 department or what department.

21 MIKE PITTS: It's just another, I guess  
22 you would call it, internal control for lack of a  
23 better word that's ---

24 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

25 MIKE PITTS: -- to be put in place at the  
26 recommendation of the auditors.

27 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Allen, do you feel that  
31 we need to -- let's go back and look at the personnel  
32 -- I mean look in the personnel manual to see what it  
33 says about the fraud thing in here so that we can be  
34 sure that we are not, you know, having two things  
35 saying different things in here. Since no one here has  
36 seen it or know about it, or even knew about it. I  
37 think that we need to, we need to -- I would like to  
38 see this tabled until we can bring in -- so we can look  
39 at the other fraud policy.

40 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

42 TOM ALLEN: What I would like to go with  
43 is, is this evening is to go ahead and approve this and  
44 as has been stated, there is going to be a meeting of  
45 the staff this Thursday. This is just a resolution.  
46 If we find something, or if they should find something  
47 grossly wrong with it, we can always redo this. But I  
48 think they need something to start with, a groundwork,  
49 a foundation to work on. That would be this document.  
50 And then let them have their brainstorming session on

1 Thursday. If there is something amiss ...  
2 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Wait. You through, Mr.  
4 Allen?  
5 TOM ALLEN: I'm finished. Yes.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
7 CINDY WILSON: I intend to support this.  
8 Our fraud policy or lack of fraud policy was woefully  
9 inadequate. I just had some questions about one of the  
10 clauses in it. But I will support it. Thank you.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Wilson.  
12 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
13 Each audit we've had each year has suggested that we  
14 have this and so I'd like to see it moved forward. If  
15 there's got to be changes made to it in the future,  
16 we'll make them. And so I hope we'll move this  
17 forward. Thank you.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?  
19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
21 EDDIE MOORE: I think we should approve  
22 this tonight also. You know, we pay these auditors a  
23 lot of money and they have continuously voiced a  
24 concern on this. And I think we should pass this  
25 tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?  
27 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
28 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
29 unanimously. And if y'all would, just check this out  
30 and if we need, like Mr. Allen was talking about and  
31 Ms. Floyd, if we need to tighten up something or make a  
32 change, we can do it next council meeting and have it  
33 for us. Give y'all something to go to y'all's meeting  
34 Thursday. And we appreciate it. At this time, moving  
35 on to Resolution 8(b), a resolution authorizing certain  
36 agreements between Anderson County and Anderson County  
37 Sheriff's Office pertaining to the transfer of the  
38 Anderson County Emergency Service Department and  
39 Communications Center Department, a/k/a Anderson County  
40 911 Call Center, under the office of the Sheriff and  
41 matters related to thereof. A resolution authorizing  
42 certain agreements between Anderson County and the  
43 Anderson County Sheriff's Office pertaining to the  
44 transfer of the Anderson County Emergency Services ...  
45 I just read that. I won't go into that.  
46 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
47 body politic and a corporate and political subdivision  
48 of the State of South Carolina, currently maintains the  
49 Anderson County Communication Department, a/k/a 911  
50 Call Center, Department No. 5213 ...

1                   END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE

2 TOMMY DUNN: ... 5212.

3                   Whereas, Anderson County Council believes that  
4     it is the best interest of the Anderson County to  
5     transfer both the center and the Department under the  
6     Anderson County Sheriff's Office upon the terms and  
7     conditions of the memorandum of understanding attached  
8     hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibits A and B,  
9     respectively, in order to increase efficiency and  
10    promote the best use of Anderson County resources;

11                   Whereas, Anderson County Council hereby  
12       approves the MOUs and the further authorizes the  
13       Anderson County Administrator to execute the same on  
14       behalf of the county.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson County Council approves the attached MOUs between the Anderson County and Anderson County Sheriff's Office and further authorizes that the County Administrator execute the same on behalf of Anderson County.

The Anderson County Emergency Services Department Memorandum of Understanding is part of the Anderson County, South Carolina County and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and the Anderson County Sheriff, collectively, the parties, conditionally transfer from the County to the Sheriff of Anderson County the Emergency Service Department and 5212 the Department. Background information.

30                   Whereas, the department is responsible for all  
31 aspects of the County's emergency and disaster planning  
32 activities;

33                   Whereas, the department includes the emergency  
34 preparedness department under the day-to-day  
35 supervision management of the emergency services  
36 director, the director who is designed -- designated  
37 and appointed as the chief executive officer of the  
38 County Council for the purpose of preparing for and  
39 executing all duties and functions specified in all  
40 acts of the General Assembly relating to civil defense  
41 and emergency preparedness, including South Carolina  
42 regulations No. 58-1 and 58-101;

Whereas, the parties are of the belief that the conditional transfer of the department to the Sheriff will create significant cost savings and other various benefits for the county and desire to enter into a MOU to provide the same.

48 Now, therefore, in consideration of the  
49 foregoing premises and mutual benefits, the parties do  
50 covenant and agree as follows:



1           Understanding of the parties. Conditional  
2 transfer. Effective as of 12:00 a.m. eastern standard  
3 time on day, tomorrow or not, the county does transfer  
4 to the Sheriff and the Sheriff so accepts, subject to  
5 the terms and conditions of the MOU, the department,  
6 the transfer, the terms of the -- the transfer shall  
7 begin on the foregoing date and time and shall continue  
8 indefinitely unless earlier terminated as expressly  
9 provided in the MOU.

10           Equipment. All equipment related to equipment  
11 and personal property shall be transferred through the  
12 Sheriff. In the event this MOU is terminated, all such  
13 property shall be transferred back to the County.

14           Emergency Service Director. The director  
15 shall continue to have the duties and responsibilities  
16 set forth in Chapter 18 of the Anderson County Code of  
17 Ordinances. Further, the director shall continue to  
18 serve as the Council's chief executive officer when it  
19 comes to matter of civil defense and emergency  
20 preparedness and to carry out directive orders or  
21 instructions of council in that regard. Accordingly,  
22 the director shall continue to advise and inform the  
23 council on such matters through liaison with the County  
24 Administrator, the Administrator, and County Council  
25 Chairperson. The director shall continue to have  
26 responsibility of the day-to-day operations of the  
27 department. In the event of any conflict in reporting  
28 duties resulting from the director status as employee  
29 of the Sheriff and director's duties under Chapter 18  
30 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances under state  
31 law, the latter shall control.

32           Budget. The budgeting process of the  
33 department shall not change. By entering into this  
34 MOU, the Sheriff acknowledges and agrees that the  
35 Sheriff shall not be entitled to any further funding  
36 for any positions lost by the Sheriff in the event this  
37 MOU is terminated by either party as more fully set  
38 forth below.

39           Employees. As of the effective date of the  
40 transfer as provided in Section One, all employees of  
41 the department shall be employees of the Sheriff and  
42 shall have such employment rights, grievances, remedies  
43 as are provided to deputy sheriffs or other employees  
44 of the Sheriff. In the event this MOU is terminated,  
45 all department employees shall immediately cease their  
46 employment with the Sheriff and shall become county  
47 employees.

48           Termination. This MOU may be terminated with  
49 or without cause at any time by either party. Upon  
50 such termination transfer as contemplated hereunder

1 shall terminate and the responsibilities of the day-to-  
2 day supervision management of the department revert  
3 back to the county and the administrator. In the event  
4 of termination, each party agrees to work in good faith  
5 in a timely manner to give effect to same.

6 Miscellaneous. Governing Law. The MOU shall  
7 be governed by and construed in accordance with the  
8 laws of the State of South Carolina except as  
9 superceded by applicable U.S. Federal Law.

10 Waiver Amendments. Any further waiver,  
11 altercation -- alteration, amendment, modification of  
12 any of the previous of these MOUs shall not be valid or  
13 enforceable unless set forth in writing by party to be  
14 charged.

15 Further Assurances. The parties agree that  
16 each will at any time after the date the MOU is made,  
17 execute, deliver or cause to be delivered any and all  
18 additional documents or instruments responsible and  
19 necessary to effect the transactions created by this  
20 MOU.

21 Severability. The invalidity of any one or  
22 more of these terms, conditions or revisions of this  
23 MOU shall in no way affect the balance hereof which  
24 shall remain in full force and effect.

25 Executed, by the undersigned this Memorandum  
26 of Understanding is to be effective as of the date  
27 above first written.

28 I make that in the form of a motion.

29 TOM ALLEN: Second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second.

31 Discussion. I'd just like to start off by saying the  
32 reason this is being done in this manner, we chose to  
33 do it instead of an ordinance to go through three  
34 readings and what not. Nothing secretive, nothing  
35 Black Hawk helicopters or nothing riding around. This  
36 is to make it easier to get back out of. Very simple.  
37 If the county decides it's not the way to go or the  
38 Sheriff, it's very easy to get back out of. County  
39 Council still handles the budget and still got control  
40 of the money. The Emergency Preparedness Director  
41 still reports to the Administrator and in case of any  
42 emergency, he reports to Chairman of County Council.  
43 All that stays in effect. What this is going to do to  
44 us, I think, is streamline it and make it run it more  
45 efficiently. Our 911 Center right now is, is very  
46 below manpower. We're running below what levels of  
47 people down there we need to run effective operations.  
48 This will get us up to full staff and I think will help  
49 us further our operation and run better and smoothly  
50 and for the safety of the citizens of Anderson County.

1 Another thing this is going to do is going to give us  
2 one million dollars back out of the Sheriff's account.  
3 And I'll let him explain this in a minute and Ms. Davis  
4 a little bit further. It's giving back two mils is  
5 basically what it amounts to out of his operating  
6 budget to Anderson County, our general fund, for next  
7 year to help us with our budget. And that being said  
8 and I've gotten some other things. And we -- all  
9 council members have some letters in front of them from  
10 fire chiefs around Anderson County that don't have no  
11 and it's a small -- this is fire chiefs as far as the  
12 Chief of Honea Path, Williamston, Belton, Anderson  
13 County. Didn't go out and get twenty-seven fire chiefs  
14 called. I talked to several of them and some of them  
15 got letters in there, but this is going to effect  
16 people and their staff such as -- and the City of  
17 Anderson's in there because of their people. Our  
18 dispatching's going to stay the same. It's only going  
19 to get better on our call taking and all. And I just  
20 think this is -- a lot of things have been accused or  
21 misinterpreted and as far as our grant money and FEMA  
22 money, it don't have effect on it one way or another.  
23 And if anything, it will enhance our efforts. Anybody  
24 that knows anything about grant writing and talking  
25 about grant writing, they're looking in today's time in  
26 consolidation. The more people they can hit with that  
27 money, the better chance you are to getting it. So  
28 this will help our grant writing ability instead of  
29 hindering it. And any grants we get, if the Sheriff  
30 gets a grant tomorrow, the administrator's got to sign  
31 off on it and that's going to be the same way now.  
32 We're not giving up none on that thing. And saying  
33 that, I yield the floor to my colleagues for any  
34 further discussion.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, first of  
38 all I want you to know that I sat at my typewriter  
39 today and I printed this stuff here off, my questions,  
40 so I could stay on, on point and keep it short. Well,  
41 Mr. Chair, this proposal includes both the emergency  
42 preparedness and E911. Now the skills and experience  
43 necessary to handle emergency preparedness are totally  
44 different from those of 911. Emergency preparation --  
45 preparedness, include natural disasters, widespread  
46 diseases, and other manmade disasters as well as  
47 disasters that just falls upon us from the good Lord.  
48 The coordination of services needed to respond to this  
49 type of emergencies includes provision of clean water,  
50 shelter, food, medical service, safety, security,

1 medical service, safety and security is only small part  
2 -- I won't say small, is just one part of emergency  
3 preparedness. Because of that, I believe that we need  
4 to divide the question instead of lumping them  
5 together. I think -- I move that we divide the  
6 question, one for 911 and the other one for emergency  
7 preparedness.

8 TOM ALLEN: Second.

9 CINDY WILSON: And may I speak, please?

10 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute, Ms. Floyd's,  
11 Ms. Floyd's got a motion on the, got a motion on the  
12 floor. And your motion is to, to separate.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: To separate the two.  
14 They're two totally different things.

15 TOMMY DUNN: They are. You've got a  
16 second on the floor.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a second on the  
18 floor.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Now ---

20 CINDY WILSON: May I have the floor?

21 TOMMY DUNN: We'll go, we'll go into  
22 discussion on that. Ms. Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I agree with Ms.  
24 Floyd on this. And my motion to amend that I was going  
25 to raise tonight, and I'll just read it out so it'll  
26 maybe further clarify. My motion was going to amend  
27 R2010-030 to retain Department 5212, 5212, Emergency  
28 Preparedness and its approximately eight hundred and  
29 twenty thousand dollar budget in the general fund under  
30 the council administrator government, governments, and  
31 to transfer Department 5213 Communications Center and  
32 its approximate three million one hundred thirty-six  
33 thousand dollar budget and Department 5213-001 which is  
34 Technical Services and its eight hundred and sixty-  
35 seven thousand one hundred and thirty dollar budget to  
36 the Sheriff's Department. The projected 2011 surplus  
37 collections from the Sheriff's levy would be used  
38 toward the projected budget of Departments 5213 and  
39 5213-001. And further, would accept the offer from the  
40 Sheriff to accept the one million dollar surplus which  
41 appears to be in this year's budget from his levy to  
42 the county general fund in exchange for paying for the  
43 purchase of his new vehicles from the County's '08 5.4  
44 million dollar lease purchase agreement. So mine, mine  
45 was very similar with what Ms. Floyd has, but I wanted  
46 to read it out because I've worked on this for the last  
47 couple or three days getting information. And I agree  
48 with you on that, Ms. Floyd, and y'all can decide if  
49 you prefer the language I'm proposing or ...

50 TOMMY DUNN: Well, she's got a motion on

1 the floor. And the thing of it is, and I just want to  
2 throw two things out. Understand regardless, you know,  
3 if it stays like it is or goes to the Sheriff, and I  
4 understand your motion, it will still be -- if a  
5 disaster happens, it's still answering to the  
6 administrator and the council chairman regardless if it  
7 goes to the Sheriff or what not. The same people's  
8 going to be, going to be doing the thing. And we might  
9 be a moot point here because at this time I'm going to  
10 ask the Sheriff if he would -- if he's interested in  
11 taking just part of it. I mean, that's -- we can't  
12 force him to take it if he don't want it.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Going back to, to my motion,  
16 my motion is that we divide -- that we just divide the  
17 question. We -- let's, let's discuss 911 and decide  
18 what we're going to do and after we've decide that,  
19 then we discuss the emergency preparedness.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I'm sorry, I'm sorry.  
21 Okay. I'm sorry. I misunderstood. Okay. I got you,  
22 I got you. Your motion is just to decide the issues --  
23 divide the issues, I'm sorry, and to vote on them one  
24 at a time.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Divide the issues. That's  
26 all I'm saying.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, okay.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Is just discuss them one at  
29 a time and divide them.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody understand Ms.  
31 Floyd's motion? She just wants to vote on these items  
32 one -- each separately. And we have a second on that.  
33 Is there any further discussion?

34 CINDY WILSON: So we're looking to divide  
35 it?

36 TOMMY DUNN: We're voting one at a time.  
37 That's what, that's what her motion is. We're not  
38 voting on nothing right now but just dividing the  
39 issues. That's what we're, that's what we're voting on  
40 now. Any further discussion on this?

41 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I had just a  
42 question. If we divide it and if the vote were to turn  
43 out positive on one part and negative on the other  
44 part, I think we need to hear from the Sheriff to find  
45 out ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: Well, that's when we'll have  
47 to hear from the Sheriff, that's when we'll have to  
48 find out from the Sheriff.

49 TOM ALLEN: Will that even work?

50 TOMMY DUNN: But let's, let's, let's take

1 care of her, her motion. Any -- all in favor of Ms.  
2 Floyd's motion to dividing this up one at a time ---  
3 CINDY WILSON: Just one moment.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.  
5 CINDY WILSON: Make sure I'm clarifying --  
6 clear on this. Are we going to look at the MOU on  
7 Departments 5213 and 5213-001 as one item and then the  
8 MOU on Department 5212?  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, I mean, I'm  
10 sorry, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Floyd's motion, and she can  
11 correct me if I'm wrong, is to divide the public -- the  
12 E911 Center, vote on it, and then after that vote we'll  
13 be voting on emergency preparedness. Is that, is that  
14 correct?  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. We discuss each of  
16 them separately.  
17 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Each, each of them  
19 separately.  
20 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: And vote individually.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: We're not voting on either  
23 one of them now, we're just voting to divide the  
24 issues, divide the issue.  
25 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody understand? All  
27 in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion, show of hands. All  
28 opposed. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr.  
29 Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Ms. Wilson. Mr.  
30 Waldrep opposes. Now we have -- do we have a motion on  
31 the floor to divide it -- I'll read back and re-enter  
32 the motion upon the floor for the 911 Center to move it  
33 to the Sheriff's.  
34 CINDY WILSON: Now when you refer to 911  
35 you're referring to Department 5213 and its adjoining  
36 department which is -- and that's the Communication  
37 Center. And then 5213-001 that's the support technical  
38 services.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: That would be the 911, that  
40 would be the 911 center, what I consider 911 center,  
41 yes, ma'am.  
42 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I'd like to amend  
43 that by stating that if we do this that the Sheriff's  
44 levy has been bringing more funds in than originally  
45 projected, and take those surplus monies, whatever the  
46 projected amount whatever is actually collected above  
47 what is anticipated for his levy to go toward the cost  
48 of this department. That would represent, in my mind,  
49 a real exchange of taking a lot of the funding off the  
50 general fund. The pressure off the general fund.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, okay. I got -- I  
2 understand. But keep in mind he's taking -- what the  
3 original deal and we'll vote on this, but the original  
4 deal was he's taking almost two mils, which is a  
5 million dollars, out of his account and giving it to  
6 County Council.

7 CINDY WILSON: Okay. That first million  
8 that he first made me aware of on Tuesday afternoon  
9 came out of a capital ---

10 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. Excuse me.  
11 That's, that's two different issues. We're not talking  
12 about that. We're talking about -- that's this budget.  
13 Next year's budget, he's taking two mils -- Ms. Davis,  
14 do you want to explain -- come up to the thing and  
15 explain this and get this, get this right. You are the  
16 finance ...

17 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you for the  
18 opportunity.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

20 RITA DAVIS: As you stated, the million  
21 dollars is confusing because this year, I mean, we're  
22 going to do a million oh twenty-three capital and in --  
23 but next year what we're talking about ---

24 TOMMY DUNN: That's this coming budget.

25 RITA DAVIS: That's this coming budget.  
26 As you know, the Sheriff does have 30.8 mils separately  
27 identified for Sheriff operations. He has fines and  
28 fees, he has the Pendleton contract. So if you sum up  
29 all his revenues, it approximates 21.3 million dollars.  
30 He has submitted a budget of 20.3 million dollars.  
31 Hence, he is going to allow us to use that million  
32 additional revenue toward other general fund county  
33 operations, non-Sheriff related.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Nothing to do with capital  
35 expenditures on that. That's, that's the other thing.  
36 That's swapping money. On this other thing Ms.  
37 Wilson's talking about is just swapping money for this  
38 year.

39 RITA DAVIS: That's right. Yes, sir.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Let Ms. Wilson finish up,  
42 Ms. Floyd, if we can. I'm sorry, Ms. Wilson.

43 CINDY WILSON: That still leaves it  
44 somewhat nebulous because I -- maybe I'm the slow  
45 person, but when it comes to accounting, I like to know  
46 clearly where the money comes from and where it goes  
47 to. And in my -- to my thinking because -- and I'll be  
48 the first to say that years ago I voted for the  
49 communications to go to another Sheriff and then it  
50 came back. It didn't even enjoy the benefit of a

1 resolution. So I have no problem with that. But it's  
2 the process and it's the manner in which we do it and  
3 the way we earmark the funding. Because when I talked  
4 with Sheriff Skipper on Tuesday, the suggestion was  
5 that a million from his capital projects department go  
6 to our county general fund and that in return we would  
7 purchase his vehicle list through the 5.4 million  
8 dollar lease purchase account which was established  
9 late 2008. And that seems like a fair trade. But now  
10 we're talking about the transfer of the communications  
11 department which is a separate matter.

12 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

13 CINDY WILSON: And my motion was that we  
14 take the projected million dollar surplus there and put  
15 it toward the cost of communications which is general  
16 fund. He'll be given the authority. You see what I'm  
17 saying?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. But you don't  
19 understand. What ---

20 CINDY WILSON: But it makes it clear.

21 TOMMY DUNN: But what I'm saying all too,  
22 what things going -- we're going to vote on your motion  
23 but just so I want to make it perfectly clear. The  
24 Sheriff, like they was talking about -- this coming --  
25 you know, one ain't got nothing to do with the other as  
26 far as this year's budget about this -- what you're  
27 trying to say about this capital purchasing money  
28 swapping out. That's just to help us out. That's got  
29 nothing to do with taking over the 911 dispatch. But  
30 on the other thing, on the funding part, he was going  
31 to take almost - was it a mil or two mils - equaling to  
32 a million dollars out of his budget for next year and  
33 put over in our general fund. Can't hardly get no more  
34 simpler than that in taking over. But your motion is,  
35 if you would restate it again, because we need to vote  
36 on yours before we can vote on mine.

37 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. My motion was to  
38 amend Resolution 2010-030 to retain Department 5212,  
39 which is Emergency Preparedness and its approximate  
40 eight hundred and twenty thousand dollar budget in the  
41 general fund under council administrator governments  
42 and to transfer Department ---

43 TOMMY DUNN: I mean, I'm sorry. Not, not  
44 that one. What you -- you amended my motion about the  
45 money part. We've already got a motion on the floor  
46 about that and I'm not going back through that. You  
47 wanted to amend, amend -- we divided -- we got it  
48 divided.

49 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

50 TOMMY DUNN: And you said something about



1 you wanted to take the money from the Sheriff. That's  
2 what we're talking about.

3 CINDY WILSON: My motion is that  
4 Departments 5213 Communication Center and its  
5 approximately three million one hundred and thirty-six  
6 thousand dollar budget and Department 5213-001  
7 Technical Services and its eight hundred and sixty-  
8 seven thousand one hundred and thirty dollar budget to  
9 the Sheriff's Department. And to take the projected  
10 2011 surplus collected collections from the Sheriff's  
11 levy would be used toward the projected budgets of  
12 Departments 5213 and 5213-001.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. In a nutshell, I'm  
14 just going to compare it. Your motion is take money  
15 out of the Sheriff's account and with this and put back  
16 in there.

17 CINDY WILSON: It's the projected surplus  
18 from his levy.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Projected surplus.

20 CINDY WILSON: Now, if it didn't ---

21 TOMMY DUNN: ... already got.

22 CINDY WILSON: If it didn't occur, then  
23 obviously, it couldn't be done that way.

24 TOMMY DUNN: But, but -- okay. But, but  
25 you're taking money out of the Sheriff's Department.

26 CINDY WILSON: He's got ---

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, but you're taking  
28 money out of the Sheriff's Department account to go  
29 over to help operate the 911 thing?

30 CINDY WILSON: Well, we're putting his --  
31 these departments into his department.

32 TOMMY DUNN: I'm just trying to clear  
33 things up. I'm not arguing. I'm just trying to make  
34 it clear for the council members and make sure  
35 everybody -- does everybody understand what the -- what  
36 her motion is?

37 CINDY WILSON: You see when you've got a  
38 projected budget of over three million there that seems  
39 like it would be a big help and it would be a clearer  
40 use of the funding.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second on Ms.  
42 Wilson's motion.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Are  
45 there any discussion understanding what she's wanting  
46 to do? She's wanting to -- this is an amendment to my  
47 thing about taking the 911 center to them. She wants  
48 to take -- also take what she's calling the projected  
49 surplus money out of the Sheriff's Department with it  
50 -- with that.

1 CINDY WILSON: Partially fund it.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Partially fund it.  
3 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
5 BOB WALDREP: I have a question about  
6 this, this million dollars. This has been done on a  
7 money basis as opposed to being done on a milage basis?  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, yes.  
9 BOB WALDREP: Money basis. Okay.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Projected money.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Does that mean that this is  
12 just going to be a one shot deal for this coming year?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Well, it would be -- the  
14 whole thing's just a one shot deal until we come back  
15 and do -- look at it again. We're still controlling  
16 the money.  
17 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. I just  
18 wondered if that -- so it's just ... All right.  
19 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, one other  
20 thing, may I?  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
22 CINDY WILSON: The issue of this being in  
23 resolution form, you know, while it makes it difficult  
24 to have a longer discussion, it would be more  
25 formalized in our budget ordinance for the coming year.  
26 You know, we'll, we'll be working through that budget,  
27 so whatever is resolved by resolution tonight will be  
28 reflected in a formal budget ordinance.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. But we'd also  
30 be able to get rid of it in one vote too if we needed  
31 to. We could get rid of it -- being a resolution, we  
32 could get rid of it for one vote if we wanted to to  
33 take something back.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-uh (negative). That's  
35 not right.  
36 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Allen.  
38 TOM ALLEN: I just had a question. It's  
39 a little bit confusing, but at the same time we'd be  
40 working with projected numbers and that's a -- you  
41 know, that can go either way. I think that may be the  
42 issue.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: And she understands that.  
44 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: She might understand it, but  
48 the people don't understand it. All right. Projected  
49 means it might happen. It doesn't mean it's going to  
50 happen. The projected budget comes from two sources.

1 It comes from property tax revenue. All right.  
2 Property taxes are down. Nobody's building nothing.  
3 Nobody's moving. We may get, let's see, Richard  
4 Bryson, Richard Bryson's projected revenue was eighteen  
5 million, almost nineteen million dollars. Our finance  
6 director's projected budget was nineteen million six  
7 hundred and forty-four. We may get that. If we should  
8 get that then what the Sheriff was going to do is take  
9 that nineteen -- I mean it's a, it's a difference  
10 between his and hers of seven hundred and eight  
11 thousand five hundred and eighty dollars. He's going  
12 to take that seven hundred and eight thousand five  
13 hundred and eighty dollars, add three hundred more  
14 thousand from his capital lease purchase and that's  
15 your million dollars. If we're going to do this, if  
16 it's done like this, I've got to have it signed. I  
17 want a written statement. I have it right here. I  
18 want to see a memorandum before we sign -- before we  
19 vote on this, signed by the Sheriff, the Chair of  
20 County Council, the County Administrator, the County  
21 Attorney, the County finance manager, and the County  
22 chief financial investigative budget analysis, verify  
23 that this will indeed save us one million dollars.  
24 Showing us where the savings will be realized from. I  
25 don't want them just to tell me y'all going to save or  
26 we're going to save a million dollars,. I want them to  
27 put it in writing that we're going to save a million  
28 dollars. The purpose is this is to keep from being  
29 misled. If we later find this to be false, I intend to  
30 pursue this under our new anti-fraud policy. And I put  
31 that in the form of a motion.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Now we've got a motion. We  
33 just -- we can get -- her, her thing is is not that.  
34 Hers is wanting to take money out of the Sheriff's  
35 budget, surplus thing and, and operate this. That's  
36 what we're, that's what we're voting on now.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: I, I know we're -- Mr.  
38 Chair. I know we voted on that now.

39 TOMMY DUNN: No, we haven't voted on it.  
40 Not yet.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I know we're getting ready  
42 to vote on that. But, Mr. Chair, Mr. Chairman, excuse  
43 me, I still contend that we are talking projected.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Nobody says -- nobody knows  
46 but the good Lord or the person that whomever you  
47 believe in, your higher power, only knows whether or  
48 not we're going to realize that savings. If we don't  
49 realize that savings, then what? You can't go on --  
50 like my husband used to say, if a frog have a glass

1 behind he'll -- he'd break it every time he fall. We  
2 can't go on if, we can't go on if. Now if we're going  
3 to do this, then I want it in writing that we're going  
4 to realize a hundred -- a million dollar savings. And  
5 right now, I don't see it.

6 TOMMY DUNN: We're, we're not talking  
7 about a million dollar savings though right now. We're  
8 talking about she wants to take money out, if I'm  
9 correct, out of the Sheriff's -- and it is projected,  
10 but it's out of his budget, it's not, it's not nothing  
11 that he's giving us or nothing.

12 CINDY WILSON: May I clarify?

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

14 CINDY WILSON: It seems like -- if there is  
15 a surplus, my amendment would earmark it toward the  
16 expenses or the budget for communications.

17 TOMMY DUNN: And to make sure, what  
18 you're saying though is like if the communications  
19 budget was three million dollars now and he -- his  
20 projection income is right, you'll take that money and  
21 we won't be putting the three million in there, he's  
22 going to supplement that so we'll be saving. Is that,  
23 is that what we're coming from?

24 CINDY WILSON: Well, keeping in mind that  
25 when people pay their taxes, they don't know exactly --  
26 they know they pay x number of dollars. So the Sheriff  
27 does have a separate levy and his separate levy has  
28 created apparently a million dollar surplus this year  
29 and a million dollar surplus next year. And what I'm  
30 suggesting is that we earmark those funds specifically,  
31 should they come about, to the communications  
32 department and services related to that in his  
33 department because we'll be transferring them to his  
34 department.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. And the money that's  
36 already budgeted for that, we know that's there,  
37 where's that money going to go.

38 CINDY WILSON: That has to come out of the  
39 general fund spending.

40 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm talking  
41 about. But what I'm, what I'm saying is, you've got,  
42 you've got this money in general fund, that's, that's  
43 budgeted. So what you're saying, what you're -- so  
44 you're not going to add to it. The budget's going to  
45 be what the budget is. I'm just -- to operate. If  
46 it's three million dollars, it's three million dollars.

47 CINDY WILSON: I said it was going toward  
48 the budget. So if there's only a five hundred thousand  
49 dollar surplus that comes in, it goes toward it. If  
50 it's a million dollars, it goes toward it. And then

1       whatever the balance is we have to fund out of the  
2       general fund, is my understanding.

3               TOMMY DUNN:               That's what I'm asking.  
4       Okay. I'm going to let the Sheriff have a say here and  
5       clear ---

6               SHERIFF SKIPPER: I was going to say, if we --  
7       because you're already in discussion and I want to make  
8       sure we've got this squared away. And I think this is  
9       a matter of semantics and, and words and what not. I  
10      don't have a surplus of money in any of my budgets.  
11      Here's what we do every year. We have our milage, the  
12      milage is set and so our accountant multiplies the one  
13      mil times the 30.8 and here's what you're projected to  
14      get if the account -- obviously, if we collect ever tax  
15      dollar. He backs off of that basically about two and a  
16      half, maybe even three percent sometimes, figuring  
17      that's what we won't collect in that first year. And  
18      then we back off of that another about two percent and  
19      that's what we budget on. Because what he does is he  
20      takes -- we plan to have a capital projects at the end  
21      of every year of a million dollars. Some days -- some  
22      years it may be a million dollars. Some years it may  
23      be seven hundred thousand. It depends on the  
24      collections. The purpose of that is is to move into  
25      our capital projects account to buy cars when cars are  
26      bid on October and are led to order in November. But  
27      with that said, that's where some of this, everybody  
28      keeps calling it surplus, that's not what we're doing,  
29      we're surplus. We're taking that money that we have  
30      had in the capital projects. Some statements are  
31      correct. This year, as of June ending this year in  
32      this year's budget, we had had in our capital projects  
33      money to move forward a million dollars to buy cars.  
34      What the finance department, what the county has come  
35      to me and says, we have money in lease purchase to buy  
36      vehicles. You, the council, have said, we're not  
37      buying vehicles for a whole bunch of departments in the  
38      county. So that money is earmarked for vehicles. So  
39      they proposed to me, let us buy the money -- or buy the  
40      cars out of the lease purchase money because that's  
41      what it's designed for, for vehicles, if I would then  
42      allow that million dollars that I had planned to put in  
43      capital projects to buy cars to stay in the general  
44      fund to help balance this year's budget ending June.  
45      That's one issue, that's one issue. Second issue, in  
46      the projected next year's budget, we plan to set aside  
47      and plan for to budget a million dollars for capital  
48      projects. Again, another lump of cars -- somebody help  
49      me with the month, November of not next year, but the  
50      next year. So what Ms. Davis has proposed to me is

1 this, and I'm pretty much agreeing that since we're  
2 buying cars this month and because the county is in bad  
3 shape. Everybody's in bad shape. You know, there's  
4 not a lot of permits going on and so there's -- there  
5 could be a shortfall in the end of next year's budget.  
6 So what I'm agreeing to is that by doing the 911 Center  
7 Emergency Preparedness and all that to me, we have sat  
8 down and decided that we can manage those folks and  
9 then the projected, according to Mr. Daniel and I think  
10 Ms. Davis and those folks that do all these  
11 projections, that that projection should be seven  
12 hundred and something thousand dollars. And at that  
13 time next year, whatever those projections are, I will  
14 then leave in the general fund to help you get to the  
15 -- right now you're still looking for 1.8 million  
16 dollars to -- for some place. If we don't this, you're  
17 going to be looking for two point whatever it is  
18 million dollars. So that's how much the county's going  
19 to be short if you don't do this agreement. Now, with  
20 that said, Mr. Pitts, Ms. Wilson is saying leave --  
21 she's wanting to separate the two and vote on 5212 as  
22 one issue and then 5213 and 5213-1. Is not the  
23 resolution that we have on the table, there's two MOUs.  
24 One is for Emergency Preparedness, i.e. the director of  
25 that and his bit of a staff which is 5212. That is one  
26 MOU. The second MOU is for the 5213 and 5213-01. So  
27 in a sense, when you vote for the MOUs that are there,  
28 in my opinion, and Rita you help me with this, we're  
29 doing what you want done. The Emergency Preparedness  
30 and the 5212 stays under the administrator. The other  
31 two comes under me. And that's what is -- was the  
32 original proposal on the table. Now here, Rita help me  
33 with this, if I'm correct, next year I'm proposing to  
34 leave you the seven hundred and something thousand,  
35 plus the three hundred to make a million and, and I'm  
36 trying to follow along with you, Ms. Wilson. If we do  
37 what she just said, that money comes back to me, not  
38 goes to you. Is that correct? Did I follow that?

39 RITA DAVIS: Well, ---

40 CINDY WILSON: It would go to the budgets  
41 for communications and technical which would be under  
42 your authority.

43 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Which if you pass the MOU  
44 number two is mine so it comes into that. Is that the  
45 way I'm reading that?

46 CINDY WILSON: Well, remember when I talked  
47 with you, I guess it was Thursday, I said if you want  
48 to take all those departments and pay out of your levy,  
49 glory hallelujah, you can have it. That -- you'd have  
50 my agreement. But then it was described to me that

1 Emergency Preparedness legally cannot be removed from  
2 the general fund.

3 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And we're not doing that.

4 CINDY WILSON: And it was also described  
5 that - maybe I misunderstood - 5213 and 5213-001, while  
6 they would come under your authority, we'd still have  
7 to keep them in the general fund.

8 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And that is correct. All  
9 this, the 5212 - jump in here Rita any time - 5212,  
10 5213, 5213-001 is still part of the general fund. It  
11 has nothing to do with my thirty point, thirty point  
12 ---

13 RITA SMITH: Eight.

14 SHERIFF SKIPPER: -- 30.8 mils.

15 CINDY WILSON: Well, what I was proposing,  
16 since you have the current surplus in capital projects  
17 ---

18 SHERIFF SKIPPER: My capital projects. Okay.

19 CINDY WILSON: -- and we're going to pay  
20 for your vehicle purchase out of the lease purchase  
21 which was set up in 2008, late 2008. Pardon? The --  
22 and the whole point of transferring 5213, 5213-001 to  
23 you was not only to get it out of our general fund  
24 which would reduce our financial load, but it would  
25 also give you the authority and the liabilities with  
26 communications.

27 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Right. But, but ---

28 CINDY WILSON: I, I do believe your  
29 department could run that very well.

30 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And, and I appreciate that  
31 and we've had those conversations. But Ms. Davis, we  
32 have had no discussion about moving 5212, 5213-001 out  
33 of the general fund.

34 RITA DAVIS: No, sir.

35 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Because that would require  
36 adding milage to my mils and there's not enough of  
37 those in the county to go around.

38 RITA DAVIS: To go around.

39 CINDY WILSON: But you see, the general  
40 fund is in the red. We have one enterprise fund that  
41 is seriously in the red. So whatever we discuss here  
42 tonight won't deal with the enterprise fund. But we're  
43 talking about the financial responsibilities in the  
44 general fund. We would transfer the authority and the  
45 liability to you for 5213 and 5213-001 and then have  
46 you -- whatever surplus that you have would go toward  
47 your budget for those departments. Now the general  
48 fund would have to supplement it with the balance.

49 RITA DAVIS: Ma'am, may I offer up? 5212  
50 and 5213 are currently in the general fund. With these

1 MOUs, they would stay in the general fund, as is the  
2 detention center and the Sheriff. All of those  
3 departments are currently in the general fund and they  
4 will stay that way. However, a couple of years ago  
5 when the Sheriff said, okay, I won't be a special  
6 revenue any more, I'll come into the general fund, he  
7 had 30.8 mils identified. He's still got 30.8 mils  
8 identified for Sheriff and detention center only and he  
9 has no part of the general fund other milage. So  
10 consequently, by him agreeing to take just the  
11 authority of this but give our departments a million  
12 dollars, it all stays within the general fund, but we  
13 -- you want the million dollars to go towards  
14 communications, we can do that because it'll all still  
15 be within the same fund. That four million dollars  
16 that's communication, it will go toward that. It will  
17 go toward the assessor, the administrator, the  
18 assessor's budget. All those other departments from  
19 the general fund, it'll go help balance their budgets.  
20 And he will not get any more additional milage, fines,  
21 fees, any of his revenue. So it ends up helping the  
22 general fund tremendously if you will allow him to do  
23 this. Because he gets no additional revenue.

24 CINDY WILSON: I think it's basically  
25 saying the same thing truly.

26 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, that, that's what I  
27 was trying to get at, is basically under the original  
28 MOUs, the Emergency Preparedness 5212 stays with the  
29 administrator and that money stays with that. And then  
30 the other two accounts are under my direct control and,  
31 and it's like any other thing, I mean, it still has to  
32 come back through finance, but I mean I just can't  
33 spend it on anything.

34 CINDY WILSON: We're talking about three  
35 departments here. We've separated out to two different  
36 MOUs. One is 5212 which is Emergency Preparedness and  
37 then the MOU we're talking about right now is 5213 and  
38 5213-001.

39 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I guess that's what I'm  
40 saying. As I see it on the table, and Mr. Pitts  
41 correct me if I'm wrong, the way it was put on the  
42 table originally, if y'all all said yes right now, it's  
43 doing exactly what she's says. 5212 stays under the  
44 administrator and 5213 and 5213-01 -- it's two MOUs in  
45 the package already. He read them in sequence, but  
46 they're actually two MOUs.

47 MIKE PITTS: Sheriff, I would just to  
48 clarify, the transfer of the Emergency Preparedness  
49 department would come over under your authority, but  
50 the emergency services director would still retain day-



1 to-day authority for the emergency preparedness  
2 function and in turn report to the council.

3 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay. And I'm willing to  
4 state right here on the record, I mean, obviously, if  
5 you've got an emergency preparedness director and his  
6 division has to work for him, I mean, that, that's what  
7 they would be doing. I, I mean, I'm not trying to  
8 separate those as I understand it. I just -- I think  
9 we're saying the same thing, Ms. Wilson.

10 CINDY WILSON: I think after we've hashed  
11 ...

12 TOMMY DUNN: If I could just, we need to,  
13 we need to extend the time. Can I have a motion to  
14 extend the time?

15 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE ONE

16 TOMMY DUNN: -- time fifteen minutes,  
17 please show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show  
18 the motion carries unanimously.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I know we only  
22 have fifteen minutes, okay, but we've taken -- the  
23 Sheriff and the Council Woman from District Seven have  
24 taken up most of the time already. There are other  
25 things that we need -- that needs to be discussed here.  
26 Okay. We're getting ourselves all mixed up. You're  
27 throwing out a lot of numbers - 5213, 5214. First of  
28 all, we need to use the names of these departments that  
29 we're talking about. We might understand it, but they  
30 do they understand it, do they understand what we're  
31 talking about? And these are the people that we're  
32 trying to please, first of all. Secondly ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, excuse me, but  
34 Ms. Wilson's got the floor. Let her, let her finish  
35 here her thing and we'll get on. Well, she's got the  
36 floor. Just like anybody else gets it -- gets -- has  
37 got a chance. Ms. Wilson.

38 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
39 Basically I was seeking clarification. We're dealing  
40 with two different memorandums of understanding. And  
41 the one that I was talking with the Sheriff and Ms.  
42 Davis about and all of us, 5213 is Communications  
43 Center, 5213-001 is the Technical Services backing all  
44 that up. So I'm clear now.

45 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's correct. And, and  
46 those issues, just so everybody knows, communications  
47 5213 is those people in dispatch and all the equipment  
48 and operations that go with that, the radios, the  
49 electricity, the everything. The technical services,  
50 the 5213-01, is the technicians that we have. There's

1 an operations lady, two technicians, and a computer  
2 guy. That's the 5213. The 5212, the other MOU that  
3 you're wanting to keep separate under the  
4 administrator, is the emergency person -- the director  
5 of emergency preparedness and he has two people that  
6 work for him.

7 CINDY WILSON: And I wanted to keep that  
8 under the authority of our people.

9 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And is that -- and that's  
10 what we're doing in the original MOUs.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

12 BOB WALDREP: I guess that was the  
13 question, I think it's already been answered, I think.  
14 But the emergency director will be operating under the  
15 authority of the county administrator and all these  
16 matters so it's not a dual ---

17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No, no.

18 BOB WALDREP: There's no duality here.  
19 He's clearly under the administrator. And, of course,  
20 that has to be because that's what the law says.

21 TOMMY DUNN: State law.

22 BOB WALDREP: That we've got to do it that  
23 way. Okay. That was just my question. Okay.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Moore. Hang on  
25 just a minute, if you would.

26 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Waldrep, if I might, so  
27 it's clear.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Pitts.

29 MIKE PITTS: I was going to point out  
30 that under this proposal, the emergency preparedness  
31 director would come in as a Sheriff's department  
32 employee, but when it came to matters of emergency  
33 preparedness, disaster plans, and things of that  
34 nature, that person would -- he would answer to the  
35 county council, as required by state law.

36 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

37 MIKE PITTS: But the day-to-day  
38 supervision of the Sheriff, which is a similar model  
39 that Greenville has and Beaufort County.

40 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And with that said, on the  
41 record, I will tell you that I am very clear on what  
42 the law says and what the law says an emergency  
43 preparedness manager does. He reports to the  
44 administrator, he is responsible for managing the  
45 emergencies in the county, not just -- I'm talking  
46 about planning, you know, floods and dam breaks and all  
47 that stuff. He plans those. And then when those  
48 actually physically happen, then he reports to the  
49 county council chairman and the administrator when we  
50 are in full swing emergency operation. I understand

1 that very clearly and that's how, that's how we plan to  
2 do this.

3 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

5 EDDIE MOORE: That was what I wanted to  
6 talk to, Mr. Chairman, was I've got the law in front of  
7 me on that. And also one other point I wanted to talk  
8 about too was it states in there grant funds in all  
9 cases are directed to the county government not the  
10 Sheriff to be disbursed and entities and programs  
11 receiving grant funds. And also, I would like to go  
12 back and discuss also the county emergency preparedness  
13 director shall be designated ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, could I ask a  
15 point of order? If you don't mind, I think the motion  
16 on the floor right now is dispatch, 911 center. So we  
17 want -- if you could hold off with that until we get to  
18 that, if we do get to that point. I mean we're talking  
19 right now about 911 -- that's the motion on the floor  
20 right now is the 911 center going over.

21 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I was -- Mr. Chairman, I  
22 hate to interrupt, but I was almost, since Ms. Wilson  
23 and I have had a discussion, the simplistic of it is, I  
24 think we're back to where we were and we're ---

25 TOMMY DUNN: No, because the motion ---

26 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, I understand but it  
27 ---

28 TOMMY DUNN: The motion was to separate  
29 it. We got it separated, so we've got to get this --  
30 we've got this thing on.

31 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay.

32 TOMMY DUNN: So that what it is, we're  
33 doing it one at a time and it's, it's -- and that's  
34 just the way we done it. I mean, that's the way -- the  
35 motion on the floor, we've got to go by the rules. And  
36 right now the motion is to move dispatch to the  
37 Sheriff. Now are there any discussion or comments on  
38 that?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, the county must  
42 have a budget in place by July 1st. Therefore, a first  
43 reading of that budget must occur by the middle of May.  
44 Why are we in such a hurry to do this? Now I know this  
45 thing about a resolution, we can get it done by a  
46 resolution and we can bring it back if we want, if we  
47 want to change it. But, Mr. Chairman, if we pass this  
48 tonight, this goes into the general budget hearing. It  
49 takes three readings, an ordinance, to pass a general  
50 budget. If this is in the general budget and we take

1 three readings and we pass it, then it's no longer a  
2 resolution. It's in the budget. All right. So I  
3 don't understand why are we rushing through this thing  
4 here tonight? You see that it's a whole lot of  
5 confusion about it. You see that, that we're not ready  
6 to discuss this or to vote on this right now. I  
7 thought we were. I will be more than honest with you.  
8 I thought we were. I thought this would be a good  
9 plan. But after looking at this thing and, and getting  
10 ready for it, no, uh-uh, it's too much, it's too much  
11 in here. What is the hurry? We can do it now or we  
12 can do it in the middle of whenever. What is the  
13 hurry? What's the rush? Who can answer that for me,  
14 please?

15 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion on the  
16 floor. Do you want to make a motion to table it or  
17 something, is that what you're saying, Ms. Floyd?

18 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I'm asking a question.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm asking a question.

21 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I can speak to it.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Sheriff.

23 SHERIFF SKIPPER: You know, one of the issues  
24 I have is is that I am, I am preparing for my budget  
25 for next year and I'm preparing in my department on how  
26 I'm going to structure my folks. And when this comes  
27 under me then I don't want to come up at the last  
28 minute and try to figure out how we're going to --  
29 because we're going to do some restructuring. I mean,  
30 obviously, we need some -- different issues at the 911  
31 center. And what I mean by that is is because I have  
32 my law enforcement entity there, I'm going to have a  
33 law enforcement entity there to oversee that part of it  
34 and I need to, and I need to work on that. And so, at  
35 this moment in time, I need to go forward with my plans  
36 in the Sheriff's office. And, I mean, it's not a  
37 matter of trying to rush anything. I guess my, my semi  
38 comment of this is when you go into the budget process  
39 and if y'all pass this tonight and I see that where I'm  
40 losing -- where I'm going to lose three million dollars  
41 out of my budget, then I'm going to go back here and  
42 ask you to redo this and take it away because I ain't  
43 going to lose money over the deal. And I don't think  
44 y'all would do that, but I'm just telling you. I mean,  
45 the purpose of this is to say if it's not working we  
46 can undo it. And, I mean, the idea is that if I see  
47 that I'm getting whiteout on my money, that I can't do  
48 the services for the county and for the citizens, then  
49 I'm going to raise a hand and say oops.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, Sheriff. I thank, I

1 thank you for that answer. But just as you have to do  
2 your budget, we have to do ours. And we have to be  
3 cognizant of just more than just one department. We  
4 have to be cognizant of -- wait a minute, I'm not  
5 through now. We have to be cognizant of every  
6 department, making sure that they get what they need as  
7 well. Why can't we slow this thing down? Why can't we  
8 look at -- why can't we go and do a budget? In fact,  
9 where is our budget? Why can't we go back and do a  
10 budget, take our time, and get it right? Sheriff, I  
11 know that you have to cover yourself, but we have to  
12 cover ourselves too.

13 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: And right now, the money  
15 that you were talking about putting back into the  
16 budget, Sheriff, that's projected money. And are we  
17 sure that, that we're going to get a million dollars  
18 that's going to help. It's projected.

19 SHERIFF SKIPPER: All of it is projected. And  
20 I think we all, in finance and in our budgets,  
21 understand that. You know, I'm projecting nineteen  
22 million something dollars and I might end up with  
23 fifteen. I understand that. But in your response to  
24 your -- about the budget, if you -- if we could get Ms.  
25 Davis to speak to it if you wish to is that they are  
26 working on the budget.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. They who? They who?

28 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Ms. Davis and Mr. Daniel,  
29 and I guess Rusty and ---

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Just a minute. Thank  
31 you, thank you. Where is Mr. Daniel?

32 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I don't know.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Is Gina  
34 working on the budget, Ms. -- is Rita?

35 RITA DAVIS: She has worked on revenues.  
36 Yes, ma'am. In fact, we were using her property tax  
37 projections.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Where is Gina?

39 RITA DAVIS: I'm not certain, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Daniel is working  
41 on this budget. Is Mr. Daniel -- I thought that he was  
42 supposed to be the investigative whatever. When did he  
43 get authority to work on our budget? Who gave him the  
44 authority to work on our budget that we need to be  
45 discussing right now so we can straighten out this kind  
46 of mess?

47 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And it's my understanding  
48 that the discussions have been y'all are working on  
49 this million dollars that we're going to allow you to  
50 keep of mine is part of -- is a critical part of making

1 everything work next year. Is that correct?

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Well then how come, how  
3 come, how come I wasn't made aware of this? I mean, I  
4 worked on the budget for the past eleven years. I  
5 found out all this stuff this week digging through this  
6 thing so I could understand what I was talking about.  
7 That has never happened before. Even last year they  
8 got together and had budget meetings. There it is.  
9 Right. And Sheriff, I appreciate you straightening us  
10 out, but this is council right now. Okay.

11 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I understand.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Here it is we're in the  
13 middle of April and I haven't even seen a budget yet.  
14 What is going on here? I say that we're not ready for  
15 the 911 thing. I said that there's something wrong  
16 with it. Mr. Dunn, I know you, you are a proponent of  
17 this. But will your fire department, will your fire  
18 department who works with themselves, under their own  
19 umbrella, go to the Sheriff as well? Will their 911  
20 center go to the Sheriff Department?

21 TOMMY DUNN: They don't work for --  
22 they'll be, they'll be in the building with the  
23 Sheriff's department, but they'll answer just like --  
24 they'll answer just like they do now. Won't be no  
25 difference in it. The same with anybody else's.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Now they don't, they don't  
28 go to them because they don't, they don't now. They  
29 don't answer, they don't answer now to the 911 center.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: okay. Why?

31 TOMMY DUNN: Because they're paying for  
32 the dispatchers.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Why -- if we're going  
34 to do that, why don't we just save the money that the  
35 fire departments get for their dispatcher, why don't we  
36 save that money and let's put it all under the Sheriff?

37 TOMMY DUNN: How, how you going to save  
38 that money when they're paying that money? They --  
39 they want their own dispatchers. You can't make them  
40 do something they don't want to do.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But -- okay. But can  
42 we be made to do something we don't want to do?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Nobody's asked you to.  
44 That's what this vote's about, Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Let's get down  
46 to the voting then because --

47 TOMMY DUNN: And that's, that's right.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: -- what I've been hearing,  
49 from what I have been hearing, I don't think that many  
50 people want to do this. Sheriff, I apologize to you.

1 I really do. Because at first, I thought it was a good  
2 idea and I was all for it. But the thing got muddy.  
3 When they started talking about the money, it got  
4 muddy. When they start talking about the budget, and I  
5 haven't seen the budget, it got muddy. And I'm having  
6 -- I don't know now. And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Call -- anything else?  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I think  
9 this whole thing -- I got information on this late last  
10 week. When you've got the magnitude of numbers like  
11 this and we don't have the information to look at --  
12 like today when I met with Mr. Daniel for a little  
13 while, I got some more information. And everyday for  
14 two days, I've got different information. We cannot  
15 make a good decision on something when we don't have  
16 the numbers. And to push something through and ram it  
17 through tonight is completely wrong.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I'm going ---  
19 EDDIE MOORE: Not -- I've got the floor,  
20 Mr. Chairman. I'm going to finish what I'm saying. It  
21 is wrong when you're not informing all the county  
22 council members of the information on something of this  
23 magnitude. Now whether we agree on the issue or not is  
24 besides the point. We are elected officials and we  
25 have the right to get the information, each one of us,  
26 so that we can make a good, logical decision on  
27 budgetary matters. And to get information at the last  
28 of the week and not have the correct information and  
29 still getting information on Monday and expecting to  
30 vote on something tonight is -- that's not right. And  
31 that's all I got to say.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
33 APPLAUSE  
34 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, it just seems  
35 like there are a lot of questions. And I had a  
36 conversation with the Sheriff this afternoon and I  
37 don't think he'll agree, but I basically am in favor of  
38 this transfer. But as long as we have some county  
39 council members that are unhappy with the information  
40 that they're receiving, I think it would probably be  
41 best if we could just postpone this. Not table it, but  
42 just postpone the decision on this until next council  
43 meeting. That would give us two weeks for everybody to  
44 do their homework, talk to everybody that they want to  
45 in the finance department, to the Sheriff. I still  
46 think that we'd do well to go ahead and approve this.  
47 But I -- under these circumstances I would just make a  
48 motion that we postpone decision on this until next  
49 council meeting.  
50 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

1 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion,  
2 show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the  
3 motion carries. I will make a comment. I take  
4 exception trying -- saying I'm trying to ram this thing  
5 down somebody's throat because that never, never  
6 happened. And secondly, I don't know where you get  
7 these sort of insulting to the staff saying you're get  
8 misinformation every day. You know, when you ask for  
9 something or other you ought to get it. And I hate it  
10 for somebody that can't or can't comprehend. But some  
11 people's out giving misinformation trying to sabotage  
12 something. I take offense to that. So I just ask for  
13 everybody to be open to it, look at it, and deal in  
14 facts. That's what I try to do at all times. And  
15 there's been several instances I've just sort of bit my  
16 tongue and let things go by -- some instances some  
17 people have said and don't have no facts to back  
18 nothing up with. So, please, we all, like I said and  
19 I'll agree with you, we might not agree with the same  
20 thing, with the ideas or what not, but I'm not going to  
21 fabricate nothing or make nothing up to try to get you  
22 or the public opinion to sway to my side. So I just  
23 ask people to deal in facts and know the facts. If you  
24 have any questions about them, try to get them and I'll  
25 try to help anybody I can to get the numbers. And  
26 we'll move on now.

27 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Mr. Chairman, could I make  
28 one comment?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

30 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Just so everybody knows, I  
31 have met with numerous people over this over the past,  
32 I mean, even months ago. We talked briefly about it,  
33 but like Ms. Wilson and Mr. Moore and Mr. Waldrep have  
34 just said, and even Ms. Floyd, I've talked to her about  
35 this. Mr. Allen briefly. Haven't talked a lot with  
36 Mr. Wilson. But, you know, I've talked day after day  
37 about how we're going to do this and what my position  
38 is and why I'm doing this. And, you know, my  
39 alternatives are to help the county get through a bad  
40 time. But, you know, the milage is my milage and  
41 that's the money there. So with that said and  
42 everybody up here saying that they haven't had the  
43 opportunity, before we leave here tonight, I would like  
44 somebody to check with Mr. Burns on a scheduled day for  
45 a workshop where everybody appears and we get this  
46 taken care of shortly.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
48 Item Number 9 - Finance Committee Report. Committee  
49 chairman, Tom Allen.

50 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



1 Yeah, I just wanted to make a quick report on the  
2 finance committee meeting that we had back on April  
3 8th. And that finance committee meeting was to look at  
4 certain departments and find out what their workloads  
5 were. What type of activity they've had this year  
6 versus last year and so on. We looked at the storm  
7 water department, the building inspections and we also  
8 considered the aspect of one stop shopping for all  
9 permits. And I'll discuss that in a second. But  
10 anyway, on the storm water and building inspections, we  
11 did ask for a couple of additional pieces of  
12 information so that we can see how the, how the work  
13 loads have been progressing over the past year on  
14 those. And we are getting those in now. I believe Ms.  
15 Hunter, Alicia, you had mentioned the other day at our  
16 meeting that we've now got a one stop shopping set up  
17 for permits. And I really appreciate that. I've had  
18 comments from a lot of citizens, businessmen, small  
19 businesses, saying, you know, they've got to run here  
20 to get one permit, over here to get another permit,  
21 they're told that was wrong, they've got to go to  
22 another desk over here to do this, this, and this. So  
23 now we're getting that all into one area. And what --  
24 my objective out of this was to make it more business  
25 friendly. And I appreciate you doing that. I think  
26 this is going to work out real well. So that was what  
27 occurred at the last finance meeting. A question came  
28 up. I know we've got one area, and that is sewer  
29 revenues, that I was going to tentatively schedule a  
30 meeting for this coming Friday to look at that at 10:00  
31 a.m. at -- specifically at revenues for the sewer  
32 setup. I'm wondering now and I'll ask this as a  
33 question, should we maybe set something up to look at  
34 this resolution that we just ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. -- if you would, I think  
36 Mr. Burns is going to be out of town Friday. Is that  
37 correct? Next Friday. Okay.

38 TOM ALLEN: What would be -- which --  
39 both of these could, could take a good bit of time. I  
40 don't think we need to try to do both of them at once.  
41 Would it be more advantageous to do the -- to discuss  
42 the resolution and the transfer of those departments  
43 over to the Sheriff or would it be more beneficial to  
44 do both? Or do number two? Well ---

45 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Allen, I think that the  
46 sewer enterprise fund, which should be the subject of  
47 one meeting, it's rather complicated, and I think  
48 council needs to look at that closely. And then have  
49 another meeting, if council so desires, on the issue  
50 discussed tonight because there seems to be a lot of

1 questions and when we get into this there may be a lot  
2 more questions. So it would be nice if we could do  
3 that.

4 TOM ALLEN: All right.

5 MIKE PITTS: Just my suggestion.

6 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's fine because  
7 you're right. And I think what we need to do this  
8 Friday then at 10:00 a.m. here in the conference room,  
9 we'll look at the sewage, sewer revenues. So we're  
10 coming in at 10:00 a.m. And you're right because I  
11 think the other requires a larger meeting maybe of all  
12 the, all the heads.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Dunn -- Mr.  
16 Allen, first of all, I have something to do this Friday  
17 at ten o'clock. It's not fair to continue doing this.  
18 Secondly, the last meeting I attended you told me that  
19 only members of the committee could talk, could ask  
20 questions. All right. I came to that meeting. I have  
21 no other way of finding out what's going on because I  
22 am not on these committees. And when I do come, I  
23 can't ask any questions until the end of the meeting.  
24 I think that's unfair. Now I have just as much of a  
25 stake in what's happening here as you do, as the other  
26 members of the committee does, so if I -- when we have  
27 that meeting which the Sheriff proposes under your  
28 committee, I won't be able to say any word or anything  
29 at all according to what you said on Friday.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, it won't -- this,  
31 this meeting this Friday is on sewer. It was already  
32 set up, staff's already worked on it, well ---

33 GRACIE FLOYD: That's not my point.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Well, no, ma'am. I'm going  
35 to, I'm going to clarify your point. The point's going  
36 to be next week we'll have a ---

37 GRACIE FLOYD: I'll ---

38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms., Ms. Floyd, we'll have a  
39 full council meeting as far as the Sheriff's thing,  
40 it'll be open to the public and we'll do it next week.  
41 We'll get it -- Mr. Burns, set the time up for  
42 everybody so just open it -- and you can start looking  
43 now at what you're going to be doing next week. But  
44 next week in the morning, afternoon, or night, we'll  
45 have a thing to discuss the Sheriff's thing next week.  
46 Fair enough. And I'll be conducting the meeting.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: So it won't be this Friday?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Not on the Sheriff's thing.

49 No, ma'am. It's going to be two different meetings.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The sewer meeting is

1 going to be this Friday?  
2 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now will I be able to  
4 say anything on this -- on the sewer meeting?  
5 TOM ALLEN: I would like to keep that to  
6 allow, at the end of the meeting, allow others to speak  
7 because I'd like to get the members of the committee be  
8 allowed to speak first.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, that's not  
10 fair. Okay. So that's not fair, that's not right.  
11 And I also understood that when I left there was a  
12 member who is not on the committee who did speak.  
13 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anything else,  
15 Mr. Allen?  
16 TOM ALLEN: That's all I had on the  
17 finance.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate the work on that.  
19 Thank you very much. Now moving on to Item Number 10 -  
20 Acceptance of Whitehall Commercial Subdivision into the  
21 County Roads System. Ms. Hunter.  
22 ALICIA HUNTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We  
23 do have Whitehall Commercial Center for acceptance  
24 tonight. There are no drainage issues and the  
25 subdivision does meet all the county ordinance. I  
26 entertain any questions that you may have, Mr.  
27 Chairman. Thank you.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions of  
29 Ms. Hunter while she's up here? Everything meets all  
30 county standards and everything's been inspected.  
31 BOB WALDREP: That's the usual. That's  
32 all.  
33 ALICIA HUNTER: Yes, sir. It does.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
35 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.  
36 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion by Mr. Moore  
38 and second Mr. Waldrep. Any further discussion?  
39 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
40 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
41 carries unanimously. Thank you, Ms. Hunter. Moving on  
42 to Appointments to various boards and commissions. Mr.  
43 Wilson. Mr. Allen.  
44 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: None.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
48 EDDIE MOORE: None.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
50 BOB WALDREP: None.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. I have none.  
2 Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Carroll.  
3 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, we have three  
4 items -- excuse me, four items for your consideration  
5 tonight. The first item is for the purchase of thirty-  
6 five patrol cars for the Sheriff's Office. We have  
7 Anderson Ford at seven hundred seventy-two thousand  
8 three hundred and sixty dollars. Now let me say this,  
9 you'll see a notation off to the side under Benson and  
10 Summerville Ford that those are out of county vendors.  
11 We added five percent to their bids and that's the  
12 revised price. So just to clarify that. So any  
13 questions concerning that ---  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The money for  
17 the Sheriff's cars, are -- is this the same one that we  
18 -- it couldn't be the same one that we had on was it  
19 time before last or the last time we were voting on  
20 some cars for the Sheriff?  
21 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't believe so.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: These are additional cars,  
23 some more cars?  
24 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now these are -- this  
26 is for thirty-five, right?  
27 ROBERT CARROLL: Thirty-five.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now the last time ---  
29 ROBERT CARROLL: Twenty-five marked cars, ten  
30 unmarked cars.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now the last time we  
32 voted for -- what was it that we were -- we had a  
33 purchase for cars?  
34 ROBERT CARROLL: He had a Suburban and two  
35 Tahoes, I believe.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, okay. So this is not  
37 the same. Okay. All right. Thank you.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? Anyone,  
39 anyone have any questions? Do we have a motion?  
40 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.  
41 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?  
43 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
44 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
45 carries unanimously.  
46 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, the second  
47 item is for a track hoe excavator. This money will  
48 come out of the lease purchase money also. Let me give  
49 an explanation on this. The price showing on the  
50 tabulation, sixty-nine six, and then the price for

1 lender, seventy-one eight fifty-nine, and the price for  
2 ASC Construction Equipment, seventy-three seven fifty -  
3 those all include, as the notation says, pricing  
4 includes trade-in. We had a list of thirteen items  
5 that was equipment that road maintenance had turned in  
6 that was in the salvage yard that we wanted to trade-in  
7 against the purchase of this new piece of equipment.  
8 Also, we asked for a guaranteed five year buy back that  
9 any time after five years that the company would  
10 guarantee us x number of dollars to purchase that piece  
11 of equipment back if we so chose to buy another one or  
12 trade or whatever. They would guarantee us a price.  
13 That's the way we evaluated the bids. Now, the actual  
14 dollars that will be spent on this track hoe, the new  
15 price was a hundred and fifty-eight thousand. The  
16 trade-in for the thirteen pieces of equipment was  
17 thirty-one thousand four hundred. The balance that  
18 we're going to pay after July for this purchase, if you  
19 approve, is one hundred twenty-six thousand six hundred  
20 dollars. So what you're voting on tonight is the  
21 purchase one hundred twenty-six thousand six hundred  
22 dollars which will include releasing the thirteen items  
23 that was on the -- listed on the bid for the trade-in.  
24 And Mr. Owens is here to answer any questions if need  
25 be. But that's where we're at at this point. I'll be  
26 glad to answer any questions.

27 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

29 CINDY WILSON: Just trying to understand.

30 So we will pay sixty-nine thousand six hundred in cash,  
31 plus we will do trade-ins?

32 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

33 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am.

34 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

35 TOMMY DUNN: It's a hundred and twenty

36 ---

37 ROBERT CARROLL: A hundred and twenty-six  
38 thousand six hundred dollars. Those numbers I have  
39 listed is what the breakdown was when you take the new  
40 price, less trade-in, less the guaranteed buy-back.  
41 That's what the evaluation was on to equally evaluate  
42 all vendors. That's the numbers used. That made Flint  
43 Equipment low bidder. Okay. So, again, having said  
44 that, the price we're looking at, spending dollars, is  
45 one hundred twenty-six thousand six hundred dollars at  
46 this time. And I believe they have agreed if, if you  
47 purchase -- if you approve this tonight, to delay  
48 payment until after July 1st. And I'll let either Ms.  
49 Davis or Mr. Owens speak to that if need be.

50 CINDY WILSON: Well, the question I have,

1 what is the balance that we have left in the 5.4  
2 million dollar lease purchase? Do we have sufficient  
3 to cover this?

4 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. We do. That  
5 has been factored in to the total capital lease monies.

6 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

7 RITA DAVIS: We're keeping close tabs on  
8 that to make sure, you know. Next year's capital  
9 budget we will have expended a hundred percent of it if  
10 council, you know, approves -- as we progress in it  
11 during the budget process, if you approve it, we will  
12 have spent. And we have accounted for Mr. Owens' piece  
13 of equipment.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

15 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just for  
16 clarification, this is lease purchase money so that's  
17 all it can really be used for. Right? It's locked ---

18 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

19 TOM ALLEN: It's locked in. And we  
20 either have to buy something with it or even if we were  
21 to give that money back, we end up having to pay a  
22 penalty and we lose money.

23 RITA DAVIS: That is correct. If we do  
24 not spend the proceeds, October 2011, they will take  
25 the amount in our escrow account and apply it toward  
26 the debt.

27 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

28 RITA DAVIS: And if we did pay it back,  
29 there's a two percent penalty imposed.

30 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

33 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to see a little  
34 bit more detail when you start talking about trades and  
35 things like that. You know, if we're going to be doing  
36 things like that, I'd like to see a little bit more  
37 detail given to council so we can understand. Because  
38 it's really kind of confusing to some of them -- some  
39 of us, me in particular, I'd just like to know what  
40 you're trading and a little bit more detail would be a  
41 big help.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Ms. Wilson.

43 CINDY WILSON: On this one, may we make a  
44 motion to table this one?

45 TOMMY DUNN: That, that's entirely up to  
46 you about making the motion? I think we can let Mr.  
47 Owens talk about what he needs. And I think one thing  
48 on this agreement I heard on when I -- when the bid  
49 opening was that y'all are using one or they're going  
50 to allow y'all to lease one and use that money off the

1 lease money down on the payment on this. Let the lease  
2 go toward the purchase. Is that correct?

3 MR. OWENS: Yes. Let the rent, a  
4 hundred percent of the rental fee go toward the  
5 purchase.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

7 MR. OWENS: And currently we are renting  
8 one for the bridge crew. And conservatively renting  
9 because we own one, our grading crew owns one, and  
10 we're, you know, conservatively sharing it. But when  
11 we have to rent, we do, we've spent over twenty-five  
12 thousand dollars on rental since March of last year.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. But if you want to  
14 make the motion to go ahead and table this, you go  
15 right ahead and about spending some of the taxpayers'  
16 money on more renting things. What do you feel  
17 comfortable ---

18 CINDY WILSON: Well, it's just so confusing  
19 the way this reads. I mean, I didn't have any question  
20 about it until we started hearing this. And the way it  
21 reads it gives 10038 Flint Equipment at sixty-nine  
22 thousand six hundred, roads and bridges track hoe  
23 excavator. And then the next bidder, Lender Machinery  
24 - seventy-one eight fifty-nine and then the next one  
25 was ASC Construction - seventy-three seven fifty. And  
26 then it has asterisk pricing includes trade-in and a  
27 five year buy-back. It, it looks like ---

28 TOMMY DUNN: That, that's the bottom line  
29 is that sixty-nine -- I agree it could have been  
30 formatted better, but what it is -- what it's saying in  
31 a nutshell is that sixty -- when at the end of the five  
32 years if they decide to sell it and buy it back, that's  
33 what we're going to have in this machine, is sixty-nine  
34 thousand dollars.

35 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I understand it  
36 better now.

37 TOMMY DUNN: That's the bottom thing.  
38 The equipment and all -- everybody be on -- some  
39 people, I think there was about thirteen or fourteen  
40 that bid on this piece of equipment. Some of them  
41 didn't want the trade-in. Said they wasn't going to  
42 take no trade-in under no circumstances. They just  
43 wasn't in it. Other ones didn't have a program to buy  
44 back. And the buy-back can be very beneficial to the  
45 county about if they want to get that thing because it  
46 locks you in at a certain price if that equipment is in  
47 a certain shape.

48 CINDY WILSON: Well, it would have been  
49 easier for me to understand if it had put like sixty-  
50 nine six residual value or something.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And I think  
2 we'll work on that. I understand what you mean -- can  
3 be confusing about it.  
4 MR. OWENS: Mr. Chairman.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: But this is, I think, a  
6 legitimate thing, but I want you to feel comfortable  
7 with.  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
9 to make that motion to table this so I could see a  
10 little bit more information on it.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. That's fine. Got a  
12 second?  
13 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion and a second to  
15 table this. All in favor, show of hands. Any more  
16 discussion? Anybody make the motion to purchase this?  
17 Got a motion?  
18 TOM ALLEN: So moved.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion on  
22 this? All in favor, show of hands. All opposed.  
23 CINDY WILSON: I'm abstaining.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Abstain.  
25 CINDY WILSON: Didn't have ---  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries.  
27 Mr. Wilson in favor, Mr. Allen in favor, Ms. Floyd in  
28 favor, Mr. Dunn in favor, Mr. Waldrep in favor.  
29 Opposed is Mr. Moore and abstaining is Ms. Wilson.  
30 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
31 Next item is for the MIS department from Data Network  
32 Solutions - twenty thousand eight forty-five twenty-  
33 nine. This is a Barracuda 650 Message Archiver. I  
34 think this will allow the MIS department to better  
35 archive all emails incoming and outgoing for the  
36 county. And this is item on state contract. But since  
37 it's over ten thousand, it has to come to you for  
38 approval.  
39 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion to accept.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion to accept. Do  
41 we have a second?  
42 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
43 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second. Any  
45 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
46 Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
47 unanimously.  
48 ROBERT CARROLL: The last item, Mr. Chairman,  
49 per your change in ordinance is any change order on  
50 construction projects which is over five percent of the



1 total cost will come to you for approval. This is a  
2 change order for forty-three thousand seven hundred and  
3 seventy-eight dollars out at the sport's complex  
4 project for construction of a new thirty-two foot  
5 polygon structure.

6 CINDY WILSON: Just got some questions.  
7 ROBERT CARROLL: Ms. Wilson.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Ms. Wilson.  
9 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Is that  
10 referring to the shape of the structure? I'm -- please  
11 explain this because I don't understand.  
12 ROBERT CARROLL: I think Mr. Burns can  
13 address this.

14 RUSTY BURNS: It refers to the shape of  
15 the structure.

16 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And what is a polygon  
17 structure? What is it used for?

18 RUSTY BURNS: What it is, Ms. Wilson, is  
19 out at the new, the new ballfields. We don't have any  
20 shelter so there's no shade for anybody to go to and  
21 it's some distance away and this is going to provide  
22 shelter in that area in the new area for the people to  
23 sit under.

24 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.  
25 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.

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27 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion. Do we have  
28 a second?

29 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
31 further discussion?

32 TOM ALLEN: Just a -- yes, Mr. Chairman.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
34 TOM ALLEN: Is this just an expansion of  
35 a polygon structure or is it a brand new?

36 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir. This is a brand  
37 new structure.

38 TOM ALLEN: Brand new.  
39 RUSTY BURNS: And if you look between the  
40 two big ballfields, that's pretty much where it's going  
41 to be located.

42 TOM ALLEN: All right.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?  
44 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
45 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
46 unanimously.

47 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
48 I'd just like to say I apologize for that confusion. I  
49 would welcome any questions any time from the -- when  
50 the agendas go out till the council meeting. I would

1 really appreciate a chance to explain to anyone that's  
2 got any questions. And if I can't explain it, I'll get  
3 someone from the department to help explain it if you  
4 have any questions.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.  
6 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
8 Item 13 - Requests by Council Members. Ms. Wilson.  
9 Mr. Waldrep.

10 BOB WALDREP: I'd like to give out of my  
11 recreation five hundred dollars to Meals on Wheels.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
13 second?

14 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson to give  
16 five hundred dollars out of Mr. Waldrep's recreation  
17 account to Meals on Wheels. Any further discussion?  
18 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
19 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries  
20 unanimously. Mr. Waldrep, anything else?  
21 BOB WALDREP: That's all. That's all.  
22 Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
24 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like  
25 to appropriate out of my recreation account three  
26 hundred and seventy dollars and fifty cents to the Old  
27 Farm Days.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
29 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
31 further discussion? All in favor of the motion, show  
32 of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
33 carries unanimously. Anything else?  
34 EDDIE MOORE: No, Mr. Chairman. That's  
35 all.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if it  
38 pleases you, I'd like to go last, please.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
40 GRACIE FLOYD: It depends on what they do.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.  
42 RON WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like  
43 to -- out of the rec fund five hundred dollars to the  
44 Old Farm Days down in Iva and five hundred dollars to  
45 the Young Marines and five thousand dollars for young  
46 people to go from Anderson County to the Sam Davis  
47 Youth Camps.

48 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and a  
50 second. Any further discussion? All in favor, show of

1 hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries.  
2 Anything else, Mr. Wilson?  
3 RON WILSON: No, sir.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
5 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I have three. Should  
6 I do them individually or...  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Ever how you want to do  
8 them.  
9 TOM ALLEN: Okay. I'll do them all at  
10 once. I'd like to give five hundred dollars to the  
11 Hanna High School Band for their activities. Another  
12 five hundred to the Pendleton High School Band who's  
13 gotten a great deal of recognition for the great work  
14 they do. And I'd also like to give a hundred dollars  
15 to the Young Marines for their trip to Washington.  
16 They do a great job.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
18 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
19 RON WILSON: Second.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
21 further discussion? All in favor of the motion, show  
22 of hands. Motion carries unanimously. Now Ms. Floyd.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. I would  
24 like to, I would like to have the allocation made to  
25 the Young Marines, I think it was for one thousand  
26 seven hundred dollars, I would like for that to be  
27 reduced now to one thousand one hundred dollars because  
28 of the allocations made by my fellow council members.  
29 That's in the form of a motion.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Changing it to make it  
31 eleven hundred dollars?  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
33 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
35 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds it. Any  
37 further discussion? All in favor, show of hands.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Opposed, like sign. Mr.  
40 Waldrep opposed.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Also, Mr. Chair, I would  
42 like to allocate a thousand dollars for the youth  
43 program over at the, oh gosh, over at the Toxaway  
44 United, United Church. They do a, they do a program  
45 every year. They have like ninety kids there. It goes  
46 through their 501(c)(3) money through the, I think,  
47 it's the Shalom. Okay. But I will give the secretary  
48 the information that she's going to need to do this.  
49 But that's a thousand dollars to them for their summer  
50 youth program.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion. Do we have  
2 a second?  
3 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson seconds the  
5 motion. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in  
6 favor, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
7 motion carries. Anything else?  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to take out of my  
10 rec account twenty thousand dollars and put into the  
11 Wellington ballfields at the request of the rec  
12 department. I make that in a motion.  
13 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
14 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't understand it. Out  
17 of?  
18 TOMMY DUNN: My rec account.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: For what now?  
20 TOMMY DUNN: The Wellington ballfields.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I didn't hear that.  
22 Excuse me.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion? All  
24 in favor, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the  
25 motion carries unanimously. That's all I have. At  
26 this time, the Administrator's Report.  
27 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we received a  
28 telephone call today from Joe Newton with the  
29 Appalachian Council of Governments. It seems that they  
30 are receiving some pressure from the other counties to  
31 revisit the sale of the Tri-County Landfill site. And  
32 what they have proposed to do is put that out for bids  
33 and use the previous bid as the floor and see what the  
34 market will bring. And so we would need to advise  
35 council about that. If you would like us to cease and  
36 desist on that, we can.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all heard. What's the,  
38 what's the pleasure of council?  
39 CINDY WILSON: I personally think we ought  
40 to proceed. The problem with appraisals on property  
41 right now, you just don't know what it's going to do.  
42 It's worth what someone will pay for it. And I surely  
43 erred when I didn't vote with Mr. Waldrep on that.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, if she's  
45 finished.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: You through, Ms. Wilson?  
47 Ms. Wilson?  
48 CINDY WILSON: Yeah.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Give us some background, you

1 know, on that. You know, just bring us up to, up to  
2 whatever on that.

3 RUSTY BURNS: What it was, Ms. Floyd, the  
4 three counties went into a joint deal some time ago to  
5 do -- conduct a facility there.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Tri-County, is that the  
7 thing ---

8 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. And  
9 circumstances got out of hand, it was never built, and  
10 we had the land. It came before council one time. I  
11 believe Anderson County Council didn't accept the bid  
12 at that time. And then I think there was some hard  
13 feelings or whatever. I wasn't here. But now all  
14 three counties, with your concurrence, have agreed to  
15 put it back on the market again, out for bids, handled  
16 by the Council of Governments. And put the price that  
17 the county was given earlier as the floor that they  
18 will take. If it comes in lower than that, no deal.  
19 If it comes in at that or above, they would take it.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now help me out with  
21 this. It seems as if I remember that we paid more to  
22 buy the facility.

23 RUSTY BURNS: Correct, correct.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: And we were going to get  
25 less.

26 RUSTY BURNS: I don't have those details.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I think we need  
28 those details before ---

29 RUSTY BURNS: I will be happy to provide  
30 them to you and the public.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Before we make a -- I beg  
32 your pardon.

33 RUSTY BURNS: We will be happy to provide  
34 them to you and the public.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And can we make a  
36 decision on it, Mr. Chair, at the next meeting?

37 TOMMY DUNN: That's up -- somebody's got  
38 to make a motion or what not. But we're not, keeping  
39 in mind, we're not making about accepting or selling,  
40 it's just to get the process started. We not saying  
41 sell it or what not or at a certain price. We're just  
42 saying we want to -- that's what we're deciding, if we  
43 want to give the COG a chance to start the process. So  
44 that's what we're -- that's what it is. So if you  
45 don't want to do it or something, I'm going to need a  
46 motion from somebody to make ---

47 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute, she's -- Ms.  
49 Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to,

1 I would like for us to go back and revisit because I  
2 don't know if everybody was here then when we were  
3 going through that process. In fact, it's sketchy even  
4 in my mind. But I would like for us to go back and  
5 let's look at the circumstances that led up to the  
6 denial and the pullout before we just go there. I'd  
7 like for everybody to know that. That's all.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson. And I'm sorry,  
9 Ms. Wilson, I'll get you. Go ahead, Mr. Wilson.

10 RON WILSON: Mr. Burns, what was the --  
11 you said the other bid is the floor bid. What was  
12 that?

13 ROBERT CARROLL: 2.8 million was the high  
14 bidder.

15 RON WILSON: And that was how long ago?  
16 CINDY WILSON: Three years ago.  
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Two years.  
18 RON WILSON: Three?  
19 ROBERT CARROLL: Two to three years.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.  
21 RON WILSON: We can forget that one.  
22 TOM ALLEN: Mr. ---  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Let's give Ms.  
24 Wilson.

25 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
26 to make the motion that we provide ACOG with our  
27 cooperation to at least begin the bid process and know  
28 we reserve the right ...

29 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE TWO

30 CINDY WILSON: ... I put the motion forth  
31 that we begin the process. And, of course, we can  
32 still get the information.

33 RON WILSON: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a second, Ms.  
35 Wilson -- by Mr. Wilson. Just let me make this  
36 statement before we vote, to be completely clear, and I  
37 know I want Mr. Waldrep to respond then because he was  
38 in on this thing. I've been in on some meetings and  
39 things. If, if we vote to do this, we're saying, if I  
40 read it right, you know, we're not going to accept no  
41 bids lower than what we turned down last time. But if  
42 we say we're going to do this, if somebody gives us a  
43 bid of 2.9, we ought, we should be willing to take it  
44 because that's what happened last time. That's what  
45 caused some hard feelings with Pickens County and  
46 Oconee County. They thought they had an agreement and  
47 they got the rug yanked out from under them. And  
48 that's not hearsay, that was me talking to their  
49 council chairmans myself. Mr. Waldrep.

50 BOB WALDREP: You're touching my favorite

1 topic. Sale of the Tri-County land up there. I wonder  
2 if this is not an exercise in futility if we're using  
3 that 2.8 million as a benchmark. Is that supposed to  
4 be the benchmark that we would, would use?

5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

6 RUSTY BURNS: That's what we were  
7 informed.

8 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I just wonder aloud  
9 because that was then and this is now. And I think  
10 it'd be wonderful if we get as much as that. But I  
11 think that we would be very foolish not to consider  
12 anything less than that because, I mean, what if we  
13 come back with 2.7 or 2.6 or something like that. We  
14 would be in pretty good shape. Now that's got to be  
15 split three ways as I understand it. Whatever it is,  
16 it's going to be on an equal basis. As far as the  
17 background is concerned about how we came to selling  
18 that property, I think the records will be open as to  
19 the -- whoever wants to investigate it, if they wish  
20 to, they could look at the litigation that was between  
21 Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens because there was some  
22 litigation there. And just by our fingernails I think  
23 we were able to come in and claim that interest again.  
24 It was a pretty dicey kind of situation that Anderson  
25 County was even able to get back in because of the  
26 unfortunate litigation between the counties. And I  
27 think this would, hopefully, be another opportunity for  
28 us to mend our relationships on that particular point  
29 with Pickens and Oconee. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anything else?

31 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

33 TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly. I agree.

34 I think we do need to move on with this thing. We  
35 could certainly use the money budget-wise. Whether we  
36 get 2.8 million or not, it's hard to tell. But I do  
37 believe Ms. Floyd brought up a good point that I don't  
38 think we get -- we may get an equal amount out of this,  
39 but I think we put more into it to begin with. There  
40 was a deal like that. So, you know, in the long run we  
41 may not come out as well off as the other counties, but  
42 right now the piece of land is doing nobody any good  
43 any way. That was all I had to say.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ready for the question? All  
45 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed,  
46 like sign. All abstentions. Show the motion carries  
47 with Ms. Floyd abstaining. In favor of. Anything  
48 else, Mr. Burns?

49 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I have some  
2 questions for the, for the administrator, please.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, I'm  
5 going to -- I have some questions concerning the  
6 transfers. Do you have yours with you so you can  
7 follow along?  
8 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am, I don't. But  
9 Rita does.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I don't have on them  
11 -- all of them. I've made some notes here. On the one  
12 on the management consultant and the audit and  
13 accounting fees, it says here that the, the people are  
14 guided -- the audit firm, Greene, Finney, and Horton,  
15 sought and received permission to charge five thousand  
16 six hundred and twenty-three dollars more than the RFP.  
17 And this transfer was covered. But did that to -- we  
18 approved -- council approved the RFP, did we not?  
19 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, you did.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we -- but they  
21 went above what we approved.  
22 RUSTY BURNS: And they requested  
23 permission to do so.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Did that have to come  
25 back to council to give them permission to do that?  
26 RUSTY BURNS: I don't believe it does, Ms.  
27 Floyd. I could be in error and I will be happy to  
28 check.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. All  
30 right. And the next one is the one on the airport  
31 transportation. Money was transferred from different  
32 departments to another department. Did we move money  
33 out of this account to cover the lawyer, the legal fees  
34 earlier?  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Rita. Is this -- are you  
36 referring to the fourteen thousand dollars that was  
37 transferred, Ms. Floyd?  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I'm referring -- yes.  
39 Fourteen thousand, one thousand, two hundred and  
40 eighty-one, eight hundred and thirty-three, one ninety-  
41 four.  
42 RITA DAVIS: Yes. That was for an  
43 employee out at the airport.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: I know that.  
45 RITA DAVIS: It was previously in the  
46 general fund.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
48 RITA DAVIS: And now the airport is  
49 having to bear the burden of that because that employee  
50 is benefitting the FBO.



1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But the thing is, we  
2 did not take any money from them in the beginning for  
3 the legal fees, did we?  
4 RITA DAVIS: They pay their own legal  
5 fees, the airport does. Yes, ma'am.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I've got  
7 a letter here, a thank you note from a citizen who  
8 wants to thank us for repairing the driveway apron.  
9 Okay. I thought we quit doing that. Are we still  
10 doing aprons?  
11 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
13 RUSTY BURNS: It was discussed by council,  
14 but council did not choose for us to cease that  
15 activity.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: It was voted on.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So it was -- I beg  
18 your pardon.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: It was voted on.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So I remember us  
21 discussing it, but we didn't vote on that one. Thank  
22 you. On one page, it says page number ten, you've got  
23 everything crossed -- there's transportation,  
24 department of roads and bridges. It was from these  
25 different departments and it was supposed to be going  
26 to another department, but everything is crossed out  
27 here. And then it has professional 304. What's that  
28 all about?  
29 MR. OWENS: About the money from -- we  
30 had that contractor putting in driveway aprons at the  
31 first of the fiscal year.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
33 MR. OWENS: Well, with the house  
34 building and all slowed down, we dropped that contract  
35 December 31st and we swapped this money over to do for  
36 that patching. Took advantage of the money we already  
37 had and transferred it.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, that -- I have  
39 no problem with that. But it was the fact that it was  
40 just crossed out and written at the top, professional  
41 304. The money went to professional 304. And my  
42 question was what is professional 304?  
43 MR. OWENS: Oh, that is our line item  
44 for professional services. I was going to swap it into  
45 our asphalt account and then I was told that I couldn't  
46 put it in our asphalt account because that's to buy  
47 asphalt material. I sent it downtown showing our  
48 asphalt account, which is the 261 account, and they  
49 informed me I couldn't pay a contractor to fill with  
50 that patch out of our asphalt. That was my mistake and

1 it was corrected.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: So you paid it out of  
3 professional 3 -- listen, this is going to take longer.  
4 I'd like to talk with you about this further. Okay.  
5 We'll talk about it. Okay. Because I have one more.  
6 This one concerns transportation and, and bridges and  
7 it's for a safe routes to school. It was a grant for  
8 sidewalk design.

9 MR. OWENS: That is a little -- Roach  
10 Road. It's a road behind Wren High School that we have  
11 a grant for from safe routes to school. They have  
12 given us the grant, but we haven't received it yet.  
13 That's for construction. Right now we're in the design  
14 phase. And we swapped that money over to pay for the  
15 design out of our department. We're actually handling  
16 that project.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: But you said that the money  
18 in the account is not enough to cover this cost, so  
19 who's going to finish paying for it?

20 MR. OWENS: Right now we're just going  
21 to get the plan. You know, we're going to have the  
22 design. We're going to have it paid in full.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 MR. OWENS: And then we'll, you know,  
25 we'll seek funding somewhere else. This is phase one  
26 to get the plans.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I thank you both for  
28 that. Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts, Citizens  
30 Comments.

31 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. The first is  
32 Randy Smith.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody, please state your  
34 name and district and keep your comments addressed to  
35 the Chair, please.

36 RANDY SMITH: I was talking about the bar  
37 down on 28 Bypass, the noise and the shooting that they  
38 have down there. And I have talked to Mr. Burns about  
39 it and all. We ain't got nowhere with this. They've  
40 already had three killings. In the wintertime, they've  
41 already had one guy got shot down there, he laid in 28.  
42 We've got old people that live around us that are  
43 scared for their lives. And in the summertime when the  
44 teens go down there, when they leave the bar, then they  
45 come up by our houses and all, they start tearing up  
46 everything that we've got. I was wanting to see if we  
47 can't get the bar shut down because there's another bar  
48 coming up right beside them that's going to be a sports  
49 bar. That's going to make conflict right there.  
50 There's going to be a lot more trouble with that.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Whereabouts you at on 28?  
2 RANDY SMITH: I live on Lewis Street, 919  
3 Lewis Street. I live right close -- I could throw a  
4 rock to the bar.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
6 RANDY SMITH: At nighttime, we can't  
7 sleep. The music's so loud, we cannot sleep. This is  
8 on Tuesday, Tuesday until Wednesday morning, Thursday  
9 to Friday morning, Saturday to Sunday morning, Sunday  
10 night to Monday mornings. Cannot sleep those nights.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Smith, after the council  
12 meeting here, we'll get with the Sheriff and see if we  
13 can't get some kind of resolution or some kind of plan  
14 of action together. Will that be all right?  
15 RANDY SMITH: I appreciate that, sir.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.  
17 RANDY SMITH: Thank you.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
19 MIKE PITTS: Leslie White.  
20 LESLIE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, Leslie White,  
21 District Six. I just wanted to take a minute and say  
22 that I, you know, over the past few weeks, I've really  
23 been grateful for all the cards being put on the table  
24 in ways that we could save money. Times are tough and,  
25 you know, we forget that -- I have a loud enough mouth.  
26 We forget that it not -- you know, there are people  
27 losing their jobs everyday. And so I appreciate the  
28 effort that's made to allow us to conduct ourselves in  
29 the necessary items and yet still look for ways to save  
30 money. But I have to tell you that also over those  
31 last few weeks when I have come to this part of the  
32 meeting and felt great about the steps that we've taken  
33 to try to save money. Then I listen to council  
34 requests and I want to throw up at some of the requests  
35 that are being paid out of supposed recreational funds  
36 that are -- they -- anything -- first of all, I don't  
37 understand the need for that fund. That's first of all  
38 just let me say that. But if we're going to have them,  
39 they ought to be spent on things that benefit everyone  
40 in the county or benefit a 501(c)(3) that helps the  
41 majority of our county. I can't -- I mean, I am the  
42 ultimate soccer PTO mom, but it's ridiculous to me that  
43 we are paying out of recreational funds for ballfields,  
44 high school bands, Young Marines trip, Civil War re-  
45 enactment. None of that is government's  
46 responsibility. Take that money, put it in Mr. Owens'  
47 paving fund, and pave my freaking road, or pay my power  
48 bill. I'm disabled and my husband is out of work and  
49 we are spending forty thousand dollars to put shade  
50 over a ballfield, we're spending twenty-two hundred

1 dollars to send kids to D.C., we're spending twenty  
2 thousand dollars to build ballfields, and we're  
3 spending five hundred here, five hundred three, five  
4 hundred three for high school bands and their  
5 activities. The only thing I've heard in the last few  
6 weeks that made any sense out of those was five hundred  
7 dollars to Meals on Wheels, because at least somebody  
8 gets some real honest day-to-day benefit out of that.  
9 My bid push is, I am begging you, do away with these  
10 slush funds. And that is what they are. I mean  
11 twenty-two hundred dollars doesn't sound like a lot of  
12 money to you or maybe five hundred dollars doesn't, but  
13 I can tell you twenty-two hundred dollars is a whole  
14 hell of a lot money. Thank you.

15 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

16 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District  
17 Three. I have several points just kind of ballpark.  
18 Talking about fraud and stealing and saving money, I  
19 didn't know I was going to come on the heels of that,  
20 but it, it is -- we're spending a whole lot of money on  
21 things that the people on the outside who are looking  
22 in look at us like we're nuts. This week I saw two of  
23 the new vehicles that the Sheriff has. One, a  
24 Suburban, one the taco, green taco -- not taco, what is  
25 it? Tahoe, Tahoe. Brand new vehicles. Why can't we  
26 get something for those deputies to drive that's not a  
27 sixty-five thousand dollar vehicle? Why do they have  
28 to have top of the line bells and whistles? Second  
29 thing, for the Ronnie Townsend Building, I can't  
30 remember the amount that we forked over for  
31 furnishings, but I believe one of the third floor was  
32 just going to be partitions, dividers. Instead of  
33 getting it through the state money, why can't we go up  
34 on I-85 and go to the salvage place where they sell  
35 dividers? Why do we have to out-beat everybody else  
36 and be the Joneses? The cars that are parked, if we're  
37 going to get rid of these cars, why not trade some of  
38 that in for these vehicles? Let's get rid of them, not  
39 just have them sitting. Let's get rid of them, get rid  
40 of the insurance, use it for something. I still want  
41 to see an auditing of equipment that's in the county.  
42 I don't know if there's a master auditing or not. What  
43 happens when somebody turns in a computer? Is it  
44 tracked, does anybody know where it is? What about the  
45 massive amount still of hand tools that we keep  
46 purchasing from White Jones and so forth? Why do we  
47 keep purchasing these? Why aren't people responsible  
48 for what they have in their hands? Use of the county  
49 vehicles. I want to say that if you're driving a  
50 county vehicle, you shouldn't be doing anything other

1 than county business. That means not stopping for  
2 coffee on the way, a latte, or picking up your laundry  
3 just because you happen to be passing that place on the  
4 way home. I remember the Ryan's Steak bars years ago,  
5 steak and salad bars where you could get hoop cheese.  
6 And I remember going in there one night and somebody  
7 who was sitting at the table next to me cut a chunk out  
8 that big and I overheard them to say, well I'm going to  
9 use that in my macaroni and cheese pie tomorrow.  
10 That's fraud. There's fraud rampant all over  
11 everywhere. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Pitts,  
13 anyone else?

14 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Can I take two minutes, Mr.  
15 Chairman, real quick?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Y'all gave a presentation of  
18 Special Olympics last month, I think it was. Cops and  
19 Lobsters are this week Wednesday afternoon until five  
20 o'clock. And then Thursday and Friday, it's lunch in  
21 afternoon. And I plan to be there at lunchtime on  
22 Thursday and Friday. So you can come and let the  
23 Sheriff be your servant for food, much less for law  
24 enforcement.

25 APPLAUSE

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now we go into  
27 Councilman Comments. Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
29 feel the pain of a lot of people who came before us  
30 tonight talking about the budget and how we're spending  
31 money. We have some specifications in the law as to  
32 how some of the funds that were spent up here tonight  
33 can actually be spent. The rec funds come from  
34 accommodations tax monies, so that's where it has to  
35 go, is the type of expenditures made. I wanted to give  
36 everybody an update on the South Carolina Upstate  
37 Equine Council. Remember this is an economic  
38 development project. We have over a hundred highly  
39 enthusiastic, very diverse volunteers and participants  
40 signed up for committees. We've formed a 501(c)(3).  
41 We're in the process of setting up the by-laws and  
42 getting board of directors, board of advisors. Anyone  
43 is still welcome to participate. We have a meeting  
44 next Tuesday, the 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Madren  
45 Center at Clemson. This is a tri-county upstate  
46 effort. And just to give you an idea, I was at the  
47 Garrison Arena yesterday, I believe it was, and the J.  
48 D. Massey Horse Show's up there this weekend. Y'all  
49 ought to go. There are horses from all over the United  
50 States. The horses from California came in early so

1 they'd be frisky and ready to roll this weekend. Huge  
2 stakes classes. People from all over the country,  
3 Canada, everywhere, flying in for this big show. And  
4 as Mr. Brill would say, that puts heads in beds, which  
5 is where we get our tax -- our A tax monies. I also  
6 wanted to point out, we've got a tough budget situation  
7 ahead, we have revenue shortfalls, all kind of  
8 constraints. I've put out an article that was in this  
9 past week's Wall Street Journal for everybody to look  
10 at what another community's doing. And if y'all don't  
11 think I'm too tacky, I've picked six four leaf clovers  
12 and I'm going to hand these down to all my fellow  
13 council members. We're going to need more than luck to  
14 get through this budget process, but maybe a little  
15 luck would help. We do need our citizens very much to  
16 participate with us. We've got a meeting on Friday on  
17 the enterprise fund of sewer. We'll have lots more  
18 meetings as we proceed. Please join in with us. It's  
19 going to be your money that we have to deal with.  
20 Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr.  
22 Waldrep.

23 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I thought we  
24 had a rather good meeting tonight in the sense that we  
25 were able to talk about a lot of issues that were  
26 bothering folks about the, the transfer and the  
27 resolution. I wanted to say that we -- this issue has  
28 gone back and forth I think over the last few years.  
29 And the way that we fashioned it, I think is going to  
30 be rather good because we know we can make some  
31 corrections. And I realize that we'll be putting it  
32 into the budget process and that people will have a  
33 chance to look at it again, if they'll do so. But I  
34 particularly want to thank the Sheriff for his efforts  
35 in going about and trying to educate us as much as  
36 possible, and the finance department coming up with  
37 this information. I've spent considerable time the  
38 last couple of days trying to just understand it, that  
39 we were not doing something that was not going to be in  
40 the best interest of the county. And one of the things  
41 I wanted to say about when we work on this, this next  
42 week or so, that we're trying to kind of de-politicize  
43 some of these situations out there. Now this -- I  
44 think this is helpful. It's a step in the right  
45 direction. And we've seen that so many of the agencies  
46 out there, the fire departments and what have you, are  
47 on board with what we're doing. So I wanted to mention  
48 that. And wanted the public to know that we're  
49 certainly not trying to do anything that's not  
50 perfectly transparent. No one's doing any slight of

1 hand, there's no Houdini legislation going on up here,  
2 and that we're really trying to act in the best  
3 interest of the folks. Now slipping over to one other  
4 item, I just wondered, since the Sheriff is here, do we  
5 have one of those devices, those audiometers in the  
6 county, Sheriff, that provides us an opportunity about  
7 noise levels in the county? I'm getting some pretty  
8 serious complaints from folks about noise level  
9 legislation that we have, that we need some, some  
10 equipment or something in order to validate the fact  
11 that somebody is in -- is violating the law with the  
12 amount of noise.

13 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And we do. We, to be  
14 honest with you, I didn't know if we had one and I  
15 found one in an old closet at the Sheriff's office  
16 about a month ago. I've got one of my captains getting  
17 it tested to make sure it does work. With that, I had  
18 thought there was some other ones in the county who  
19 back in those days would have been the either litter  
20 control or somebody had over at public safety. So I'm  
21 not sure where those are, but we do have those. We  
22 have since addressed -- are you referring to the  
23 Northlake Condominiums in particular because that ...

24 BOB WALDREP: I think so. Is it, is it  
25 the old Charlie T's?

26 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's correct. If, if  
27 you'll give me a second.

28 BOB WALDREP: Yeah.

29 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I've already been talking  
30 with the citizens up there and, and one in particular,  
31 and these are the reports for the past year and there  
32 were basically ten the entire year from April of last  
33 year to April of this year to this month. There were  
34 ten. And I've got a little breakdown on how it goes.  
35 Keep in mind during that time, kind of over the summer,  
36 it was closed. So I think Charlie T's closed and now  
37 it's Bullfeathers, so it's kind of started back up. So  
38 we're monitoring that and we've had officers out there.  
39 Sometimes they've been a little loud, sometimes they  
40 haven't. One of the other issues with the noise  
41 ordinance here was actually at the pool at the condos  
42 rather than Charlie T's. So but there's been ten in  
43 the last year and we're working with that gentleman to  
44 try to correct the problem.

45 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, thank you,  
46 Sheriff, I appreciate that. I just have had some folks  
47 that have contacted me that live in that area over  
48 there. Matter of fact, this goes back years. It's the  
49 same thing. And when springtime comes, the noise  
50 travels right across that lake to where these folks and

1 even with their windows shut -- and their main  
2 complaint has been the bad karioke that they've heard  
3 over there. And so those of you who are doing karioke  
4 at Bullfeathers, please, you know, get a little bit of  
5 voice coach in there. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Mr.  
7 Moore.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
9 For those of you who didn't have the opportunity to  
10 come out to the Chili Cookoff, it was an overwhelming  
11 success. We had over twenty thousand people who came  
12 through Belton and it was packed out and we had some  
13 pretty good chili. But I want to tell a good one on  
14 Glenn Brill. Glenn was, of course, helping with it  
15 over there and so he was going down through there and  
16 he was sampling chili. Well, I watched him and he had  
17 a little cup of chili and he chugged it down and I  
18 looked at him and there was tears rolling down his  
19 eyes. And he made a beeline for a cooler at the end of  
20 the walkway over there. And I said, hey Glenn, come  
21 here. And he, he completely ignored me. He was -- his  
22 mission was to get to that cooler and up went a thing  
23 of water and it was the funniest thing. And I think  
24 everybody saw him. So if you see Glenn Brill, ask him  
25 how hot that chili was. But it was a great success and  
26 we do have another event coming up in a few weeks over  
27 at -- down in Iva, it will be the Old Farm Days. And  
28 we have added -- I've been helping them with it and  
29 Glenn Brill has done an excellent job trying to get  
30 together. And we're going to add a new items to it.  
31 We're going to have antiques down there this time. We  
32 always have had the antique tractor show and a lot of  
33 exhibits down there, and have the mules plowing and  
34 just a little bit of everything. But this time, we  
35 going to add antiques to it. We're going to have  
36 antique dealers that are going to come and have booths  
37 and sell antiques. And we're advertising it, and we're  
38 putting flyers out on the interstate to attract people.  
39 And I know a lot of people don't understand when we  
40 spend money on recreation, but it's economic  
41 development. It brings attention to the county. And  
42 just like Belton, when the people were over there, they  
43 stopped, they bought gas, they spent money. It was a  
44 boost to the economy in Belton. And the same thing  
45 with Old Farm Days. Last year we had thousands of  
46 people that came down to both events, one in the spring  
47 and the fall. And it brings people to Anderson County  
48 and it helps us out. And you might -- someone might  
49 come and, you know, like when businesses come and they  
50 look at the county, the first thing they want to know



1 is what can my children do? What kind of activities do  
2 you have? So ballfields is a very integral part of the  
3 county. I know a lot of people might not understand  
4 it. But when business, when they look and they want to  
5 locate and come to Anderson County or consider Anderson  
6 County, they want to know about the education system.  
7 And I think we've got an excellent education system.  
8 And they want to know what their children can do. And  
9 I think it's a great thing that we're doing with our  
10 recreation department. I think Mr. Brill is doing a  
11 great job. It's really helped Anderson County. And  
12 we're above most of the counties in what we're doing  
13 now and I'm real proud of the county and what's going  
14 on. With that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I, too, would  
17 like to reiterate what Mr. Moore has just said. The  
18 reason why we have the recreation account is because we  
19 don't have a recreational facility -- a recreational  
20 program. We have someone who's supposed to head the  
21 recreation department but we really don't have a  
22 program. When you think about a program, you think  
23 about a county softball team, or a county soccer team,  
24 as they do at the rec. So in order to, to alleviate  
25 that, Anderson County came up with the idea of taking  
26 some of the accommodation tax money that we get from  
27 people coming in and staying with us and put it into a  
28 recreation fund so that we can enhance the quality of  
29 life of people. It's about more than road paving and  
30 paying taxes, it's also a quality of life issue. I  
31 wanted to say that. I want to ask about the budget,  
32 Mr. Burns and Mr. Dunn. When are we going to get  
33 together on the budget? Why haven't we had anything  
34 said or done on the budget thus far?

35 TOMMY DUNN: Can I answer that, Mr.  
36 Burns, first? First of all, we have had several  
37 workshops. I know of at least three by full council,  
38 plus the finance thing and anybody can ask any  
39 questions. Just because we're not meeting doesn't mean  
40 the staff's not working every single day on the budget  
41 trying to get us ready for something. And when they  
42 give us -- got us ready, we'll, we'll meet. If y'all  
43 got any questions, you know, this ain't, this ain't the  
44 old system ---

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn.

46 TOMMY DUNN: -- or anything. They can --  
47 you can come get any kind of questions or answers or  
48 what not and get a thing.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn.

50 TOMMY DUNN: But it's the staff's thing,

1 I think, to recommend a budget to us and then we take  
2 it from there.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, I have the floor,  
4 sir.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Well, you asked the question  
6 and you asked either Mr. Dunn -- you called my name,  
7 now let -- give me a chance to answer your question.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: You have answered the  
9 question.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Well, thank you.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, if I  
12 can ask you a questions, please? Give me the short  
13 answer, okay? Are there any, are there any things set  
14 up for us to go over the budget any time soon?

15 RUSTY BURNS: Individually, any council  
16 member can request to come in and sit down with the  
17 finance staff and myself and we'll be happy to go over  
18 every item. We have just recently hemmed in what our  
19 revenues are projected to be and what our expenses are.  
20 Right now, from last year's budget, approved by this  
21 council, we're running about three and a half million  
22 dollars under that budget. And I believe Mr. Dunn is  
23 in the process of setting up a full budget workshop.  
24 Only last week did the Senate finally semi approve  
25 leaving aid to subdivisions at the level of the House.  
26 That is not an absolute given. Because of the  
27 discrepancies in the State bookkeeping situation, we  
28 were a little scared of putting out some definite  
29 numbers because they didn't know what their numbers  
30 were going to be.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I thank you for that.  
32 Okay. I do realize that we can come to you any time at  
33 all. I've been here eleven years, you know, longer  
34 than you. Okay. And I've seen them come and I've seen  
35 them go. But I have not heard not one thing that we  
36 usually hear. And I thank you for answering your  
37 questions. Another thing, Mr. Burns, I would like to  
38 request that when we are going to discuss these  
39 budgeting things, I can't understand why Mr. Daniel  
40 isn't attending any of our meetings when I understand  
41 that he is working on our budget.

42 RUSTY BURNS: That would be true.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: But I don't understand why  
44 he is not here. I don't understand why Gina, who is  
45 our financial director, is not here. I don't  
46 understand why Rita is expected to shoulder all the  
47 questions and all the everything else by herself when  
48 she's not the only one. You -- I don't think she's the  
49 only one that's doing the budget.

50 RUSTY BURNS: No. She's not the only one.

1 Everybody in the finance department is working on the  
2 budget.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I just think we  
4 just need to see everybody who's going to have a part  
5 of that. Also, recreation budget, the finance people.  
6 I have one other thing too. Mr. Chairman, did I  
7 understand that we were going to do our proclamations  
8 and our awards and all those things once a quarter?  
9 Are we going to go back now doing them all of the time?

10 TOMMY DUNN: I've got that down to speak  
11 on that when it comes up. If we want to talk about it  
12 now, we can. And that's what I was going to talk  
13 about. That's what -- we had a gentleman or a  
14 agreement amongst us, there never was an ordinance or a  
15 resolution, we had an agreement to that and I was going  
16 to bring it up tonight.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I'll, I'll just let  
18 you bring it up then during your time. Okay. And  
19 okay. I guess that's all I've got to say, Mr.  
20 Chairman, and I sure do thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: You sure? Okay. Mr. Allen.

22 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
23 Chairman. Very quickly, I just wanted to make a little  
24 announcement about Armed Forces Day which is May 15th  
25 and the Disabled American Veterans Unit 40 here in  
26 Anderson is going to be hosting a little get-together  
27 for all veterans. It will be at Landmark Freewill  
28 Baptist Church, 128 Camellia Drive here in Anderson.  
29 And again, that will be on the 15th from 1:00 to 4:00  
30 p.m. for all veterans. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.  
32 Wilson. I've just got a couple of things right quick.  
33 It's getting late. On the awards thing, we had an  
34 agreement, but I think we'd be better off and better  
35 served to just agree we're not going to do that no  
36 more. It's not right to come in here and put me in --  
37 and put the Chairman in his place for this meeting that  
38 way and Ms. Floyd's got something she wants to do or  
39 Mr. Wilson and him not -- or Mr. Waldrep not knowing.  
40 Does everybody agree we can just go back like it was?  
41 Got a problem -- anybody got a problem with that?  
42 Okay.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought it was a, I  
44 thought it was a good suggestion. In fact, when I did  
45 mine, I waited until the quarter as we were supposed  
46 to.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Well, sometimes you can't  
48 and I understand that and evidently it ain't working  
49 because it's come up two or three times. And, like I  
50 said, we just -- it was an agreement, so if everybody

1 agrees, we'll go back like it was then. Is that, is  
2 that fine? Secondly, on the Census thing, Mr. Burns,  
3 I'd like to try to give -- this past week or week  
4 before last a guy called and report for the Census  
5 people. A four -- several fire stations, the Starr  
6 Fire Department, the Whitefield Fire Department, the  
7 Homeland Park Fire Department, the Broadway Fire  
8 Department, and West Pelzer Fire Department went out  
9 with help and got these, got these Census things took  
10 up. It was a real big help and helped us ahead of  
11 them. I think they need a little recognition and as it  
12 is good and under the direction of Chief Billy Gibson  
13 that was appointed on that board and done it, and  
14 they're doing a real good job helping out on that. The  
15 thing the lady talked about, talked about these  
16 recreational funds, I think and I might be wrong and  
17 Ms. Davis here can correct me, I think only five  
18 thousand dollars or our accounts comes in on that tax  
19 monies. Is that -- that's right. The rest of that  
20 money comes out of just regular tax money, general  
21 fund, whatever you want to talk about it. I said when  
22 I was running this is a slush fund, I still say it's a  
23 slush fund. I got out voted last time and I'd like to  
24 see it done away with. Y'all have a good night. Do we  
25 have a motion to adjourn?

26 RON WILSON: So moved.

27 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to adjourn.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Called Meeting – April 29, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### **PRESENT:**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

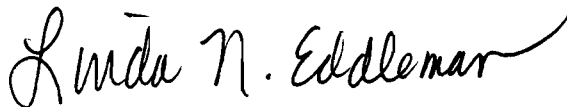
### **ABSENT:**

Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

April 29, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
CINDY WILSON  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
GRACIE FLOYD  
RON WILSON - ABSENT

1 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN

2 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, Ms.  
3 Eddleman, if you would, let the record show that Mr.  
4 Waldrep and Mr. Wilson's not present. At this time  
5 I believe we have a power point presentation, is how  
6 we'll start this off, from staff. And then we'll go  
7 into discussion. And when we do go into discussion,  
8 if you would, I'll recognize -- we're going to have  
9 plenty of time for each council person to ask any  
10 questions. But let's try to -- instead of keeping  
11 asking one right after another, let's ask two or  
12 three questions and move on to someone else. We'll  
13 come around. I promise, everything will get  
14 answered. We'll stay here as long as it takes.  
15 Yes, ma'am.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, we don't  
17 have an agenda. Okay. All right. Number two, mr.  
18 Chair, would you please define what type meeting  
19 we're having here. I've heard three things. I've  
20 heard a forum. I've heard a called meeting. And  
21 I've had a meeting for information. What type  
22 meeting is this?

23 TOMMY DUNN: A called meeting.  
24 Right there, it's on the agenda. This is a regular  
25 council meeting, but it's a special called meeting.  
26 We're going to be taking -- for the purposes of that  
27 right there.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. All  
29 right. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr.  
31 Administrator, mr. Burns.

32 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have  
33 prepared a power point presentation and if it's the  
34 pleasure of council, we will go through that now.  
35 And a member of our finance department will be  
36 conducting the power point. And I believe you have  
37 a copy of it in front of you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

39 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Chairman and  
40 members of council, thank you for allowing us to try  
41 to bring a little clarity to what we discussed last  
42 Tuesday night. I hope this will simplify and not  
43 complicate the matter at hand. And of course, we  
44 are talking about the transfer of the two  
45 departments that are currently in the general fund  
46 to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. As you  
47 know, what is currently in this fiscal year budget  
48 is that emergency services, department 5212 and  
49 communications, department 5213, are under the  
50 authority of the county administrator, mr. Rusty

1       there's a total of 4.8 in the -- eight million, in  
2       the current year budget, and it'll be proposed 4.6  
3       in next year's budget. A decrease of about a  
4       hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars. So that's  
5       the monetary amount that you're talking about  
6       transferring under the authority of the sheriff. Of  
7       course, this fiscal year the sheriff and the  
8       detention center moved back under the jurisdiction  
9       of the general fund. It's a normal department, just  
10      like county council, finance, purchasing. They're  
11      all departments in the general fund. The sheriff is  
12      too this fiscal year. And again, he has that 30.8  
13      mils, plus fines and fees, that is considered his  
14      revenue, if you will. And it's money that's  
15      designed for his operations. This is a snapshot of  
16      his preliminary budget for fiscal year '11. As you  
17      see, those revenue sources, primarily property taxes  
18      and the things associated with that such as  
19      Homestead Exemption, fee in lieu of money, all that  
20      totals twenty-one million dollars. The budget that  
21      he presented for detention center and sheriff's  
22      office only is twenty million dollars. You've got a  
23      million dollars extra, if you will. The revenue  
24      minus expenditures, there's a million dollars. And  
25      what that typically goes for is patrol cars. This  
26      is a snapshot of other than the sheriff, other than  
27      those two departments, all the rest of the  
28      department, how we're looking for next year's  
29      budget. About 37.5 million in revenue.  
30      Expenditures 41.7. So you've got a deficit of about  
31      4.3 million dollars, a gap that we have got to  
32      narrow so that we can have a budget for fiscal year  
33      '11. How does it help if the two departments,  
34      emergency services department and communications, go  
35      underneath the sheriff? Well, what he has agreed to  
36      do, if that occurs, that million dollars surplus  
37      will help us close that gap of 4.3 million dollars.  
38      So in essence it would be 3.3 million dollars if we  
39      got to avail ourselves of that revenue. He would  
40      not spend it for patrol cars. And here's just a  
41      breakdown. You saw that 37.5 revenue previously  
42      with 41.7 in expenditures. There's that 4.3  
43      deficit, if you will. And in next year's budget,  
44      we've got 1.4 million in capital. So in essence we  
45      could go use that fund balance to buy that capital.  
46      And so we would get to minus off 1.4 million from  
47      that 4.3, take off the million dollars that the  
48      sheriff has said we could use, so our gap has now  
49      narrowed to 1.9 million that we'll be looking for,  
50      if this transfer occurs. And I just put there that



1 -- again, there's that 1.9 deficit we would have to  
2 make up if we didn't get to avail ourselves of that  
3 million dollars that the sheriff had, then we would  
4 be at 3.9 million dollars that we would be looking  
5 for in order to balance the general fund next year.  
6 And I put this bullet in here to remind you that the  
7 sheriff's revenue is typically a million dollars  
8 over his budget expenditures. But that's to allow  
9 him to replace cars in his fleet that need to be.  
10 William Ray has told him that typically he needs to  
11 replace about sixty-two cars annually. As you see  
12 that's on a three, five, seven year replacement  
13 cycle for the three different types of officers that  
14 he has. And that takes about 2.1 million dollars.  
15 Because by the time you buy a car and fit it for the  
16 road, you're talking about thirty-five thousand  
17 dollars. Well, the sheriff currently has 2.1  
18 million dollars in cash from prior years that's  
19 sitting in a special revenue fund for him to buy  
20 those vehicles next year. So that's why he has said  
21 that he would allow that million dollars to help go  
22 to the general fund to help close our budget gap.  
23 And I just put this slide in to show you that it  
24 came up -- the question about the grants last  
25 council meeting, and the best that we can see and  
26 determine, there will be no difference in reporting  
27 of the management for those grants. Mr. Burns signs  
28 off on all those grants. The program managers  
29 wouldn't change. And from what we could see, there  
30 would be no change, because the grants have been  
31 awarded or applied for based upon specific criteria.  
32 And we have told them what we need. So that will  
33 not change if this merger were to occur. And I have  
34 placed an eight and a half by fourteen sheet of  
35 paper to show you the grants that are currently  
36 active under the jurisdiction of the public safety  
37 division. Thank you.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Can we go back and ask  
39 questions now? Mr. Chair.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: We can ask questions?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And thank  
43 you, Rita, for your thing.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Wait a minute.

45 TOMMY DUNN: You might want to stick  
46 around. I think we might have a few questions for  
47 you.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: If you'll go back to  
49 your slide eight, please.

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. On slide eight  
2 we're talking about the revenue and we're talking  
3 about the expenditures. Okay. Now, last week we  
4 were talking projected revenue. Are we still  
5 talking projected revenue or do you know for a fact  
6 this is what he's going to get, twenty-one -- this  
7 figure here?

8 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. Of course,  
9 the revenue projections are always our best educated  
10 guess.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: But do you know for a  
12 fact that he's going to get that? Because, see, it  
13 doesn't say projected or anything on here.

14 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. That is  
15 just a -- that's the projected revenue based upon  
16 estimates that -- you know, based upon historical  
17 data and estimates from Ms. Humphries for property  
18 taxes.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I think  
20 this is misleading because I think you should have  
21 said projected. Because we need to keep that in  
22 mind.

23 RITA DAVIS: That's a good point,  
24 yes, ma'am.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: We're talking  
26 projected. This is what he might get.

27 RITA DAVIS: That is correct.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: And if he should get  
29 this, then he might have nine hundred and ninety-  
30 nine, whatever that is, left.

31 RITA DAVIS: That's right.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, suppose,  
33 suppose his projected revenue is more than expected?  
34 How much, how much of that money would roll over to  
35 us?

36 RITA DAVIS: A million.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no. Suppose he had  
38 a revenue of twenty-three million.

39 RITA DAVIS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

40 GRACIE FLOYD: All right?

41 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: How much of that would  
43 roll over to the county?

44 RITA DAVIS: What we do is we  
45 compare the actual revenue. During the audit  
46 season, we look at his total revenue. So if it was  
47 twenty-three million, we would compare that to his  
48 actual expenditures. Any excess, any surplus, if  
49 you will, rolls over to his capital account to buy  
50 vehicles.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we would get  
2 all of that; right, if he's going to give this nine  
3 hundred and ninety-nine to us?  
4 RITA DAVIS: That's correct. About  
5 a million dollars.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If he's going to  
7 give us a million dollars, but he came up with two  
8 million dollars because of an increase in revenue,  
9 do we get the whole two million?  
10 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. We keep a  
11 million, a million would roll over to his capital  
12 account.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
14 Uh-huh (affirmative). What happens if he only gets  
15 nineteen million projected revenue? What happens  
16 then?  
17 RITA DAVIS: We compare that to his  
18 actual expenditures, and if it's less than a million  
19 dollars, we would keep that. If it's more than a  
20 million dollars, we would keep the million, give him  
21 the excess.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-uh (negative). If  
23 there's no excess, then what? I'm saying, now,  
24 listen ---  
25 RITA DAVIS: But his expenditures,  
26 if he got nineteen -- let's say twenty million and  
27 he spent twenty-three forty-two ---  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no, no. He  
29 spent just what you said he was going to spend down  
30 here, twenty million.  
31 RITA DAVIS: That's right.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: But he only brought in  
33 nineteen. Okay?  
34 RITA DAVIS: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: So he's got a deficit  
36 there.  
37 RITA DAVIS: That's right.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Now, what's going to  
39 happen there? We won't get any money at all; right?  
40 RITA DAVIS: That is correct.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: But would we have to  
42 give him some money to help him with his deficit?  
43 RITA DAVIS: Well, it's all in the  
44 general fund anyway, so all the revenue that is in  
45 the general fund would go to help offset that  
46 deficit, if you will.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
48 Okay. Now, you said somewhere in here how much --  
49 you said the sheriff had -- did you say the sheriff  
50 had two million dollars set aside?

1 RITA DAVIS: 2.1, Yes, ma'am.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: 2.1 million dollars set  
3 aside already; right?  
4 RITA DAVIS: That's correct.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And it's  
6 been said down here that if we don't give him these  
7 things, if we don't give him these departments, then  
8 we're going to have this terrible deficit to be made  
9 up; right? Yeah, you said that. You said that --  
10 what would happen if we don't do this, then we're  
11 going to have, what's it, 3. something deficit?  
12 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. I was  
13 saying that we wouldn't get that million dollars for  
14 next year.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
16 Well, it seems to me now, if the sheriff got 2.1  
17 million dollars sitting around for cars and he's  
18 willing to give up some money now, what can't we  
19 keep what we have, but he still give up some money  
20 to help the county? No, no, no, I'm not talking to  
21 the sheriff. I'm talking to you now. I'd like for  
22 you to answer the question. As our financial  
23 person, I'd like for you to answer these questions,  
24 please.  
25 RITA DAVIS: Why can't we just take  
26 the million dollars? Was that your question, ma'am?  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm saying that if the  
28 sheriff has money sitting aside and -- 2. something  
29 million dollars and here we are drowning, going  
30 under, and it's sort of like we're being held  
31 hostage, if we don't give him these two entities  
32 then we're going to just go down. You see? If we  
33 don't give it to him then we're going to be in big  
34 trouble. You see? But why can't we keep it, and  
35 since he has some extra money, why can't he give the  
36 extra money over to the county until we can do  
37 better?  
38 RITA DAVIS: Well, ma'am, county  
39 council sets his budget.  
40 GRACIE FLOYD: I know.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what I know.  
43 RITA DAVIS: So that would be up to  
44 county council ---  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. That's what I  
46 ---  
47 RITA DAVIS: -- during the budgeting  
48 process.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: So you know, when we  
50 say, well, if we don't -- if the sheriff doesn't get

1 it then this is what's going to happen, I say if the  
2 sheriff doesn't get it, if we decide that we're  
3 going to keep these two entities, and if there's  
4 money sitting around for cars, 2.1 million dollars,  
5 and the county needs that money, then I say there's  
6 the money. Now, I have always been a big proponent  
7 of the sheriff. I have supported the sheriff every  
8 since I got on council. I wanted to make sure that  
9 he had money to pay the people that he work for.  
10 And I'm not talking about a pittance. I'm talking  
11 about good money. I have always made sure that he  
12 had the money he needed to buy the cars that he  
13 needed. But I have never, ever tried to make sure  
14 that the sheriff starts getting other departments.  
15 I think that the -- I think we need to look more  
16 closely at what we're doing here and, and keep what  
17 we have. And just like every other department has  
18 done, if the county is short and if there's a  
19 department that's got the money to do it, then why  
20 not? And if the sheriff has 2.1 million dollars  
21 sitting around -- didn't you say he didn't use that  
22 money for last year or something? Didn't you say  
23 that?

24 RITA DAVIS: He has -- did he use  
25 any last year? That was the fund balance from prior  
26 years. That's correct.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So if he's got  
28 that for the prior years, why can't we use that  
29 money to help us offset our balance. And just like  
30 when the sheriff got in trouble last year with a  
31 deficit and the county had to come in and give him  
32 the money, this time the county has the deficit, so  
33 why can't the sheriff come in and help the county  
34 out? And didn't we just buy patrol cars?

35 RITA DAVIS: We just did. This year  
36 we're projecting over a million dollars again over  
37 -- his revenue over his expenditures. So he and Mr.  
38 Burns agreed that out of our capital lease money we  
39 would purchase that million dollars, because we had  
40 the money in the bank, and instead of having to  
41 transfer that to his fund. Because that would be a  
42 million dollars other cash that we would have to  
43 come up with to transfer to him.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, we'll get  
45 back to you in a minute. We're going to move on,  
46 let somebody else have it. Mr. Allen. Ms. Wilson,  
47 you have anything?

48 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick question,  
49 and mine would kind of correlate with what Mrs.  
50 Floyd has asked. What if we don't have the million

1 next year to go toward this, this transfer?

2 RITA DAVIS: As we're talking about,  
3 of course, it is a projected revenue. It always is,  
4 all revenues are an estimate. So if we didn't, that  
5 would just mean less that we would have to go toward  
6 the bottom line.

7 CINDY WILSON: Well, I have no problem  
8 understanding the efficacy of transferring  
9 communications to the sheriff's office. The big  
10 concern I have is I don't see any justification,  
11 based on the information provided, to transfer  
12 emergency preparedness, if it's not going to change  
13 anything, it just doesn't seem necessary to transfer  
14 that. I voted previously to transfer communications  
15 to the sheriff's department years ago and I dare say  
16 I'll probably do the same thing again this time.  
17 But emergency preparedness, it just doesn't -- I  
18 can't seem to make good sense of that. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Anymore questions, Ms.  
20 Wilson?

21 CINDY WILSON: That's all for right  
22 now.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr.  
24 Waldrep.

25 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr.  
26 Chairman. Just a couple of things that I wanted to  
27 be sure of. When you say on page two, and I think  
28 it's paragraph three, you talk about will be paid  
29 from non-sheriff revenue. How do you describe non-  
30 sheriff revenue? Is that just general revenue  
31 coming into the county aside from the I think it's  
32 thirty mils? 30.8 mils?

33 RITA DAVIS: Which slide are you on,  
34 Mr. Waldrep?

35 BOB WALDREP: I'm talking on page two  
36 and you've got -- the second paragraph under  
37 memorandums of understanding.

38 RITA DAVIS: Oh, okay.

39 BOB WALDREP: There's a statement  
40 there that says, expenditures for these two  
41 departments will be paid from non-sheriff revenue.  
42 How do you define non-sheriff revenue?

43 RITA DAVIS: What I was trying to  
44 demonstrate there is, as we talked about, he has  
45 property tax revenue, fines and fees and other  
46 revenue, 21.1 million dollars of revenue that  
47 specifically go to fund the detention center and the  
48 Anderson County Sheriff's Office.

49 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Now that turns  
50 out to be 30.8 mils; is that correct?

1 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right.  
3 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, primarily.  
4 And I was just saying, he's not going to get any  
5 additional milage.  
6 BOB WALDREP: Doesn't get any other  
7 fundings?  
8 RITA DAVIS: That's correct. If  
9 these two departments go ---  
10 BOB WALDREP: I guess the only other  
11 money that he would get would be from -- does he get  
12 some forfeiture money?  
13 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, but that's  
14 separate and apart from the general fund.  
15 BOB WALDREP: That -- the drug  
16 forfeiture money is not included in the budget  
17 anyway; is it?  
18 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. It's in a  
19 special revenue fund, though. It doesn't enter into  
20 this picture.  
21 BOB WALDREP: Okay. My question then  
22 gets to be the projections. And it seems like we  
23 always find this to be one of the essential factors  
24 in any kind of budget process, if the value of a  
25 mil. Do we have the value of a mil this year at  
26 this time?  
27 RITA DAVIS: Five hundred and  
28 seventy-five thousand currently.  
29 BOB WALDREP: Five hundred and  
30 seventy-five thousand?  
31 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
32 BOB WALDREP: Now, has that gone up  
33 or down from last year?  
34 RITA DAVIS: Up.  
35 BOB WALDREP: It's gone up from ---  
36 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Slightly  
37 it's gone up from five seventy to five hundred and  
38 sventy-one thousand.  
39 BOB WALDREP: Five hundred and  
40 seventy-one thousand?  
41 TOMMY DUNN: No, no, it's five  
42 seventy-five now; right?  
43 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
44 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Last yer it was either  
46 five seventy or five seventy-one.  
47 BOB WALDREP: Okay. What about the  
48 collection rate, is that -- that's an important ...  
49 RITA DAVIS: We're using 94. --  
50 ninety-four percent for RPC and ---

1 BOB WALDREP: Ninety-four percent?  
2 RITA DAVIS: Ninety-eight percent  
3 for vehicles.  
4 BOB WALDREP: Ninety-eight percent  
5 for vehicles?  
6 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
7 BOB WALDREP: And what about  
8 residences?  
9 RITA DAVIS: The ninety-four  
10 percent.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Ninety-four. Okay.  
12 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
13 BOB WALDREP: And has that changed  
14 from last year?  
15 RITA DAVIS: Ms. Humphries sets  
16 that, so she's going to address that.  
17 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yes, sir. We've  
18 actually reduced the collection rate based on actual  
19 experience that we have seen.  
20 BOB WALDREP: How much?  
21 GINA HUMPHRIES: Last year I used an  
22 average of ninety-six and a half percent on RPC and  
23 we took that down to ninety-four percent.  
24 BOB WALDREP: Okay. On vehicles.  
25 Okay. And then on houses?  
26 GINA HUMPHRIES: That was houses.  
27 BOB WALDREP: That was houses?  
28 GINA HUMPHRIES: Ninety-six and a half  
29 last year on ---  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Automobiles was ninety-  
31 eight.  
32 BOB WALDREP: Oh, automobiles was --  
33 I got that one. I just wondered which one was being  
34 reduced.  
35 GINA HUMPHRIES: Residential, homes,  
36 real estate.  
37 BOB WALDREP: Is now?  
38 GINA HUMPHRIES: I'm using 94.5 percent.  
39 BOB WALDREP: So based on those  
40 figures, is there a feeling that our amount of money  
41 that we collect is going to be more or less than it  
42 was last year? Projected?  
43 GINA HUMPHRIES: Slightly more. About a  
44 couple hundred thousand dollars in the general fund,  
45 just a little bit more.  
46 BOB WALDREP: Okay. A couple of  
47 hundred thousand dollars?  
48 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yes, sir.  
49 BOB WALDREP: And that's just based  
50 on experience?



1                   GINA HUMPHRIES:       It's based on assessed  
2 values and it's really a factor of taking the  
3 collection rate down and the assessed value is going  
4 up. So it's a mixture of both.  
5                   BOB WALDREP:        Okay.  
6                   GINA HUMPHRIES:       And I can give you a  
7 spread sheet for that based on every fund, if you  
8 like.  
9                   BOB WALDREP:        Okay. That's all I  
10 have. Thank you.  
11                  TOMMY DUNN:         Thank you, Mr. Waldrep.  
12 Mr. Moore.  
13                  EDDIE MOORE:        Yes. I do have a  
14 couple of -- not really questions. Just more or  
15 less -- you know, anything I've always -- something  
16 I've always hated is shell games. I hate to see us  
17 running a shell game in the county. We see  
18 departments -- some of the numbers that we've been  
19 receiving over the last week or two, we see some  
20 numbers going back to the budget, this current  
21 budget going up to the ... You look at the numbers  
22 and then you look at the increases in a lot of the  
23 different departments. You see some departments  
24 that are running real well. You see some  
25 departments that are running not so good. I just  
26 hate to see us shifting around money and doing a  
27 shell game. I think we need to step up to the plate  
28 and accept fiducial responsibility for everyone and  
29 handle the situation ourselves. I personally don't  
30 have a problem with the 911 and the dispatch. I  
31 don't have a problem with that going to the sheriff.  
32 The emergency preparedness, I have a pretty big  
33 problem. But since we're just talking numbers  
34 today, I will hold my comments on that until this  
35 measure comes up for a vote at the next council  
36 meeting. But I think we're not stepping up to the  
37 plate and accepting our fiducial responsibility by  
38 playing a shell game with the numbers. We need to  
39 step up to the plate and handle business in a  
40 business-like manner and not have to depend on using  
41 revenue from the sheriff. That's my opinion.  
42                  TOMMY DUNN:         Thank you. Anything  
43 else, Mr. Moore? Sheriff, would you like to make  
44 any comments?  
45                  SHERIFF SKIPPER:     Be glad to respond to  
46 any questions you had. And you know, I think it  
47 comes down to, and Ms. Floyd, in particular, you  
48 know, you had those questions. And they're  
49 legitimate questions. The -- and I don't want to  
50 take all day, but I think this is important enough

1 that if we have to order supper to come in tonight  
2 and be here, we need to get this settled. Our fund  
3 balance. Let me try to answer the question about  
4 the fund balance. I do currently have 2.1 million  
5 dollars in a -- in what the finance folks, Mr.  
6 Daniel, Rita, everybody else that's in finance that  
7 I've talked to, we're calling that a fund balance.  
8 That's something that the -- as we talked and  
9 somebody mentioned, the previously administration  
10 didn't have and that's why they got in trouble.  
11 They didn't have a fund balance. They didn't have  
12 extra money there when things went wrong. So with  
13 that, and when Sheriff Crenshaw was in a special  
14 revenue by himself, he started establishing a fund  
15 balance and that was on y'all's -- and I say y'all.  
16 I'm not sure -- you as a body, along with finance,  
17 recommended that he do, is start a fund balance. So  
18 in that year, 2006-2007, he budgeted just like you  
19 saw basically up there. This is the revenue he  
20 projected to go in and this is the same thing I do.  
21 We project that X number of revenue is going to come  
22 in. My accountant backs off about two and a half  
23 percent of that to say, these are the folks that  
24 just won't pay their taxes this year and we'll get  
25 it in future years. Then we back off another two  
26 percent or three percent of that and say, okay,  
27 here's what we can firmly know that we're going to  
28 collect. Yeah, budgets are an estimate. My budget  
29 at home is an estimate. I don't know what Duke  
30 Power is going to charge me next week. It depends  
31 on how many lights my son leaves on. So with that  
32 you do an estimate. So what he did is he planned  
33 for a million dollars to be pushed forward to  
34 establish that fund balance. And what my accountant  
35 does every year is we take our budget, plan what we  
36 need to have to pay the bills and then we plan for a  
37 million dollars to go forward to that fund balance  
38 to buy cars. Any given year that could be six  
39 hundred thousand. Other things could happen. And  
40 by having that fund balance, what my plans are, and  
41 what the purpose of it is, is so that I don't have  
42 to come back to y'all and ask for, oh, no, we didn't  
43 plan for this. What happens if the air conditioning  
44 unit goes out at the sheriff's office, the whole  
45 building shuts down, well, I'm left, if I budget for  
46 all that money, I'm left to come back to you to say,  
47 I need fifty thousand dollars to replace the air  
48 conditioning unit. The plan is, is I've got that  
49 cushion to say, I have fifty thousand in there to  
50 pay for that. I don't have to come ask you.

1 Because then it puts you in a position to either  
2 approve or not approve my air conditioner. And I'm  
3 sure y'all would do that. You would approve that.  
4 And now y'all are going to have to find it, Rita's  
5 going to have to find it from some place else. So  
6 that's the purpose of that fund balance. So I feel  
7 like -- you know, somebody mentioned stepping up to  
8 the plate. I feel that's what we're doing at the  
9 sheriff's office. We're stepping up to the plate,  
10 because we worked out in this year's budget to use  
11 the capital expenditures money for lease purchase to  
12 get the cars that we planned to buy. And therefore  
13 that million dollars I had planned to push forward  
14 for cars, I'm allowing you to have. So therefore,  
15 that's a swap. I mean, it's good for me, good for  
16 y'all. And next year's budget, yeah, we're  
17 projecting -- they're projecting, my accountant's  
18 projecting somewhere around that nine hundred  
19 ninety-thousand dollars. If we don't get all that,  
20 it's my understanding if we don't get that then  
21 y'all don't get y'all's either, because all the  
22 revenue's down. So whatever they have projected for  
23 the general fund is going to be down too. Because  
24 that's only -- that a way to just figure out the  
25 money that's coming in. So I think the issues --  
26 and I don't remember all the questions you had, Ms.  
27 Floyd, if you'll restate a few of them. But I think  
28 the idea is, we at the sheriff's office are stepping  
29 up to the plate. There are bad times, and we're  
30 willing to let that money go. Because here's the  
31 bottom line. I've got my fund balance set for  
32 emergencies and disasters and things that happen  
33 that I can't foresee. And next year I would have  
34 pushed that other million dollars or whatever is  
35 saved, because like I said, any given year it might  
36 not be a million. We may have something else  
37 happen. We may have to pay a hundred thousand  
38 dollars for something and then that means we've only  
39 got nine or eight to push forward. So what I'm  
40 telling y'all is, is I'm willing to take the gamble  
41 that this money is to be there for y'all to use.  
42 And then when we need the cars, and I don't have any  
43 other major catastrophes, then I can dip into that  
44 2.1 million to get the cars and the capital projects  
45 I need. That's the purpose of the savings account,  
46 is to be there for rainy days. And so if that money  
47 comes in, then you have it, and I then use my money  
48 that I have in my savings account to do the capital  
49 projects that I need. And then hopefully by the  
50 next year we're digging out of this, everything's

1 turning around and coming back up. So I think  
2 that's the idea. Another thing we do at the  
3 sheriff's office, and I brought a few figures with  
4 me, we're constantly looking at how to save money.  
5 Most of y'all know we have changed our uniforms.  
6 The Class A duty uniform is a hundred and sixty-one  
7 dollars that they've been wearing. Everybody gets  
8 one of those now. They're real thin pants. They go  
9 out here and jump out of the car and poke a hole in  
10 them when the wind blows through them. They've  
11 complained about them for years. We are now  
12 changing our uniform. We took some grant money,  
13 it's a block grant, it's a one-time expenditure to  
14 buy uniforms. The utility black uniform they're  
15 wearing now, all the officers like them, and they're  
16 a hundred and thirty-two dollars a set. When we buy  
17 two hundred sets, that's five thousand eight hundred  
18 and some odd dollar savings that we're doing this  
19 year in that. So when we buy that equipment, we're  
20 backing off of stuff we're doing. And we're backing  
21 off a lot of stuff. But you know, I as the sheriff,  
22 have to be very careful I don't back off too far  
23 because when everybody calls and wants us there,  
24 they want somebody there like right away. So we  
25 can't cut our services. We don't want to get rid of  
26 employees. We don't want to have bad cars that  
27 can't get there. So we're constantly managing that.  
28 With that, the drug fund. We just bought several -  
29 - we put on four drug dogs on the patrol, one on  
30 each shift. We have two on the interstate. And we  
31 just bought all their vehicles with drug money. If  
32 we didn't use that money for that, that would be  
33 money coming out of the general fund, which means we  
34 can't buy patrol cars that normally patrol your  
35 neighborhood. So we've spending -- I mean, it's not  
36 money we're sticking in -- and that money, with some  
37 caveats, is available for you and everybody else to  
38 see. Like I said, if we buy our surveillance van,  
39 we don't want a description of it on the internet to  
40 tell everybody what it looks like. But with that  
41 said, it's free for you to look what we're doing  
42 with that money. And we're using that to help -- we  
43 can use that to, you know, buff up our equipment and  
44 stuff so then we can use that general fund -- and to  
45 be honest with you, by doing that, that's why we  
46 have a million dollars to let you have, because we  
47 bought vehicles for those entities that we can do  
48 that with. So I'm looking at this as a win-win  
49 situation. To be honest with you, as an elected  
50 official, just like the rest of you, I'm sticking my

1 neck out a little bit here, because come next year,  
2 if this really falls apart, we're all going to have  
3 to be explaining how this -- you know, what are we  
4 going to do? And that's why I think the fund  
5 balance is there for me to be able to allow to take  
6 care of those so, like I said, I don't have to come  
7 back up here and ask you, oh, you know, we were a  
8 little short in an area and we need another fifty  
9 thousand dollars because something broke. I'm not  
10 -- did I cover everything, Ms. Floyd, that ...

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Sheriff, you haven't  
12 even scratched the surface.

13 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay. Ask me a  
14 question.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I'm going to ask  
16 the questions to the financial people.

17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay. And while I'm  
18 here to just say, I mean, those projections, we are  
19 going on a balance between what my accountant says  
20 and what the accountants up here say. So I mean,  
21 we're looking at those numbers as -- it's a  
22 projection. I don't think we can do any better. I  
23 don't think anybody can do any better than project  
24 what people are going to do with their taxes.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Skipper, I do have one  
26 question for you.

27 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yes, ma'am.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one comment.  
29 Okay? First of all, I want you to know that I  
30 really, really, really, really like you, and you  
31 know that. I do. But this is business now.  
32 Sheriff, I take exception with some of the verbiage  
33 that you're using. Things like you're going to let  
34 us have or other things like -- I wish I had written  
35 them down as you were saying them. Sheriff, you  
36 know, we need to remember that we're all in this  
37 together.

38 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I am Anderson County  
40 and you are Anderson County. And when you say  
41 things like, well, you're going to let us have this  
42 and you're going to let us have that. Sheriff, as a  
43 taxpayer -- since we represent the taxpayers of  
44 Anderson County and I don't know if you represent  
45 taxpayers or -- I don't think you do.

46 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I do.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we, we hold a  
48 special tie with the taxpayers in Anderson County.  
49 But sheriff, when you say things like you're going  
50 to -- you will let us have this and you'll let us

1 have that, I think that the county council for years  
2 have been doing what's best for the whole of  
3 Anderson County. And this is what I like to hear  
4 you say, that you will do -- that you are going to  
5 do what's best for the whole. You know ---  
6 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Can I explain that?  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not through.  
8 SHERIFF SKIPPER: All right.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: You've going to let us  
10 have it. But if we need it, if Anderson County  
11 needs this to stay afloat, I think we can have it.  
12 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yes, ma'am. I agree  
13 with that one hundred percent.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
15 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I'll explain what I  
16 mean by let you have it.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
18 SHERIFF SKIPPER: The issue is this. In  
19 my budget at the sheriff's office, I have 30.8 mils,  
20 which y'all voted for.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
22 SHERIFF SKIPPER: You can reduce my  
23 milage.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
25 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I understand that one  
26 hundred percent. And if you cut me two mils this  
27 year, that'll get you your million dollars. But  
28 come next year when I submit my budget, I'm going to  
29 submit my budget based on here's what I had to do  
30 without, and here's why we had to adjust and I'm  
31 going to ask you to increase it by two mils. And to  
32 be honest with you, the average citizen out here --  
33 and y'all would probably say, hey, we understand  
34 this and we really need to do this. And if you vote  
35 to increase it back two mils, the average citizen is  
36 not going to understand, you put me back where I  
37 was. They're going to say you increased their  
38 taxes. And that's not good for -- because nobody's  
39 trying to increase. So I understand one hundred  
40 percent, you can take all my money. You can cut me  
41 down to nothing. You can reduce me to two mils. I  
42 understand that. And I guess that's what I'm saying  
43 is, is by us trying to work out with the  
44 accountants, with everyone that's working on this  
45 budget, because there are a bunch of them working on  
46 it, that I think to come to a compromise and allow  
47 this to happen is just good government, despite the  
48 money. While I've got the microphone for a minute.  
49 Despite the money, I think the -- putting the  
50 government services together and getting back to

1 briefly what I said the other night, the MOUs, Ms.  
2 Wilson, I think states what you're saying. The  
3 emergency preparedness director as a state entity  
4 goes to the administrator. There's no question  
5 about that. No question about that. And reports to  
6 him. And that money, which is the general fund  
7 money, goes -- it stays with that. And then the 911  
8 center. So there are actually two MOUs there. And  
9 I think that's what you had proposed the other  
10 night. So with that said, I just -- I think it's  
11 good government. And Ms. Floyd, I'm an elected  
12 official, and to be honest with you, I am for every  
13 citizen in this county, not just the ones that pay  
14 taxes. I'm here for the ones that don't pay taxes,  
15 because they're crime victims too.

16 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Sheriff.

18 Mr. Allen hasn't asked nothing. Mr. Allen.

19 TOM ALLEN: Just a question.

20 Everybody -- I say everybody. The count maintains a  
21 fund balance. The school board maintains fund  
22 balances. Everybody does, for those rainy days.  
23 About three or four years ago when the county bailed  
24 the sheriff out, if you will, excuse me, I think it  
25 was something like two and a half million dollars, I  
26 believe that came out of the county general fund.  
27 Is that correct, Rita, or Rusty, anybody?

28 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, it came out of  
29 the -- I can answer that. It came out of the  
30 general fund then the present council raised  
31 everybody's taxes by four mils to make that up.

32 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.

33 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Which I have, in my  
34 last year's budget, paid five hundred ninety-five  
35 thousand dollars back to the general fund to take  
36 care of that deficit that the prior administration  
37 had.

38 TOM ALLEN: Well, the point being,  
39 that money did not come out of our rainy -- out of  
40 the county's rainy day fund, out of their fund  
41 balance. It came from somewhere else; is that  
42 correct?

43 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's correct. And  
44 they did the 4.5 one time tax to put that back in.

45 TOM ALLEN: Because you don't want  
46 to reduce your fund balance. If the county does  
47 that, you end up ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, excuse me  
49 just one second. I just want to clarify something  
50 to make sure there ain't no misunderstanding. I

1 don't think you meant it, but you said the present  
2 council. It the council at that time.  
3 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Council at that time.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: You said present  
5 council. You was talking about that ---  
6 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Council at that time  
7 raised taxes ---  
8 TOMMY DUNN: This council ain't  
9 raised no taxes. We take a lot of grief, but I  
10 ain't taking none for that. Thank you, Mr. Allen.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't think the last  
12 council raised no taxes.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen has the  
14 floor.  
15 TOM ALLEN: The point I'm trying to  
16 make here, instead of beating around the bush is, I  
17 can understand why the sheriff does not want to take  
18 the 2.1 million out and just give it to the county,  
19 because that eliminates his fund balance. The  
20 county would have been, a few years ago, reluctant  
21 to do that out of their fund balance, to bail the  
22 sheriff out, because I believe that hurts the bond  
23 rating; doesn't it, for a county? It puts you in  
24 hot water. And also, as we go down the road, as the  
25 sheriff said, if he needs something in an emergency,  
26 then he has no rainy day fund. So that was the only  
27 point I was trying to make there. I can understand  
28 why you wouldn't want to do that. Just one other  
29 quick question. Over here on slide 11, Rita, that  
30 you had the estimated capital of 1.4 million that  
31 could be deduced. What exactly was -- would that  
32 have been used for or what's involved in that, the  
33 1.4 million? Was that for purchasing ...  
34 RITA DAVIS: That is the capital  
35 that's requested. It's mainly transportation  
36 division for next budget year.  
37 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
38 RITA DAVIS: That's the cash that's  
39 actually left over we estimate from the lease  
40 proceeds. The 5.4 million dollar lease, we've got  
41 1.4, and that's budgeting to spend that next year.  
42 TOM ALLEN: Is that lease purchase  
43 money?  
44 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
45 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's what I  
46 wanted to know. Thank you.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
48 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
50 CINDY WILSON: That was actually my



1 question. What remains of the 5.4 million lease  
2 purchase? But if we only have 1.4 million, plus,  
3 and this is for this year, what of the remaining  
4 four hundred thousand, what are we spending that on?  
5 And if we have a date of 2011, does that go toward  
6 the sheriff's cars for the next fiscal year or do we  
7 have other plans for that?

8 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No. My understanding  
9 about the -- come on, Rita. My understanding this  
10 time with the cars is this is a one time lease  
11 purchase money this time. And this is in this  
12 year's budget that ends on June 30th. So that swap  
13 is there. And that's a one time deal. Now, the  
14 future money is her question.

15 RITA DAVIS: That is correct. And  
16 after we pay for the cars that council approved at  
17 the council meeting, we'll have that 1.4 million  
18 dollars next budget year. And when we have the  
19 budget workshop, you'll have the capital detail that  
20 itemizes by equipment and price what totals one  
21 million four oh four five hundred. And that will  
22 completely extinguish the lease proceeds. It'll  
23 spend all of that. And you're right, October 2011  
24 we have to have that paid off or they will take that  
25 money out of escrow and pay ...

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28 CINDY WILSON: ... And what are we  
29 paying in the way of interest? What's our interest  
30 rate on that?

31 RITA DAVIS: 4.394, I believe it was.  
32 I think it was around four percent.

33 CINDY WILSON: I'd love to see some  
34 comparisons on going ahead and taking the penalty  
35 and paying it off, if that's what you're saying.  
36 I'm a little bit confused. Let me make sure I'm  
37 understanding.

38 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, that's a  
39 good point Ms. Wilson brought up. Would you have  
40 that information for our budget workshop, the  
41 comparison? If we pay it off, because Mr. Allen's  
42 asked that, I've asked that, what the difference  
43 would be? Ms. Humphries, do you understand where  
44 we're coming ---

45 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: And that way they'll  
47 have this information, have it for our budget  
48 workshop.

49 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. I already  
50 have that prepared. I'll have that available.

1 CINDY WILSON: So the 1.4 million is  
2 what would remain after we purchase the vehicles for  
3 the trade or the transfer? Is that -- am I  
4 understanding ---  
5 SHERIFF SKIPPER: For this year. For this  
6 year.  
7 RITA DAVIS: After we purchase the  
8 sheriff's vehicles this year ---  
9 CINDY WILSON: This fiscal year.  
10 RITA DAVIS: -- June 30, 2010, we  
11 expect 1.4 million dollars to be left in the bank.  
12 CINDY WILSON: Okay. After those  
13 vehicles are purchased?  
14 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Correct.  
15 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. And that's  
16 what we're going to propose in next year's budget,  
17 the administrator is going to ask that we spend that  
18 1.4 on identified capital needs through various  
19 departments, not the sheriff. Mainly transportation  
20 division, roads and bridges.  
21 CINDY WILSON: But then the sheriff  
22 still needs to purchase about -- was it thirty or  
23 sixty vehicles?  
24 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No. Well, the plan's  
25 always been to do sixty every year. And that's what  
26 I'm telling y'all, in this year's budget, I'm  
27 getting the thirty-five cars as of June 30th, with  
28 the swap. Next year, depends on what the revenues  
29 are so that y'all -- so that the general fund gives  
30 y'all the million dollars, then whatever -- if  
31 anything's left there and/or I have to go into my  
32 reserve fund, buy cars then. So it has nothing to  
33 do with that other lease purchase.  
34 RITA DAVIS: That's right.  
35 CINDY WILSON: Your reserve fund is 2.1  
36 million after we do a one million dollar trade ---  
37 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I believe that's ---  
38 CINDY WILSON: -- reduced by a million?  
39 RITA DAVIS: It's 2.1 and it really  
40 doesn't have anything to do with the trade. It  
41 stays intact and we buy the million out of this  
42 year's capital, out of this year's budget.  
43 SHERIFF SKIPPER: The reality is, is  
44 that's probably -- and that's money that was put ---  
45 CINDY WILSON: See, the one million  
46 that we are talking about comes out of your capital  
47 project; doesn't it?  
48 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, it's what we  
49 planned for capital projects next year. What my  
50 accountant does is, he plans for a million dollars

1 for those capital projects. And as the budget year  
2 goes on -- give you an example. That's why I have a  
3 million dollars this year to swap with y'all. He  
4 plans for, on June the 30th, if we have a million  
5 dollars, and that's what we use to buy the vehicles.  
6 It may not be a million dollars, because if we had  
7 something happen to the building and we had to spend  
8 two hundred thousand of that, then our capital  
9 project for cars would be eight hundred thousand.  
10 So ---

11 CINDY WILSON: Let me make sure I'm  
12 understanding.

13 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay.

14 CINDY WILSON: All right. We've got  
15 2.1 million in your capital project to count now or  
16 after the one million dollar transfer?

17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's now, and that  
18 was put in by the previous administrations to carry  
19 forward.

20 CINDY WILSON: So that means your  
21 capital project account will only have 1.1 million  
22 remaining?

23 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No. At the end of this  
24 year, it'll have two. But here's what's going to  
25 happen. I can already see this happening already.  
26 Come next year, when all the revenues come in as  
27 they projected, I'm going to have to dip into that  
28 for the cars for next year, because y'all are going  
29 to use my nine hundred ninety-nine thousand that we  
30 are going to be -- what we had planned for our  
31 capital project. So I'm going to have to dip into  
32 my reserve fund.

33 CINDY WILSON: So you have 1.1 million  
34 remaining in your ---

35 SHERIFF SKIPPER: When I dip in next  
36 year, yes, you're -- that is correct.

37 CINDY WILSON: That's the start of the  
38 year before taxes come in? So in other words you've  
39 got 2.1 million currently. We're proposing to  
40 transfer one million from that account, your capital  
41 project account, the sheriff's capital project  
42 account, to the general fund, in return for doing  
43 the vehicle purchase out of lease purchase. So  
44 you'll start the fiscal year with 1.1 million in  
45 your capital project account?

46 SHERIFF SKIPPER: 2.1.

47 RITA DAVIS: What happens is his  
48 revenue typically every year will exceed his  
49 expenditures by one million dollars. So when he  
50 came back to the general fund ---

1 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Because we plan it that  
2 way. We're hoping that's what's going to happen.

3 RITA DAVIS: He doesn't hire all the  
4 people he needs. He doesn't do things ---

5 CINDY WILSON: How much do you have on  
6 June 30th, if we do the million dollar transfer, in  
7 your capital project account?

8 SHERIFF SKIPPER: In the savings will be  
9 2.1.

10 RITA DAVIS: Yeah. He has 2.1 when  
11 we started this budget year, sitting there. We have  
12 not touched it all year long.

13 CINDY WILSON: So there will be 1.1  
14 million that you're going to take out to trade to us  
15 for ---

16 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. It's going  
17 to sit there. It was there at the beginning of the  
18 year. It'll be there at the end of the year.

19 CINDY WILSON: Where's the one million  
20 coming from ---

21 SHERIFF SKIPPER: From our current budget  
22 this year that ends in June.

23 CINDY WILSON: All right. Because see,  
24 what I had been told the Tuesday before the council  
25 meeting was that you were proposing to take one  
26 million out of your capital projects account,  
27 transfer to the county for the purchase of your  
28 vehicles out of our lease purchase account, which  
29 actually already had that incorporated in it but  
30 hadn't been used yet.

31 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That's correct, what  
32 you just said. And that's our capital projects for  
33 this year budget ending in June 30th.

34 CINDY WILSON: So if we voted on this  
35 Tuesday night, then the money would be transferred.  
36 So basically you've got a million sitting around in  
37 your basic account in addition to 2.1 million?

38 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay. Let me clear up  
39 one thing. If y'all don't vote on this at all,  
40 okay, if we all just go home and nothing happens,  
41 you're still getting a million dollars for my swap  
42 for the cars for the capital purchase. You're still  
43 getting that.

44 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

45 RITA DAVIS: Yep.

46 CINDY WILSON: But I'm still ---

47 SHERIFF SKIPPER: In next year's budget,  
48 the plan coming together, I'm allowing the nine  
49 hundred ninety-nine thousand, round it off to a  
50 million, that we project, they project it's going to

1 be that I would putting into my capital projects for  
2 next year, is the one you're getting for next year's  
3 budget.

4 CINDY WILSON: Okay. That makes a  
5 little more sense to me.

6 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay. Got it?  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I was about to  
10 call you judge. Okay.  
11 SHERIFF SKIPPER: John.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: John. Thank you.  
13 John, now you said something just now I haven't  
14 heard before. That if we all should go home and --  
15 am I going to be knocked out?  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, Ms. Wilson's  
17 got the floor. I thought you had something -- let  
18 Ms. Wilson finish up and you can go right back to  
19 you.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.  
21 CINDY WILSON: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I just heard you  
24 say just now that if we decided to go home and  
25 nothing is done, that we will still get the one  
26 million dollars.

27 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I'm a team player, Ms.  
28 Floyd. I'm trying to help -- we are team players.  
29 I'm trying to help everybody get through this thing.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Sheriff, explain ---  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. I'm going  
33 to get you back on track. What's happening here is  
34 you're confusing the two million dollars with one  
35 another.

36 SHERIFF SKIPPER: There's two separate  
37 budgets.

38 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand there's  
40 two separate budgets.

41 SHERIFF SKIPPER: All right.  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that.  
43 Okay? That's not my problem. But a few minutes  
44 ago, you just said that there if nothing happened  
45 and we all go home then you're still going to  
46 transfer the one million dollars?

47 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: He said it.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what he said.

1 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: He said it.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, he did.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: He said he's going to  
6 swap. We're swapping a million dollars. There's  
7 two different ---  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: He said it.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. There's two  
10 different things. And I'm trying to clear this up,  
11 if you'll listen.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. ---  
13 TOMMY DUNN: If you want to listen.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don't want to  
15 listen.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: I thought so.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor right  
18 now.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: That's as much as I  
20 thought.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor.  
22 Okay. Now, we won't argue about whether you said it  
23 or not, because there -- the thing will show it.  
24 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I can repeat what's  
25 going to happen.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no, no. I want  
27 to move on.  
28 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Okay.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to move on.  
30 Going back to my questions about the 911 thing.  
31 Okay? Now, at the next council meeting, you expect  
32 -- we're supposed to be voting for this. Okay. And  
33 you are proposing a resolution. That's another  
34 thing that's getting next to me. You're proposing a  
35 resolution rather than an ordinance for this. Now,  
36 with the budget only a couple of days -- I mean, a  
37 couple of weeks away from now, I can't understand  
38 why it's so important that we do this, do this  
39 resolution. Now, I know that if we vote on this, on  
40 a resolution, that it's going to go into the budget  
41 resolution, which will be voted on three times. But  
42 I want a written opinion from our county attorney  
43 that says the funding for the E911 program can be  
44 transferred to the sheriff's office by resolution  
45 and not a full ordinance, especially when there are  
46 Anderson County codes provisions relating to E911.  
47 I'd like to have that by the next meeting, please.  
48 You understand what I, what I want? Okay. And my  
49 next question is for Rita -- not Rita, Gina. Gina,  
50 the sheriff also said something that I'm confused

1 about and I cannot for the life of me remember.  
2 Please help me remember, did the last council vote  
3 to raise taxes by four percent?

4 GINA HUMPHRIES: When the prior sheriff  
5 had a deficit it was two million four hundred and  
6 sixty-three thousand dollars and some changes, and I  
7 remember the number well ---

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 GINA HUMPHRIES: -- because we just  
10 think this was budget -- this is budget hell. That  
11 was budget hell too, for some of us.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

13 GINA HUMPHRIES: But anyway, we put on a  
14 one time levy of four and a half mils. You are  
15 allowed to do that. It's called a deficit levy.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 GINA HUMPHRIES: It was on people's tax  
18 notices. It was explained on the back. And so we  
19 were able to recover the deficit. And the general  
20 fund did have to front that deficit up front, just  
21 as you said earlier, and then the general fund  
22 recovered it through that deficit levy.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

24 Because I just remember us raising -- doing a 4 -- a  
25 4. something tax increase that stayed, you know. I  
26 just remember that.

27 GINA HUMPHRIES: It was one time, one  
28 year.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: One time thing. I do  
30 -- and I thank you for reminding me of that, that  
31 point. And with that, it's three o'clock and I'm  
32 through. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

34 TOM ALLEN: I don't have any other  
35 questions.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr Waldrep.

37 BOB WALDREP: Sheriff, you can  
38 probably answer this question with regard to the  
39 payback on that milage. I think you mentioned a  
40 moment ago that you paid back something this last  
41 year on that ---

42 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That is correct. When  
43 I came, when I came into the office in January of --  
44 January that y'all came in, Sheriff Crenshaw had --  
45 or the accountant, the sheriff's office, had already  
46 planning, setting back money, because that was  
47 something that had to be completely paid back.

48 BOB WALDREP: That was a promise from  
49 ---

50 SHERIFF SKIPPER: So it was a promise

1 from the previous administration. And in June of  
2 last year, at the end of that first year, six months  
3 of our budget, we paid back five hundred and ninety-  
4 five thousand dollars to satisfy that 2.4 or 5,  
5 whatever million she just said.

6 BOB WALDREP: So you don't owe us  
7 anymore money on that?

8 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No, sir. Don't owe  
9 anymore on that.

10 BOB WALDREP: Okay. And this -- as I  
11 understand this one million dollars, it's kind of a  
12 one time deal.

13 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, I would hope it  
14 would be in this coming budget year, be that nine  
15 hundred and ninety-nine thousand, because like I  
16 said, I'm anticipating I'm going to have to dip in  
17 my reserve fund, and that's not going to be fun.  
18 And the year after that, I hope everybody's better.

19 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I just  
20 wanted -- did you leave the door open? We might  
21 need another million next year. Don't shut the door  
22 on the deal.

23 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I'm always willing to  
24 talk.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I'd like  
26 a few comments. I want to clarify one thing. I  
27 think some of us are getting confused about the  
28 money swapping. You know, this year's budget, the  
29 one we're in right now, we're talking about swapping  
30 a million dollars out of lease purchase general fund  
31 to get us to help -- we would spend that million  
32 dollars on something else. That's totally nothing  
33 -- that's got nothing to do with what we're talking  
34 about here today as far as the 911. That's just  
35 something to sheriff worked out with the staff and  
36 administrator to get that. That's got nothing to do  
37 with whether we streamline the 911 system or don't  
38 or what not. That's what the sheriff meant with  
39 that a while ago. The other thing is the million  
40 dollars will go in next year's budget, but will be  
41 coming out. Does that make sense? Everybody  
42 perfectly clear on that? I don't want to get you  
43 more confused. All we're talking about in this  
44 thing is the one million dollars. I want to get  
45 that clear. And the other thing is the whole budget  
46 is projected. Nothing new. The whole thing is  
47 projected. We've got a budget right now that we  
48 projected, the one we're in right now. And to clear  
49 up something that don't get a lot of credit, and I  
50 know we're in, we're in a touch situation, and next



1 year's going to be tougher, experts, what you call  
2 it. But right now our budget as we run, the budget  
3 we voted on, this council, we're three million  
4 dollars in the black. We're in the good as of right  
5 now. Is that correct or incorrect, Mr. Burns?

6 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, our  
7 projection until the end of the year for the budget  
8 that was approved by council last year, if  
9 everything holds as it is, we're running three and a  
10 half million dollars -- isn't that it, Gina? The  
11 question was, right now, from the budget that was  
12 approved by council, our projection at the end of  
13 the year, how much will we be under?

14 GINA HUMPHRIES: For FY10?

15 RUSTY BURNS: Yes.

16 GINA HUMPHRIES: For June 30, '10?

17 RUSTY BURNS: Yes.

18 GINA HUMPHRIES: Actually, based on some  
19 numbers Rita and I reran late yesterday, it's --  
20 combined sheriff and general fund, is right at 2.3.  
21 That's 2.3 million. So it has -- that's where we're  
22 at as far as revenues.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

24 RUSTY BURNS: Below the approved  
25 budget?

26 TOMMY DUNN: Below the approved  
27 budget. I just wanted to get that out there. And  
28 next year -- when we're talking about numbers that's  
29 been floating around here that we're four million  
30 dollars short projected and the sheriff gives us a  
31 million dollars, this and that, that's -- or three  
32 million, however you want to look at it, that's a  
33 budget this council ain't approved. So we ain't  
34 short nothing till this council looks at the budget  
35 and we decide what we're going to spend it on, our  
36 priorities and our spending of it. You know, that's  
37 something to keep in mind too, what we've got to  
38 come up with. And like I said, the whole budget,  
39 regardless of what the -- if we combine this thing  
40 with the sheriff's office or we don't or what not,  
41 everything is projected. The other thing is, that's  
42 a fact, we control the purse strings. Perfectly  
43 clear. If the sheriff comes up here and we go  
44 through this and the next council so minds, says we  
45 want our million dollars, we're going to get it one  
46 way or the other, that's council's prerogative. But  
47 I do think the sheriff's -- maybe it was took out of  
48 context a while ago about saying I'll let y'all have  
49 it, you know, when he -- I'm sure what he meant with  
50 that, I'm going to let you have it without me going

1 kicking and screaming. He could very easily say,  
2 you know, we can take it, but I don't want you to.  
3 And we appreciate this. But this is -- helps us  
4 out. And what the urgency is now, we've been all  
5 hearing about this, that and the other and  
6 everything, it's budget time. We need to know if  
7 we're going to have that million dollars or not.  
8 The other thing is, without the money thing, just  
9 the 911 thing, it's good government. If you talk to  
10 the people that's down in -- go down there and talk  
11 to the central dispatch people and talk to them, I  
12 think it can be run more efficiently. The sheriff  
13 can staff it better and get out calls out to our  
14 citizens and it'll be better for the citizens of  
15 Anderson County for emergency services to get the  
16 calls answered and call takers, get a little stress  
17 off them and get more people down there. Some  
18 people down there might not be able -- have to run  
19 emergency calls. A lot of calls they run and they  
20 have to take and they have to answer them and send  
21 deputies out to and other things is -- if you had  
22 more time to talk to them and a person was there, a  
23 supervisor, you would cut out some of these  
24 emergency calls. And the grants thing, being  
25 combined with grants, rather this emergency  
26 preparedness or what not, grants are very  
27 competitive now. Very hard to get. Your chances  
28 are better when you combine them, when you've got  
29 more people trying to get that dollar. When you  
30 say, we're going to give you a dollar for that  
31 grant, but it's going to affect four groups of  
32 people, you're a whole lot better off and more  
33 likely to get that grant than it's just going to be  
34 me, me, me. And I do think this. And I do  
35 appreciate everyone's time and interest in coming  
36 for this thing. Hope you'll think about it. Hope  
37 we've answered some of your questions today. If we  
38 haven't, I know the staff will be here. I do want  
39 to make an announcement. We will be having our  
40 budget workshop Thursday. Do y'all have a time set?  
41 You going to try to do it in the morning or  
42 afternoon? Morning? Nine o'clock? Nine o'clock  
43 Thursday morning, this coming Thursday morning,  
44 going to be a budget workshop. And we'll have  
45 something to work on. That'll be May the ---  
46 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Thursday morning,  
47 that's council day; right?  
48 TOMMY DUNN: No, Thursday.  
49 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Oh, Thursday?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Be May 6th.

1 EDDIE MOORE: May the 6th.  
2 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: May the 6th, nine  
4 o'clock, here in these chambers. Anybody have  
5 anything else? Do we have a motion to adjourn?  
6 BOB WALDREP: So moved.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion seconded. All  
8 in favor, get up and leave. Thank y'all so much.  
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10 END OF CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – May 4, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

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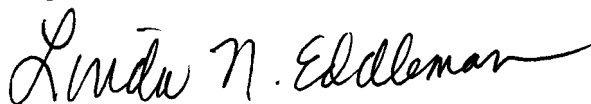
### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )

County   of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call the Anderson County Council meeting of May 4th to order. At this time I'd like to ask Mr. Ron Wilson if he'd lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, please, sir.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RON WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll have Citizens Comments and ask Mr. Pitts to call their names. If you would, please, state your name and district and please keep on topics that's on the agenda, please, and please address the chair.

GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-oh.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts.

MIKE PITTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Steve Pope.

STEVE POPE: Steve Pope, Bellview Estates, County Council District One. Mr. Chairman, members of the council, I only have one comment and one general question. The comment is I do support moving the EMS services to the Sheriff's Office, which I think would be better to streamline all the operations out of this one office. And the general question I have regarding the bad check task force unit is, do we really need to add another level of bureaucracy to our government and are there, are there -- is there anything in the mechanisms we have in place that can also solve that problem. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: District Three. Good evening Chairman and members of council. I'm speaking on Number 7(a), the moving of the 911, the EMS to Sheriff, and 7(b), the spending out of state travel. I think by and large probably moving the 911 system to the Sheriff would be good. I still question the money issue. It seems to me that we've gotten to a good level of transparency about what comes out from the council, but it does seem to me that sometimes it's kind of like the shell game where monies are moved around as to know really what we're talking about. At first I hear there was a million dollars in question on the trade-out and then there was an article in the paper that said it was not only a million dollars, but that the Sheriff also had a million point three also as bonus. So I'm just really not sure about the money. And again, I'm not sure why there is such a hurry. If the county provides the money for the Sheriff's vehicles through the loan purchase, does

that mean that the county then would have to pay the interest? So if they transfer a million dollars worth to the Sheriff, Sheriff gets a million dollars for the cars, but we have to provide paying back the million dollars plus the interest. So not sure if that's a great deal. I know there's a lot of turnover in the 911 and there needs to be -- found out what the problem is there. Maybe there can be some stability made with the Sheriff taking it over, but I'm not sure about that. But if the Sheriff has a lot of surplus, why not just give it to the county right now for the budget? No trade-off, thereby returning the surplus really to the constituents because their taxes don't have to go up. For the suspension of out-of-state travel, I notice that in January, it's either the EMS or the Sheriff's department are on the GLR, had spent three hundred and -- almost four hundred dollars a night for somebody to go to New York City. In times as hard as these, I think that's inappropriate. Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time, we'll be going to Item Number 4, third reading of ordinance. Number 2010-003, ordinance amending Section 55-32(a) of the Anderson County Code pertaining to the county's vehicle policy and matters related thereto. This is going to be a public hearing. Time -- at this time, please, anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please.

GRACIE FLOYD: Where's the minutes?

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone at all? I'm sorry. I didn't, didn't approve -- I missed the minutes.

GRACIE FLOYD: We don't have it?

TOMMY DUNN: It ain't on here. I need to go back and hold up and approve the minutes of last, of last meeting. It ain't on my agenda thing here and I just over, overlooked it.

GRACIE FLOYD: We don't have any minutes, we don't have any minutes.

TOMMY DUNN: In the book?

GRACIE FLOYD: There are no minutes. That's why I was asking, where's the minutes?

TOMMY DUNN: Do we -- wasn't ready. Then we'll suspend them. If they wasn't ready then, we

can't approve them. We'll wait and approve them next meeting night. The reason I didn't -- the reason it ain't on here. Moving right along. Getting back to the public hearing. Anyone wishing to step forward to speak on, to speak on that item? On the vehicle policy? Anyone at all? Hearing none, the public hearing be closed. Eddie Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion that we move this item.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson in favor, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson. Ms. Floyd opposes. Moving on, Item 4(b), Number 2010-005. Ordinance amending 99 of Zoning adopted July 20th, 1999 by amending the Anderson County Zoning Map to RM-1, that's Mixed Residential District, that parcel of land consisting of 3.96 acres and .059 acres on Giles Road from R-20 Residential Single Family District.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson with second by Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Show the motion -- all opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time, moving on to Item Number 5, ordinance first reading. Ordinance authorizing the creation of the McCants Building Horizontal Property Regime and authorizing sale of a unit therein to the City of Anderson and other matters related thereto. Mr. Mike Pitts.

MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. This, this ordinance authorizes the creation -- basically turning the McCants Building into a condo, a commercial condo unit so that the city can go forward with its plans to house its transit operation there on the second floor. And they'd also be occupying a little bit of the second floor. So -- but they have to take title to the property in order to qualify for the federal grant money and other monies they're, they're going to be using for this project. So they needed -- they hold -- they need to hold title to the portion of the building they're occupying. The only way to do that is to turn them into condos. So that's



what a, that's what a horizontal property regime is. It's a goofy name, I know. But it's just what they call a condo under South Carolina law. And then the ordinance also authorizes the county to deed one of the units in the condo to the city.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Do we have a motion? Mr. Waldrep makes the motion. Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, please.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just wanted for clarification's sake what we're voting on tonight is to authorize our county attorney to create the horizontal regime, but we retain the right to approve what's written at a later date. Is that correct?

MIKE PITTS: That's correct. Yes, ma'am. The regime documents -- we've gotten started on them but as part of -- to file those documents, you have to attach pretty detailed architectural drawings showing exactly where the units are, the common areas, and things of that nature. And that work is being done currently, but it's not completed.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just for clarification too, are we talking about primarily the second floor of the McCants Building?

MIKE PITTS: That's correct, Mr. Allen. It's my understanding it's the entire second floor and then four classrooms on the first floor that aren't being used.

TOM ALLEN: And we're selling that, is that the word used?

MIKE PITTS: If you want to call it that, for like a buck.

TOM ALLEN: For a buck.

MIKE PITTS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

TOM ALLEN: We're, we're pretty sharp. I think we just got a nineteen million dollar sewer bill

from the -- and some people are paying double water rates and we're getting a buck for that building though; right?

MIKE PITTS: One of the good things is though the city will have to bear its share of the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

TOM ALLEN: Hope so. Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. A couple of years ago when we first acquired the building and the city asked if they could come in, they were going to rent space from the county. Am I correct?

MIKE PITTS: I don't know the history there, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: You don't know the history?

MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am. Not on that, sure don't.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Who? Mr. Administrator, do you know -- can you answer that question?

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, my only experience has been that they've approached the county about taking possession of the second floor so they can access transit funds and move the transit operations and headquarters to that building. I'm not aware of any previous conversations concerning rental of that building.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, is there anyone here, Mr. Administrator, who can help us with this question so we can have some continuity in what happened that got us to this point?

RUSTY BURNS: Unless Mr. Carroll can shed light on it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Carroll?

MIKE PITTS: And I believe Mr. Hopkins is probably the most knowledgeable about this, Ms. Floyd, and he's not here because of being on leave. I know that the county -- the city needs to take title to the building to qualify for the grant that they're pursuing and you can't be a renter to qualify for the, for the grant they need. They have to own the building.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Pitts, as the

attorney, I really did expect you to be able to help us follow this thing down because what we're about to do is to give up something that's important for a dollar. Now I, I think that what we decided to do -- the city wanted a place to have their transit program office, so what we did was we were going to rent them that second floor. And they were going to pay us some money for that, you know, for doing that, the way I understood it. But there's nobody here -- okay, and do you remember? Okay. In view of that, do you think we need to be making a decision today about this since we don't have all the facts? You know, this is what we did with that last thing we had, an ordinance for something that we were going to do, but, but, you know, we're doing too much of this. We don't have all the facts here. How much money will we be losing if we go with this? If we just rent the building to them for a dollar, one dollar and all the money we have put into that building, how much will we be losing, how much money have we already spent on this thing? Will we be recouping any money at all for the money that we have spent on it? Has the city spent any money yet? These are questions that, that we need to answer, that I need answers to.

MIKE PITTS: And ma'am, those are business points that fall outside the legal aspect of it.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, it doesn't. No. I'm asking you legal questions. I -- you know, these are, these are questions that, that I just think that the people would like to, to have answered. To pay a dollar?

TOMMY DUNN: You got anything else, Ms. Floyd? Mr. Pitts, he says he don't nothing about this. We've got somebody else that wants the floor. You got anything else?

GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Yeah. I'm, I'm discussing.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, keep, keep -- who you discussing it with? He don't know the answer.

GRACIE FLOYD: You were going to say something? Thank you.

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, the second floor of that building is pretty much the way it was when the county took ownership of it. The one thing the county would be getting is the entire second floor

refurbished and suitable for use.

GRACIE FLOYD: We had that all the time. We had that already. When they came -- when we made the deal with them, they were going to do the second floor. They were going to rent the second floor and they were going to finish it. All right. Evidently, I have hit another sore spot here, so I'll just be quiet. I'll just say this, Anderson County, we need more facts on this. I'm not saying it's a bad thing. All I'm saying is that how can we make a decision when we don't have all the facts. Thank you. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: One of you used the term rent and the other one used the term sale. Which is it?

RUSTY BURNS: Sale.

MIKE PITTS: Sale.

RON WILSON: Okay. Is there anything that's time sensitive about this that we need to do it tonight where we could not put this off until the next meeting?

MIKE PITTS: It's my understanding that the county, oh excuse me, the city's under a deadline on their grant and that's why we're bringing it before you at this point.

RON WILSON: Why do we always get these things when it's on a deadline?

MIKE PITTS: I can't control the timing from the city, Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: But you ought to have an answer for that.

MIKE PITTS: They came to me with the request.

RON WILSON: I mean, do you know why this happens?

MIKE PITTS: Why what happened, sir?

RON WILSON: We are always pushed with a deadline. We've got to do something now because we can't wait until the next meeting.

MIKE PITTS: I -- we moved on this as soon as the city approached us and made us aware of the deadline that they're under.

RON WILSON: It would seem to me they ought to know -- be managing a little bit better where we could have some time to deliberate on this. I'm not in favor of doing this until we know more. I think

what Ms. Floyd's asked is some valid questions and I think they should be answered.

MIKE PITTS: I don't disagree.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms., Ms. Wilson's got the floor.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson -- what's the time, Mr. Pitts, do we need to ---

MIKE PITTS: We're coming up on eight minutes, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: It seems like a previous council that I sat on gave the city of Anderson the playing fields and so forth. And I think that the two folks on our council who just spoke agreed to do that and I know that there were some questions at the time that we never got answers to. So it's interesting that we're now asking questions when previously we didn't. I welcome having questions. Better late than never.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I think maybe we could clear this up by going back to the minutes of those meetings. I remember there was a lot of discussion about how this was going to evolve in this partnership between the city and the county on this particular building. And I think there was quite a bit of discussion which would be reflected in those minutes if we can go back and look at that. And I think if Ms. Eddleman would -- she's nodding her head that she can find that information and then share it with, with all of us here and maybe we would all be satisfied. But I do understand that the county bought this building from the school district. Is that correct? And that we paid a dollar for it, I think. So I don't know that we're losing a lot of money. Maybe we can charge them two dollars. Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, do you have a question or comment?

EDDIE MOORE: Because of all, all the confusion, I would like to make a motion that we table this tonight.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Burns, if you would give us a time frame on this at the city, and if we need to have a special meeting to get this done, we will. And if any other council people's got any questions or something another, how about them getting them -- writing them down and we'll get Mr. Hopkins or somebody can give -- get the answers to you. I've -- I toured that building. I think Mr. Moore and a couple more of us did. You're not going to be losing nothing when there ain't nobody standing in line to give you nothing. But what, but what we will be gaining is not having the upkeep of that building. If y'all have kept up with that building, been down there and looked at it, it's been nothing but a money pit from the get-go. We're lucky we ain't having to pay the city a dollar to take the thing. Moving on. Item Number 6, Representative Don Bowen talking about the water. Mr. Bowen.

DON BOWEN: Mr. Chairman and fellow council members, thank you very much for allowing me to speak in behalf of the District that I represent which is House District Eight. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. This is, this is my fourth year being in office in Columbia and, you know, I'm getting accustomed to wading into alligators up to my ears. I know Ms. Floyd was asking me why hadn't I done something about this early on. Well, I've had combat training for the last four years down there. And I think that we've come up with a way that we can help these people who fall in this donut area around the city. And the city now owns the water system and that ring that you see including the zagged edges of the city is what you call a donut area of the city. If you'll look right, look right here, this area is the area we're talking about and these areas outside of this line are what we will, we will talk about known as our special purpose water districts. I serve on the state education committee K through twelve. I'm sixty-five years old. And at this point in life I'm not intimidated by a whole bunch, so I'm willing to dive into this to see what we can do to help the people in our district. The purpose in me being here

is to correct the billing problem that these people that are in that donut area around the city. They're being billed twice what everyone in the city is being billed and probably pretty close to twice what everybody out here in this special purpose district area is being billed. What we do here tonight, the reason it's so important and the reason there's a lot of interest in it statewide is because this has statewide ramifications, what we do here. Because this, this exists in other areas of our state and people are having the same problem about being over billed for their water. And we feel like the biggest problem that we've run into with regard to this is that these people are being given an extra fee for the price of their water and everyone in Columbia looks at a fee as a tax. And the problem is these people are being taxed, so to speak, equal to double what the water rates are in the city. Now if they have a problem or a concern, they're not in the city limits so they can't go before city council. And they're not in these special purpose water districts out here on the perimeter so they can't go before the special purpose district's boards with a complaint. They're left out there being taxed with no, no representation at all. And therein, I believe, lies the problem. Now in 2001 when Duke Power sold this water system to the city of Anderson, and thank goodness that they sold it to the city of Anderson, because if they'd sold it to someone -- I think someone out of the country was bidding to try to buy it. We want to be sure that the people that own our water systems, that serve our people, are close enough so that they can understand what our people need and want out there. And I think it's important that we work with each other because our water resources are a God given resource and in the last four years that I've served in Columbia, I've spoke all over the state with regard to water issues. And the big gorilla that we've got hanging over us right now is, of course, Atlanta trying to get into our lake system and the Savannah River Basin to supply their needs at the expense of our economy. So what we do here today may help show that we really care about the people that we represent out there. And I'm asking y'all to consider moving this special purpose district line that's right here

where it joins the city to coincide with the West Anderson water system. And you can -- the county council has the ability to do that and the city has no recourse if you decide to do that. Now the next step that we would do if y'all agree to do that is we try to negotiate a price for the taps. Now in 2001 when Duke sold that water system, there were a lot of taps that were transferred at somewhere between seven and eight hundred dollars. So we feel like that's a baseline cost for the taps that we're talking about, although the city would claim that for some reason or other they've come up with a figure of three thousand at that point. And we might as well just be honest, that's what they've told me in a meeting that I had with them several weeks ago. But I feel like that it's closer to seven or eight hundred dollars. And what I'm going to attempt to do is I'm going to -- under the Freedom of Information Act, I'm going to request from the city the total billing for the people that are in that donut area, this area that circles the city of Anderson. And then extrapolate fifty percent of the bill and then find out how many years they've been billed at this double rate and then as a percentage of the total price that was originally paid for that, show the people that these people have actually paid a large amount towards the purchase of this water system and they're entitled to be heard on this issue and it's time that we corrected this. Now after having been down there for four years, I've learned that there's a lot of things that we can do down there to help y'all. We can, through law, go back and dot some i's and cross some t's that should have been done initially when this, when this deal took place. Most of the people were laboring under the assumption that when Ronnie Townsend wrote this letter that, and if you'll enlarge that, this is a letter that was written in, in December of 2001. And, of course, the chairman of our, our group was very concerned about people being billed two different rates. And as you can see in this letter, and I'll be glad to provide anyone that would like to have a copy of this, that the city manager, John Moore, assured Mr. Townsend that the rates would be the same. And that, that just didn't happen. I know Ms. Floyd has been concerned about this and she's been working with



it. She's seen this letter in the past. And so what we're going to try to do now is do what we should have done several years ago, is to try to get this water rate problem worked out. And we can do it through statute. And we hope to negotiate a price with them for some reasonable figure and then buy those, those taps and move them into the West Anderson water system. Now this also applies to anybody else that has a subdivision that falls within that donut area of no representation. And we just picked these two subdivisions to use as a test case because as I walk those areas when I'm campaigning that's the first thing that I hear out of everybody's mouth in those two neighborhoods is what about our water. And with this economic recession, depression, or whatever you want to call it that we're in right now, everyone is looking at every dollar that they have trying to make it where they can get by. And it's become -- it's magnified the fact that they're paying twice what they, they would be paying for, for their water. But we hope that -- and the city has sent a letter to us here tonight, sent it to county council, asking them not to take action until they have a chance to talk about this. We've at least got their attention at this point and we're going to move forward with it. And I, and I am tonight asking y'all to consider moving that special purpose district line to get this ball rolling so that we can definitively correct this problem that these people have in this donut area where they're all paying twice what the rest of us are paying for water. And we need to be fair with all the people that are out there and we need to try to treat people like we would want to be treated if we were in one of those neighborhoods and our water bill was twice what the majority of the people in Anderson are paying. We would feel like we had been slighted or some second class citizen. And we want to try to correct that for these people. And I think this is a good place to get the ball started to rolling. We, we don't intend to back up on this. And Senator Clary from down in Georgetown is going to work with me to try to put this in statute and correct this. Now along with this not, not for profit water systems, we have for profit water systems. And there's one of those up in Sandy Springs called Calhoun Acres. And,

of course, Sandy Springs water is afraid to go in there because they don't want to get into a suit with the company that -- in Chicago that owns them. And those people up there are only concerned about making profit. So what we want to do when we try to correct the problems that we have in this donut in the not for profit, we also want to put a clause in there so that we can put parallel lines in a neighborhood so that the people will have a, a choice and they can get water from the, from the special purpose district without endangering the special purpose district's assets. If any of y'all have any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them. And if I don't have the answer, I'll get you an answer and get it back to you in writing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep asked first, please. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Bowen.

DON BOWEN: Yes.

BOB WALDREP: Thank you very much for undertaking this task that you are ---

DON BOWEN: This is a task, I assure you.

BOB WALDREP: Just a couple of things that occur to me as I look at the donut out there. I'm under the impression that from what you're saying is that all that the council is asked to do is to move the lines?

DON BOWEN: It's to, it's to consider moving this line which is the one -- it coincides with the jagged line of the city, to move it out to coincide with the special purpose district lines so that those people would be incorporated into that special purpose district known as West Anderson water.

BOB WALDREP: Well, doesn't that require coordination with the special purpose district that the purpose ---

DON BOWEN: Yes, it does, yes, it does. And we have met with them and talked with them and the sticking point is, of course, a price that would be negotiated for the taps themselves. And I have met with the city and we -- there was a figure thrown out there of seven hundred and something dollars originally. Now they've, they've tried to jockey their figure up to three thousand dollars. I think

probably if we go back and check the records and the sales that we'll find out that there were taps sold when -- at the initial inception of that purchase to some of the special -- in fact, I think it was to that same special purpose district for less than eight hundred dollars.

BOB WALDREP: So basically, what you're saying is that everyone's in favor of it except the city.

DON BOWEN: Yes.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. There's no other objection to it and it's a ---

DON BOWEN: That is the only objection to it.

BOB WALDREP: -- question of getting ---

DON BOWEN: And everybody in all of these neighborhoods are very concerned about them being put in this position and, and having no one that they can turn to help them.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Without getting into too much detail, I know that you've been getting some legal advice on this and without going into the ---

DON BOWEN: Can I -- I'll be glad to tell -- I've met with Ms. Margaret Pope, who was one of the attorneys who set up a lot of these water systems throughout the state. And a lot of times, what we run into in Columbia is we try our best to come up with a law or statute, as you want to call it, that doesn't have any loopholes in it. And a lot of times there'll be unintended consequences. And I really think that this, this ended up being an unintended consequence for the people who live in that area that don't have any representation. And we're hoping to correct that. And Ms. Pope says that these lines -- this special purpose district, if they'll agree to it and y'all agree to move it and we can get a price agreed on, that we can do this. But now the easiest solution would be for the city to charge them like they originally said in the letter that they wrote to Mr. Townsend in December of 2001. That would solve everybody's problems.

BOB WALDREP: And that would be the golden rule.

DON BOWEN: Yeah. That would be the golden rule.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Bowman, Bowen, excuse me.

Mr. Bowen, yes, a couple of years ago under the leadership of Mr. Michael Thompson, we did try ---

DON BOWEN: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: -- to bring this matter to the attention of, of the county.

DON BOWEN: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: We wrote you guys and asked for assistance.

DON BOWEN: And I was completely green. I think I'd been in office maybe a month when I -- when that, when that was started.

GRACIE FLOYD: As I was saying, we wrote you folks trying to get some, you know, some help from you to see what we could do. We have the letter here that Mr. Moore wrote, but we, we had meetings anyway. Mr. Chanagle, who is with us tonight, was one of our leading citizen helping us in this fight. He knows what has happened upside down and bottom side up. But we were not able to complete this work. When the new council came on the whole thing was dropped. I applaud you getting in there ---

DON BOWEN: For at least trying.

GRACIE FLOYD: -- to try, to try to get this done. It doesn't matter who, who does it. What matters is that we get it done, green or not.

DON BOWEN: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: We, we just needed to get this done. We did get this email from the city and even -- I'm looking at this as a victory. Not a victory, but something positive because the city is requesting that we take no action. They -- the city believes it would be inappropriate for another governing body to act on such a matter that has far reaching effects on the city's financial stability, especially without meeting with city officials. And also they're saying that these are serious -- there's a serious cost, serious costs, excuse me, associated with your proposal, such as tap costs, capital costs, or whatever. But, but as I said, I applaud your effort. It doesn't matter when you get in it I guess as long as you do. One thing we found out about this whole thing was that some of the water money appeared, I'm going to say appeared, I do

have it on paper at home, at a meeting that we had at the city level. But it appears that some of that water money was going into the city's coffers. Now --

DON BOWEN: I wouldn't be surprised at that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Because there was a question that I brought up, how can we be taxed without representation? How could these people be taxed without representation? But the question was never answered. I still have that paperwork at home if you'd like to see that.

DON BOWEN: Ms. Floyd, may I, may I say what I was going to say about it? What I want to try to do is to take from its inception of that double billing and just see how much. They've got it on their records and, and they can access it and we can see exactly how much that that total figure that they paid in above what an average city rate would have been. And I would like to take that figure and apply it to the total purchase price of the Duke water system. And I think we'll probably be surprised at how much these people have paid already to help defray the cost of that water system.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don't think we'll be surprised at all because I think we have that information, we've seen that information, so I don't think we'll be that surprised. But anyway as I, as I just said, if you would like to have the information that I've collected over the years in my attempt to work with this.

DON BOWEN: We need all the information that we can get loaded.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Maybe one day I'll run for whatever your position -- what are you? House of Representatives.

DON BOWEN: House of Representatives, but you don't live in my district.

GRACIE FLOYD: Maybe one day I'll run from House of Representative and maybe I can get something done.

DON BOWEN: Well, we, we do have the ability to correct laws and when we have unintended consequences of laws and statutes that we have out there, we're constantly going back in and trying to

correct that for the benefit of the people that we represent.

GRACIE FLOYD: That's why we call all -- how many of you? Seven. How many people on that? Five or six?

DON BOWEN: On our delegation?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

DON BOWEN: There's Brian, there's ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, never mind.

That's why we wrote letters to all of y'all, and nobody showed up. But let's get it done.

DON BOWEN: We, we will at least try.

TOMMY DUNN: Time's expired. Can I ask somebody to extend time for ten minutes?

EDDIE MOORE: Motion we extend five minutes.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. All abstains. Ms. Floyd abstains. Everyone else votes in favor of extending time. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Bowen, thank you so much for a lot of hard work. This donut, does that all go to Western Anderson water?

DON BOWEN: No, no. Where these other lines are -- each one of these lines would be a special purpose district. You'd have Williamston water system, you'd have Sandy Springs, you would have West Anderson, Starr-Iva, I think would touch part of this, and Homeland Park as well. But whatever we do in one of them, the same pattern or formula or recipe would work in any of them that we wanted to get together and correct this problem that these people have. And we're just going to use Loblolly and Hunter's Glen as a test case. And we have -- y'all have in y'all's folder I think it's a hundred and eighty-five signatures from those, those neighborhoods requesting that we try to work and help them with this.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. And also I wanted to ask, when you have your language prepared and accepted in Columbia, could you get that to us so we can draft an ordinance?

DON BOWEN: We would be glad to have y'all work on that because -- especially Ms. Floyd, because

she's worked on it way longer than I have, and we need input from every responsible person that we possibly can get. It's not about what I do, it's about what we can do together to make our community a better place.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you so much.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick question, Mr. Bowen. So what we're saying here is there are approximately six independent water companies that you'd have to deal with. Are these lines accurate?

DON BOWEN: Relatively accurate. I mean, you -- I think there are about six special purpose districts that touch this area.

TOM ALLEN: Would that be like Hammond, Big Creek water district?

DON BOWEN: Yes. That would definitely be under that too.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Let me just clarify something, make something perfectly clear because I've been on this from the ground up. I got on council working with this, met with Ms. Pope.

DON BOWEN: Right.

TOMMY DUNN: The law states -- now we can -- all we're voting on tonight or should be voting on is we're willing to look at this to do. Because the law states that the citizens have to petition -- they have the right and has to petition Anderson, the council, to move the water lines and then we have the right to move them. But we have got to be asked to move them. We can't start moving lines if we're not asked. That's, that's against the -- that's not the law, the way the law's written. And secondly, we need to make sure the folks out there understand that there's going to be some money, I mean, somebody's got -- I want to make sure they understand exactly what it's going to cost them. I don't want somebody to come up here and say, well, you know, it cost me twenty thousand dollars to move a what you call it, I just as soon it stayed in the city. I want to make sure it's perfectly clear. And we've got to get a price with the, -- you know, to work with the city and come up with a -- and bring them to the table and hopefully we'll negotiate a fair and honest price for this. And we've got to also get the -- you know,

you've got to keep in mind these -- every water company only has so much water space that they've bought from the joint regional water, water thing. And you've got -- we've got to make sure that they can take these people on. And we met with West Anderson and West Anderson is fully prepared, money aside, they've got, they've got holding space to take these two subdivisions. And so that's what we've got to keep in mind and do this week. We can only take in what, what people have petitioned us to take in. We can't go outside -- that, that's what the law says. Keep us, keep the county from getting sued or having a thing from the city into this. Isn't that correct, Mr. Bowen?

DON BOWEN: Once again, I'd like to reiterate -- that, that's true. But once -- the easiest solution for this would be for the city to, to live up to that -- to the letter that they had written originally.

TOMMY DUNN: It, it would be.

DON BOWEN: But if that's not going to be the case, then we'll have to go the other route and it's going to take some work. It probably won't be done in the next month or two. I'm looking at probably six months or longer before we, we get to some kind of reasonable solution or get to where we can come up with something that we can actually see some results from.

TOMMY DUNN: I hope we can move a little bit quicker than that. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I really -- I would like to make a motion that we proceed with moving these lines to each special purpose district with the stipulation that we negotiate a reasonable tap fee for the citizens in this area.

RON WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I thought that -- well, maybe I misunderstood you when you were saying that it's -- that we have to do it for those that have petitioned and we only have one section that has petitioned.

TOMMY DUNN: That, that is correct. I think Mr. Moore is saying we -- to move forward with



the process, is what Mr. Moore's saying. We're not voting to move no water lines tonight, just, just to start the process. Is that, is that correct, Mr. Bowen?

DON BOWEN: That's correct. And then any -- and it's my understanding that any other subdivision that had this same problem could, by petition, petition y'all to have this done if this works out.

TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Are we going to, are we going to meet with the city first or are we just going to go ahead and -- please withdraw the question.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I do have a little bit of concern with the action that we're taking right now. We do have a request from the city that we meet with them on this issue and that, that does give me some concern. I'd hate for us to get into just a fight without talking to our adversary on this.

DON BOWEN: What -- the only thing I would like to see y'all do tonight is express a willingness to, to try to work with this. I think that we need to go through every step. We don't need to get into some kind of rock throwing contest, the county and the city. We need to sit down as responsible adults and try to resolve this issue for these people that we represent out there.

BOB WALDREP: Well, if Mr. Moore would accept an amendment to his motion that we maybe in principal say that we're favorable toward resolving this issue and that we intend to meet with the city and with the people that are involved to continue to solve the problem.

TOMMY DUNN: To do that first. Do you agree with that, Mr. Moore?

EDDIE MOORE: I agree with that.

TOMMY DUNN: I second you.

BOB WALDREP: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. I make that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: I second it. Any, any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Waldrep's amendment, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Allen. Mr. Wilson opposing. Now voting on the original motion, Mr. Moore's -- all in favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Bowen.

DON BOWEN: I certainly appreciate your time and thank each of you for trying to help us with this problem.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on Item Number 7, Resolutions. 7(a) - Number R2010-030, a resolution authorizing certain agreements between Anderson County and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office pertaining to the transfer of the Anderson County Emergency Service department and the Communications Center department, a/k/a Anderson County 911 Call Center under the office of the Sheriff, and matters related thereto. Mr. Pitts, I'd ask your thing on this where we, where we stopped at last time since we don't have no minutes. I asked you to look into this and see why -- how we need to proceed on with this please. Where we at?

MIKE PITTS: Sure, Mr. Chairman. At the time this -- at the last meeting this was postponed on the third reading to this meeting. And at the time -- so it comes back up tonight before you and all amendments that were pending come along with it. So at the time we left this issue there were two motions to amend that were pending, the first was made by Ms. Floyd to split the consideration of the departmental transfer, split that into two separate votes. And then Ms. Wilson, she had a motion to amend to provide that the emergency preparedness department, Department 5212, stay under the county administration and that the communications center, which is Department 5213, and the technical department that goes along with it, 5213-001, be transferred to the Sheriff with the provision that in the event there is a surplus in the Sheriff's budget at the end of the 2010-11 budget year that that surplus go towards funding the communications center. So that's where we left off.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. So we need to vote on

Ms. Wilson's motion first, amendment first.

MIKE PITTS: I believe Ms. Floyd's, her's was made first.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. ...

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GRACIE FLOYD: ... voted on that. I think that we voted to divide it up into different, I mean, into two different resolutions. I think we voted on that and I think it, it passed.

MIKE PITTS: I reviewed the minutes and I did not see where there was a vote on that. I can go back and check again. But based upon my review of the minutes that's where we left off on things.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But, Mr. Pitts, that was the first thing that came up on this thing, that was the first thing that came up and the Chair followed the procedure and we voted.

MIKE PITTS: I don't believe there was a vote. There was lots of discussion and then Ms. Wilson, in what appeared to be a very similar motion, she made a comment to that effect. And I defer to Ms. Eddleman, she has the minutes right there, I could be wrong.

GRACIE FLOYD: We voted. It was the first thing and then after we voted, we started to discuss the 911. We voted on it.

MIKE PITTS: Ma'am, Again, Ms. Eddleman has the minutes right in front of her. They're, they're a lot more accurate than my memory.

RON WILSON: We've got a problem with the minutes taker then because we absolutely voted on that. There's no doubt about it.

MIKE PITTS: And again, the minutes would, would be where I'd want to look.

TOMMY DUNN: We have to go by the minutes. I'm, I'm -- I thought we voted on it too. That's the reason why I called and asked him, asked him to check on it.

RON WILSON: We did vote on it.

GRACIE FLOYD: We vote on that.

TOMMY DUNN: So if we would, let's just -- we'll just make it ---

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, was there procedure met ---

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. ...

BOB WALDREP: Was there a procedure? I know we talked about this and I just remember a division of the question was the way that I think it was stated.

TOMMY DUNN: Like I said, ---

GRACIE FLOYD: We voted.

TOMMY DUNN: I know what I thought, but I asked Mr. Pitts to check on it today because, because of this less confusion, to check on it and to go back and look. And if there's no record of it, you know, what more can I say?

CINDY WILSON: So we did not vote to split the question?

TOMMY DUNN: According to the minutes, we didn't.

CINDY WILSON: I thought we did.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Look the easiest thing to do to settle this thing, if we're going -- if that's what we want to do, vote -- let's vote on it. Somebody -- Ms. Floyd's got the motion on the thing to split it, so let's vote to split it and move on.

GRACIE FLOYD: Did you find it? Wait a minute, the secretary has ...

TOMMY DUNN: The minutes shows we did vote to divide it. So that, that has been, that has been taken care of.

MIKE PITTS: And then we've got Ms. Wilson's motion to take up then.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson's motion.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. Any further discussion?

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, would -- could we have the motion stated? What ...

TOMMY DUNN: Try to get this right. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Pitts, would you re-read my motion for me, please?

MIKE PITTS: Sure.

CINDY WILSON: I had written it down before and I didn't ---

MIKE PITTS: Like I'm saying, I'm just -- I'll -- I'm reading from that page of the minutes. My motion was going to amend R2010-30 to retain Department 5212 emergency preparedness and its

approximately eight hundred and twenty thousand dollar budget in the general fund under the council administrator government and to transfer Department 5213 communications center and its approximate three million one hundred and thirty-six thousand dollar budget and Department 5213-001 which is technical services and its eight hundred and sixty-seven thousand one hundred and thirty dollar budget to the Sheriff's Department. The projected 2011 surplus collections from the Sheriff's levy would be used toward the projected budget of Departments 5213 and 5213-001. And further would accept the offer from Sheriff to accept the one million dollar surplus which appears to be in this year's budget from his levy to the county general fund in exchange for paying for the purchase of his new vehicles from the county's '08 5.4 million dollar lease agreement.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: In other words, Ms., Ms. Wilson's motion is to leave, leave those two accounts where they're at, right?

GRACIE FLOYD: It does what?

TOMMY DUNN: To leave those two accounts where they're at, is that, is that your motion?

CINDY WILSON: No. My motion was that we would move communications, which would be Department 5213 and 5213-001 which is the technical services that goes with the communications, but that we retain Department 5212 which is emergency preparedness because even looking at the state and local ordinances, it made no sense to move those into another -- under another authority. So that's what --

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for clearing that up. Just wanted to make sure.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I have a questions, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now her, her motion consists of both the 911 center and emergency preparedness. But if we have divided them, can we now vote on them together and what she's advocating, Mr. Pitts?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts, I'll have to ask the rule on that.

MIKE PITTS: Sure. Well, what I think she -- it's a little bit different of a motion in that the way her motion's stated is that you would be voting to keep, or excuse me, excuse me, keep the emergency preparedness and transfer the Sheriff over.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I understand that. But what I'm saying is since we, since we separated the two into two different ---

TOMMY DUNN: Votes.

GRACIE FLOYD: -- resolutions. No, not votes. Resolutions. Can we now bring them back together and vote on, on the same thing together?

MIKE PITTS: I don't know any reason why you couldn't bring them back together by way of a subsequent amendment that, that passed by proper vote of council.

GRACIE FLOYD: But, Mr. Pitts, if we separated them ---

MIKE PITTS: And now you're going to unseparate them if her motion passes.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, then we have to vote to unseparate them, don't we?

MIKE PITTS: I don't believe so. I think her motion would just -- would bring them back together again.

GRACIE FLOYD: You can't do that though if you've got a -- if you have a motion on the floor that does one thing, you can't just turn around and do something completely different. You've got a motion on the floor. It passed that we will separate it.

MIKE PITTS: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: And so you have to vote separately on them. Now her motion is a good one. I don't have a problem with what she's saying because, you know, one of these odd times, you know, it's a good motion. But what I'm saying is that you can't do that. If you two separate entities -- you had it together and you decide you're going to split to vote on this one, then vote on this one. You can't bring it together just to -- I mean, you can't do that.

MIKE PITTS: I'm not aware of anything that would prohibit it, Ms. Floyd. But if you're aware of something, I'll be happy to look at it.

CINDY WILSON: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. -- thank you.

CINDY WILSON: May I make an offer here?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Ms. Floyd, maybe we can hash this out and make it work. Is there a way to separate out my motion so that 5213 and 5213-001 go under the memorandum of agreement that deals with the communications center going to the sheriff's office and the related funding issue. And then 5212 which is emergency preparedness on the separate memorandum of agreement or understanding. Would that work for you, Ms. Floyd? Because I think it ends up about the same at the end of the day.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, yes. But only if you vote on the 911 first. And after we've voted on the 911, then we bring up the issue of the emergency preparedness and we deal with that one secondly.

MIKE PITTS: If I might offer a solution to this without trying to delve into parliamentary procedure too far. If Ms. Wilson -- if I might suggest if you'd be willing to withdraw your motion and then y'all can take them up separately and deal with them separately. That seems to be a good solution to the issue.

CINDY WILSON: Does that work for everybody?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: It works for me.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. I'll withdraw my amendment. And then when we do them separately, I'll make some additional language requests.

TOMMY DUNN: Thanks.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion -- what are we going to vote on first?

GRACIE FLOYD: 911.

CINDY WILSON: No. We vote to separate them. We've already done that.

TOMMY DUNN: All right. We've got the vote. I don't think we got a motion on what we're voting on first. Is somebody going to make a motion we're going on 911? Is that -- Mr. Wilson, you make that motion? What about Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: I'll make that motion we vote on 911 first.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second? Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

CINDY WILSON: I would like to take the language that I had of the original amendment that I made last time and that part that dealt with 911 which was primarily the anticipated surplus from the sheriff's department would go toward those costs in E911 for next year. Because this year it's -- we're going to accept, in exchange of his million dollars from his capital projects account to our general fund in return for our putting ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. You're saying that the extra money -- your motion is the extra money come out -- that million dollars, keep it in the 911 center, don't put it in the general fund. That's your motion?

CINDY WILSON: Well, there's another way to address that too and that is we could take correspondingly what we're transferring to the sheriff's office we could reduce our county's general fund and correspondingly raise the levy for the sheriff's department. I think anyone would be willing to do that. It keeps a cleaner, clearer path, you know, where the money came from and where it's going.

TOMMY DUNN: Just make your motion, Ms. Wilson, and how you want to state it -- your amendment and let's get this, get this going.

CINDY WILSON: Well, let's discuss this for a moment because I don't want to have any confusion. And I'll put that out first for what every -- everyone wants to say or ask about it and let's discuss it and then we can go from there.

BOB WALDREP: But we need a motion don't we, Mr. ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, yes. We've got to have a motion before we have discussion on it.

BOB WALDREP: Before we have a discussion.

CINDY WILSON: All right. My motion would be that we would reduce the county's general fund corresponding to Departments 5213 and 5213-001 being transferred to the sheriff's department and whatever adjustment to the levy to reflect that we would address that during the budget.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: We've got a second. Any more



discussion. I want to say I think we're making this a lot more complicated about moving this money than what we, what we, than what we need to do on this 911 center. But any more discussion? Fixing to get our hands tied. All in -- Mr. Burns, you got something you want to say?

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if, if I might interject here, the one million dollars when we refer to the capital purchase, that has already been done. The council voted to purchase those cars. That freed up one million dollars to the general fund. Now the next million dollars that we're talking about would be in next year's budget.

CINDY WILSON: Right.

RUSTY BURNS: Would definitely be in next year's budget. And whatever council decides is absolutely perfectly fine. But that million dollars would be better served in the general fund.

TOMMY DUNN: General fund.

RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely. And would greatly aid our county. Sorry, sorry to interject.

TOMMY DUNN: That's fine. We've got a -- that's fine. We've got a motion. All in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion, show of hands.

TOM ALLEN: I had a, I had a question.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly. In your motion, you said something about a levy. Were you referring to anything that would increase the millage in the sheriff's ...

CINDY WILSON: It would be a -- the total bill that goes to the taxpayers would still remain the same. But it would be separated out so you had a clearer transfer of where the money came from and where it was going. It would be cleaner and clearer to my way of thinking.

TOM ALLEN: But there would be no millage increase?

CINDY WILSON: No. There would be a millage increase correspondingly in the sheriff's levy, but a reduction on the county side. The total bill that the county taxpayer would pay would be the same. It would just mean that it's clearer and cleaner what we're doing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. ...

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, yes, ma'am. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Ms. Wilson, I'm afraid I'm having problems with it, understanding the thing. Ms. Wilson, this -- I want to ask you a question, please, ma'am. Is it possible we could vote on the 911 system being transferred and then come budget time deal with that -- with the other money that you're, that you are talking -- that you're speaking of? During the budget we could put it -- we could talk about where that extra money could go because we could, we could do it then.

CINDY WILSON: With Mr. Pitts' guidance I would think we could.

GRACIE FLOYD: I can't hear you.

CINDY WILSON: I said, with Mr. Pitts' guidance I think we could. Would that be correct?

GRACIE FLOYD: We could do that during the budget year? Yeah. Well, would you consider doing that and let's just, let's just vote on the 911 system. And if it should pass with all of it going to the sheriff, then during budget time we can sit down and figure out about the -- that extra whatever.

CINDY WILSON: All right.

GRACIE FLOYD: You'll consider that?

CINDY WILSON: Yes. I think so.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: I'll withdraw my amendment then.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Back to the original, original thing voting on 911 center be transferred to the sheriff. Anymore discussion on that? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson. Mr. Moore opposing. Now the emergency preparedness division. Do we have a motion?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

BOB WALDREP: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen to move emergency preparedness to the sheriff and second Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: In looking at the emergency preparedness law, so to speak, our ordinances and in looking -- I've just gotten a copy of the letter from Nexsen Pruet, it, it makes no sense to me to move this department under the Sheriff when -- I just think it makes a, a different -- a more difficult channel of communication. It's -- it amounts to we give the sheriff the authority yet we still retain the responsibility. And this is where I've had some concerns in years past. I just think that since emergency preparedness comes under us as the council administrator form of government, I think it would be kind of derelict of us to transfer it to the sheriff. There are a lot of reasons for that. One is the grants and so forth. I just think it keeps it clearer that we're doing our job. And this is what our laws say. Thank you.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, there's a reason that there's only three counties in the state that does this. And there's a reason that, that one of the counties is going to back out of it and go back and put it back under the administrator. And there's also a reason that ninety-five percent of all counties in the nation leave this separate. And the reason being is the separation of power. When FEMA, when their address emergencies just like Katrina in New Orleans, they had a problem down there in some of their parishes so they reverted back because of all the problems they had. The reason is, is the separation of power. The federal government they want us to have a clear and defined separation of power. And in a, in a national emergency if we had a real bad emergency, a nuclear attack or anything like that or -- the sheriff becomes I think the chief law enforcement officer in the county. Isn't that right, Sheriff? He's the man. And the reason they have a separation of power like that, FEMA -- and that's the reason that you see everything refers back to the administrative council because it leaves in one palm of the hand on the power in the people and we control the administrator and the administrator has a person hired for the emergency management director. It's a clear and defined message that the federal government's sending us. They want a

separation of power. They don't want the power combined into one person. And that's one reason that they lock it in on the money on -- just like on the grant money on anything coming into the FEMA program. They want it separated. And that's the reason that ninety something percent of all counties leave it that way. They want a separation, a defined separation of power. And for that reason I would have to oppose that because, hey, we're still personally liable, each and every one of us, for these funds. Why would we pass it on -- the sheriff's a nice guy, nothing wrong with the sheriff. But we're passing away our responsibility. We're liable, we're still liable. Why would we do that? It makes no sense. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. Oh, excuse me.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I guess one of the questions I have is that I've always found this to be kind of a cloudy issue about the lines of communication. Sometimes when a disaster occurs, the first question that's asked is who's in charge. In this case, I -- my understanding was that the administrator would still supersede the authority of the sheriff, the sheriff on some of these issues here, the main issues. And if I'm wrong in that ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep, may I answer that? If a catastrophe hits just like we had here last -- when we first took council up in the Townville area when the tornado hit up there, the emergency preparedness director by ordinance answers to the county -- chairman of Anderson County Council and the administrator. That's who he'll be answering to. That's the way he does now, that's the way he'll be doing. And heaven forbid if a nuclear bomb or something were to hit, the sheriff's not going to be in charge, our emergency preparedness director's not going to be in charge, it'll be the federal folks when they come in. There's different things and different statutes. If certain situations -- the sheriff's not in charge, not our emergency preparedness, but state law says the Anderson County Fire Chief, or the fire chief of that district will come in charge according to what the situation is. Different, different things

about different areas.

BOB WALDREP: Well, the main thing as I see here that this person would be shifted over -- he would be an employee of, of the sheriff. He would be in his budget. Is that correct?

TOMMY DUNN: What -- no not -- we -- the county council's still has got the purse strings and still got, still got ---

BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. So, so we would control whether that person was continued or we did away with that slot or whatever.

TOMMY DUNN: All that's done by budget.

BOB WALDREP: Well, I, I just want everybody to be comfortable with what the lines of communication, the lines of power are here. But I -- I'm glad that the sheriff wants to take over some of these, these matters. But at the same time I think we've got protections in there that afford the county council to take care of these emergency matters.

TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

BOB WALDREP: Okay.

MIKE PITTS: And if I might just point out, Mr. Chairman, there -- the MOU would need to be just a slight change to it just to make it clear that the director of the emergency preparedness department remains a county employee and not an employee of the sheriff.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. When I, when I first saw that, I couldn't understand why that was necessary. If he's going to stay under the county's payroll, if he's going to stay -- if the administrator will be in charge in case something happens, what's the reason for sending him over to the sheriff's department? Why? It's -- to me it's best that we keep this here because as I pointed out at the last meeting in a -- the natural disaster will consist more of the sheriff. It's going to consist of health, it's going to consist of food, shelter, a lot of things will come into play that comes under the county umbrella and not the sheriff's umbrella. If something should happen, well the sheriff and the administrator will be working together, of course. But I don't see

the need to just send that entire department over there under the sheriff's - give me a word - under the sheriff's control. That needs to be here under the administrator with the county council overseeing the whole thing. It just doesn't need to be -- there's no reason.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Yeah.

That's kind of interesting, I've noticed we, we had no problem moving the communications center over under the sheriff and yet that's, that's the big dog in the game. You know, we're talking about eighty-five people over there and a budget of nearly four million dollars and, and we're quibbling over emergency preparedness which is nine people, I think four or five of -- four of which are part time and a budget of only around eight hundred thousand. And actually as it affects the lives of people in Anderson County, the 911 center affects many, many, many people in Anderson County every single day by hundreds of phone calls and hundreds of actions that they take. Emergency preparedness -- how many times do you call emergency preparedness a day. You may call them once a year if we have a tornado or some type of a disaster. I'm just kind of finding it hard to understand why it's so easy to move a huge organization, but we're really having difficulty moving a small organization. And in addition to that, the way the memorandums are written, either party can back out at any time. And, on top of that, in an emergency situation, the responsibility does fall back to the administrator and the chairman of council. So I, I don't see why it's, it's such a big problem area.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chair.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm going to talk, Ms. Floyd.

Everybody's had a turn. I want to say a few words. At this time, I want to say one, one reason for this is, is grants, talking about grants that'll help -- it'll help -- any time you can consolidate the more people involved about getting grants it'll help you get, help you get federal, federal money or state money and work hand in hand with it. And in certain

situations emergency preparedness is a law enforcement officer. And I think streamlining it would be a -- would be good, good for county government. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. ... The problem is there is something wrong with 911. Let's take a good look at it. If we're going to talk about it, let's talk about it. There's something wrong with 911. There are problems in 911. I've heard them, you've heard them. Okay. We can't get anybody here to come to the floor and tell us what's wrong. But all we hear all the time, there's something wrong, there's something wrong.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Ms. Floyd, time's expired.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make an amendment that we extend by five minutes.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion and second of extending, extending ---

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: We've got to vote on this, Ms., Ms. ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor though.

TOMMY DUNN: We're going to vote on this. Might nobody have the floor if we don't vote on this time. All in favor of extending time five minutes, show of hands.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor.

TOMMY DUNN: All -- can we get this vote, please?

GRACIE FLOYD: Take your time.

TOMMY DUNN: I appreciate your consideration.

GRACIE FLOYD: You're quite welcome.

TOMMY DUNN: All opposed on the time -- extending time. Show the motion carries. Ms. Wilson in favor Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Allen. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Dunn opposed. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: There's something wrong with 911. It needs to be fixed. It needs to be fixed. I think the Sheriff can fix it. I really do. If we're spending that much money on 911 with that many people, then it needs to be under somebody who knows how to supervise, who knows how to provide training for all those people with all that money. All right. So

that's why we need to move 911 from under the sheriff. This other thing, it makes no sense. If he's going to work for the administrators, he's going to work for the county, why are we putting him over there to begin with? I yield the floor to Ms. Wilson.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree the Sheriff has done such a splendid job managing his department that he's got a surplus and we're in the red, so kudos to our sheriff. I think that he can do an excellent job with 911. However, emergency preparedness -- let me read for all of us Section 18-57 duties generally of the emergency preparedness director. It shall be the duty of the emergency preparedness director to advise and inform the county council through liaison with the administrator and the chairperson of the county council to effectuate directives, orders, and instructions of that governing body. During emergency or disaster periods in the absence of any directive order or instruction of the council, the emergency preparedness director shall proceed in accordance with the adopted disaster plans and rules and regulations, and in accordance with his authority as chief executive officer disasters for the purpose of coordinating performance of duties and functions assigned in the plans, rules, and regulations. It shall further be the emergency preparedness director's duty through liaison with the administrator and chairperson of the county council to keep the county council advised in asserting the availability of federal grants of funds, equipment, matching funds for equipment, and services for approval of such grants. There's a lot of other language in here. They, they report to the council, they are to meet with our county officials. There's so much to this one little department that while we might move authority over to the sheriff, we cannot deny our responsibility. I see no way to justify making that transfer. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. And we're not -- state law, we can't skirt responsibility. It's ours and this is what this ordinance is, if an emergency comes up it will be answering to, to the administrator and chairman of county council, whoever that may be. Anymore discussion? Call the question. All in favor



of the motion, show of hands. Move the emergency preparedness to the sheriff's office. All in favor of the motion. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep in favor. Opposed Ms. Floyd, Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson. Moving on to 7(b), resolution to temporary suspend county reimbursement for all out-of-state matters and related thereto. Resolution Number R2010-032. Mr. Eddie Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I'd like to read this resolution.

Whereas, due to budgetary constraints and in order to address concerns involving county's reimbursement of expenses incurred by Anderson County employees and members of the Anderson County Council while traveling on county business, County Council wishes to temporarily suspend the reimbursement of all expenses involving travel outside the state of South Carolina.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by Anderson County Council that Anderson County shall suspend its policy of reimbursing Anderson County employees and Anderson County Council members for the expenses associated with any travel outside of the state of South Carolina. The resolution shall not apply to any such travel which has taken place prior to the enactment of this resolution and for which reimbursement is pending. For booked trips that have not yet already taken place, the county shall make reimbursement for all non-refundable deposits and expenses.

The resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment and shall stay in effect until council takes action to rescind it or the resolution expires, whichever is later.

I put that in the form of a motion.

BOB WALDREP: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? I have a motion by Mr. Moore and second Mr. Waldrep. Any further discussion?

TOM ALLEN: Mr. ...

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I'm sorry. I, I was just wondering if -- what if there's something really urgent that has to be done outside the state. I don't know that there is, but is there ---

TOMMY DUNN: It could very well be economic development.

TOM ALLEN: You know -- exactly. Something along those lines or a grant or whatever it may be. Does that mean we can't go get it?

EDDIE MOORE: If you'd like to put an amendment in there for an emergency or something at the discretion of the administrator, I don't have a problem with that.

TOM ALLEN: I would like to add something at -- an amendment to make that at the discretion of the administrator because something may come up where we would really have to go out of state to get it.

TOMMY DUNN: Especially on economic development.

TOM ALLEN: Exactly.

EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: We've got to -- are you making that in the form of a motion?

RON WILSON: Second.

TOM ALLEN: I did. Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Got a second. Mr. Allen's, Mr. Allen's motion is -- you make an amendment -- state your motion.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. I'm making, making an amendment that we would add to this that at the discretion of the administrator he may allow for out-of-state travel for the purposes of economic development or other ---

TOMMY DUNN: Emergencies.

TOM ALLEN: -- emergency resources that we could pull in.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. And Mr. Wilson seconds that amendment. Any discussion now on the amendment?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. Doesn't the administrator have that power, ability, or responsibility now? You do, you already have that now.

So, you know, what's the difference? My question is, is this going to -- what about the grants? A lot of times we get millions of dollars in grant funding and the grant funding often includes and sometimes require

that staff be trained or receive continuing education in order to meet the requirements. In those situations, the money for the travel is already in the grant. So if we've got a grant that calls for travel, will we not be able to go? I'm headed for Jacksonville, Florida on July the 12th. Why am I going to Jacksonville, Florida? We just received four hundred thousand dollars to clean up a mill site. They are having a, a conference in Jacksonville talking about this. It's a EPA conference. I need to be at the table where this discussion is going to be held. There is another grant down there that Anderson County should pursue. This grant would allow us, if we could get the money, it would allow jobs to come to Anderson along with the four hundred thousand dollars to clean up the area. The jobs would train people on how to clean up brown fields, how to deal with asbestos, how to design and, and sell the land to refurbish, to rebuild on the land. I, I am going to be in Jacksonville, Florida, as I was the last time we got the grant. What's going to happen, Mr. Moore, to all of the money that we have for travel from these grants and things if we don't take them. It's a possibility we will have to give that money back. So could you answer that question for me? Are we talking about grants too or just money that Anderson County will have to pay?

EDDIE MOORE: I think Mr. Burns has a person that handles all the grants. I don't think it would be necessary for a councilman to go somewhere for grants. Is that right, Mr. Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, some of these grants do like to have elected officials attending. They're special cases, they're not everyday. Some of the staff does go to in order to secure this money and to secure this training on these items. It's -- it just depends on what you're applying for, when you're applying for it, and what you're doing.

RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: It seems to me the amendment takes care of this. So, you know, we don't have to talk about it. Let's vote.

GRACIE FLOYD: The grant wasn't mentioned in the amendment.

RON WILSON: No. It's to do with economic development and things that you mentioned. You're covered. Call the question.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of calling for the question, show of hands. All opposed. All abstaining. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd abstaining. All in favor of Mr. Allen's amendment, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Now we go back to the original, Mr. Moore's original motion. Any further discussion on that? All in favor of Mr. Moore's original motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd opposing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Burns, you have already given me your permission to go to Jacksonville?

RUSTY BURNS: Correct.

GRACIE FLOYD: I will be in Jacksonville.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to 7©, a resolution authorizing agreement between Anderson County and the Tenth Circuit Solicitor's office in order to establish a worthless check unit and matters related thereto. This is Number R2010-033. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that there is some information that would be provided to us through the solicitor's office. We're talking about R2010-033, right? Be provided to us through the solicitor's office. I don't know if anyone's here. But however, in any case, I have been receiving a number of phone calls that deal with the consequences, if you might say, of how this arrangement would work out with the collection of bad checks in the county. And it is -- I think would be a very good idea to have this matter just simply referred to the finance committee at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Do you make that in the form of a motion?

BOB WALDREP: I make that in the form of a motion.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and second.

Any further discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I had one question about this.

Was this going to be a cost to the county?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: It was not going to cost the county? Who was going to foot the bill on this one?

TOMMY DUNN: But, but -- it's supposed to be, supposed to be paid for -- the people that writes the bad checks supposed to fund it. But Ms., Ms. Adams was supposed to be here to answer questions tonight and she, she was unable to. She would be the one better prepared to answer these questions, so maybe she can be at the finance committee meeting and we can arrange it and be -- and several council members have got concerns about this and citizens do, and put this to bed.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes. I agree because I've heard some rumblings too. So we'll try to get her to -- at a finance committee meeting at her discretion as soon as we can get her there and try to get this answered.

BOB WALDREP: And, Mr. Chairman, I would like to have an opportunity to have some of the check collection people - there is an industry out there that is doing this - that they have a place at the table so to speak so that they could talk about this. Because while we might not be talking about a lot of money to the county itself, we're talking about a considerable amount of money for the fees that would go up exponentially on bad checks in the county. And we just need to at least take a look at it and know what we're doing. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Referencing further what Mr. Waldrep said, one of the issues I heard was that about nine tenth of the bad check writers are not like repeat offenders so much as they are people who are having a hard time. One example was a mother living in a car with her two children and she wrote a bad

check to feed the children, so she's going to have to pay back the check. But one of the unintended consequences may be that that thirty dollar check becomes a seventy-five or eighty dollar restitution and fees and so forth. So I'd like to know more about that.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And I think that's what this whole things about -- Mr. Waldrep's motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

GRACIE FLOYD: What was the motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Put it in the finance committee to answer questions. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Wilson voted in favor. And opposing, Ms. Floyd. Moving on to Item Number 8, Acceptance of the Wakefield and Wren Tree Subdivision into the county road system. Bill West.

BILL WEST: This is, this is Wakefield Subdivision in County Council District Six. The roads have all been completed to meet county standards. This is the standard procedure for accepting the roads into the county.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen makes the motion.

Do we have a second?

BOB WALDREP: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any further discussion? Show of hands, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Wren Tree Subdivision.

BILL WEST: Excuse me. Wren Tree Subdivision's in Council District Six. It also has been built to full county standards. The action before you is to accept it and this fits the standard procedure for accepting roads into the county.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor -- I have a motion to accept?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept it.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion, Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show

the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. West.

BILL WEST: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 9, Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. Thank you. I would like to make the motion to appoint Mr. Walter Smith from Williamston to the human relations board.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds the motion. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything further, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Nothing.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I have none.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: I have none.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: I'd like -- on several requests from citizens and council members, I'd like to appoint an ad hoc committee on solid waste and recycling. Ms. Wilson, if you'd mind chair -- heading that up and chairing that. Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, would you mind serving on that? And that's going to be getting some issues about the recycling and stuff. And I would like to ask y'all to make a recommendation at next council meeting if we could have a citizen's board -- to put together a citizen's board to work along with this sort of like we did the animal shelter. I think it -- I've been hearing a lot of good reports about it. And maybe each council member can appoint one citizen or something if y'all would come up with that, I think that would be real good.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. ---

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That would be really helpful because with recycling everywhere I've gone lately, a lot of people are interested and are doing more of it and learning more about it, so that would be great.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is a point of order. Mr. Chair, can you appoint someone now? I thought your appointments had to be done by the second meeting of the first of the year.

TOMMY DUNN: Certain things do, but I can appoint an ad hoc committee, I think it's a special, special on this right here any time during the year.

GRACIE FLOYD: What power. I'm going to be like you when I grow up.

TOMMY DUNN: Only, only you can hope for. Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't hear what you said.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving, moving right along. At this time also I'd like to make a -- reappoint on the ad -- on the ACOG committee Mr. Madison and Mr. Sinclair -- Clairmont.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed. All abstaining.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don't ---

TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilson. With Ms. Floyd abstaining. Moving on to Item Number 10, Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is under the roads and bridges department to change order for the paving contract for 2010 to increase for roads in the city of Belton and city of Anderson streets.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept them.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion.

BOB WALDREP: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Dunn, also just for a matter of information, at a previous meeting council voted to move forward with the sale of the former Tri County landfill property. And we have been in discussions with the Appalachian Council of



Governments who will be handling this, and we're working on a tentative schedule to bring bids back in to ACOG in June, early June, but an exact date has not been settled yet, so I don't want to set a date, but we are ...

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TOMMY DUNN: ... on requests by council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: None, thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to bundle three requests here together.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

BOB WALDREP: Meals on Wheels, five hundred dollars from recreation fund. All of this from the recreation fund. Crime Stoppers, five hundred dollars and the Humane Society, two hundred and fifty dollars.

RON WILSON: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion. Show Mr. Wilson seconds the motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything further?

BOB WALDREP: No. That's all, thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to also appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars to the Humane Society. And that's -- put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Show the motion carries -- all opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything further?

EDDIE MOORE: I don't have any further tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson. I have a couple I'd like to lump together also. I'd like to two hundred and fifty dollars to the Humane Society and also two hundred and fifty dollars to the Electric

City Young Marines. All in ---

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in -- any discussion?

Show Mr. Moore seconds. All in favor, show of hands.

All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time Administrator's Report.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, only one item tonight. We have a request from the City of Belton to assist them with their match under the HUD housing program. The county has done that in the past and would request permission to do that again. I will bring the exact number to council at the next meeting to go forward.

TOMMY DUNN: We need a motion for that?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I'd like a follow-up question to the administrator with regard to a request from council members out of my transportation account. I wanted to make sure that the city of Anderson got that request -- that check for four thousand five hundred dollars for Townsend Street. I, I just never ever heard that that has been confirmed and I -- if you don't mind confirming that for me, I'd appreciate it.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 13, Citizens Comments. Mr. Pitts. Please, if you would, citizens, address the Chair and keep it civil. State your name and district.

MIKE PITTS: Randy Smith.

RANDY SMITH: Randy Smith, District Five.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RANDY SMITH: I came up here two weeks ago about the bar down on 28 Bypass. The week after I came and talked to y'all about it, they had a gun fired down there, about thirty shells and that's what happened to my sister's truck sitting in her yard.

Them bullets don't have no eyes of where they're going -- just where they're going to. And I'm asking -- I'm begging y'all. Help close that place down. There's another bar just come up beside it. There's two gang members now down there. And I'm asking y'all please to help us to shut that bar down before one of us gets killed. You don't know how it feels, you know, to come out and see your cars all shot up. So please, y'all help, help us.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RANDY SMITH: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District Three. Two very interesting meetings, April the 20th and again today, May the 4th. For the first time since I've been coming to county council, the majority of council is listening to the needs of all constituents and actually civilly working out differences and acting in a copasetic manner. You're finally acting in the fiduciary capacity that you are liable for. Every penny, every penny that you spend you are responsible for to the constituents. I praise you for your efforts. Please continue in this manner.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time Remarks from Council. Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I, I'm a little bit surprised tonight with the county attorney. You -- we're paying your firm an awful lot of money and we paid the firm before you an awful lot of money. You boys are expensive. And tonight it seems to me you wasn't very well prepared for this meeting. You couldn't answer any of the questions concerning one of the areas that we had to take action on. And then reading the minutes you were unable to read about a vote which our Chairman in a cursory reading found it very quickly. So I think it would be wise if you came next time a little bit better prepared than you were tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: I have nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. It has been an interesting meeting tonight. I just could not believe the vote. Hey. I just could not believe the vote to

turn over the emergency preparedness center to the sheriff. I just couldn't believe it. Everything pointed to why, everything pointed to what was the reason, what's the purpose? I just couldn't believe -- I can't believe that. But, you know, whatever. Also, Mr. Pitts, I'm afraid I'm going to have to concur with the council member from District Six. I've been here -- now you've been here almost -- for a while now and I have been really, really disappointed in the service that I've gotten and then what the County have gotten. There were times when we really need to act -- needed to know some things in order that we could make a decision and I don't feel like you were there. I don't feel like you were, I don't feel like you were there. I don't ever feel like you were there for me. But for the county, I just, I just don't believe you're there. You heard about the four hundred thousand dollars. I will be talking about that from now on. I'll be talking about that forever. Like I said, we are planning on doing another grant and hoping that that's going to help us, help us clean up. And to my fellow council member, Ms. Wilson, I must applaud you tonight. You and I actually were on the same wave length tonight. That's, that's danger ---

TOMMY DUNN: Hold it down, please.

GRACIE FLOYD: That, that was kind of dangerous. But if you're willing to walk the tightrope to do the right thing then I'm willing to walk the tightrope to do the same thing. And for that I thank you. And, Mr. Chairman, if -- with your permission I would like to leave, I would like to leave now, with your permission.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have one comment for Mr. Burns. I didn't get to comment a while ago at the Administrator's Report. I just want to make sure that when you prepare the budget this time that you break out each council member's travel allotment and don't group it all together because -- just make sure it's broken down into seven different districts. And when it's spent, we're done. Okay.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything further, Mr. Moore?

EDDIE MOORE: Nothing further. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, is there anything in, in the rules about that travel being one way? Just -- does it, does it have to be round -- I just wondered if it has to be round trip.

TOMMY DUNN: Hold it down. No, nothing in the rules says we got to put any travel money in the budget.

BOB WALDREP: Okay, okay. Well, anyway, I think we had a pretty good meeting tonight and I just appreciate everyone's indulgence. Thank you. That's all I have.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've got to try to re-compose myself. I do thank my fellow council members for trying to look at each issue. I've requested a number of times in the past when we came across these complex situations like the transfer of departments and the worthless check unit formation that we have an information session before we have to considerate it to vote on it because there's so many questions. And I, I really think the people voted on us to put us in office so we could examine all these issues and have public information and public input. And so I hope that with referring this to the committee we can get all the information and get the information out to the public so we can make informed decisions on our public's behalf with their input. But I have something kind of exciting to tell everyone. The equine economic impact project has now formed into a non-profit. They're working on finalizing all the paperwork. We had a meeting at the Madren Center, and thank you, Mr. Allen, for coming. We had over sixty people there. They've already begun taking contributions and donations. And one of the board members called today all excited. If Clemson University designates the site for the Clemson Cup Steeplechase and for the three day event cross country course, there's already a really prominent name donor for a -- one of the purses for one of the races. So it's moving along very quickly and it's just an exciting project. Anyone who's interested, come join

us. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I'd just like to -- would remind Mr. Allen and the finance committee, you know, if you can just get that meeting set up. And Ms. Wilson, if you would also on your recycling committee waste, with them. And I'd also like to remind all council members we'll have another budget workshop. The budget will be presented to us, I think tomorrow, it'll be delivered if that's still on schedule. We'll have a time we'll be talking about it and that will be Thursday at 10:00 o'clock here in the council chambers. Like I said it'll be Thursday at 10:00 o'clock. And I'd just like to also thank council members tonight. You know, we're always -- and this what government's about, we always don't agree, but we can still be civil to one another and get along and I really appreciate that. And secondly, Mr. Pitts, I apologize for you being put on the spot tonight because almost ninety percent of those questions that was asked of you tonight was not legal questions. They were staff questions and staff wasn't here at that time. But evidently some council members was so they should have answered to -- they ought to have know the answers to the questions. So if they was here and didn't know the answers to the questions, I don't know how they could expect you to know them. But the, the building down there is -- just keep in mind, I hope y'all will get your things because if Mr. Burns finds out the thing has to be for that grant money, for the city to get the grant money, if we need to have a special meeting we will. So if anyone's got any questions I hope they'll ask Mr. Burns. And keep in mind also, folks, Mr. Burns and his staff is here five days a week about from eight to five. If you've got any questions, call them. You ain't got to wait to council meeting night to come up here and try to put somebody on the spot. If you've got a question, that would be a good time to, a good time to address that or any of his staff and get a lot of this leg work done. And I do appreciate the job the staff's doing. I appreciate all the council members and appreciate all the folks that are coming. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor, get up.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Called Meeting – May 11, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.**

## **MINUTES**

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### **PRESENT:**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

### **ABSENT:**

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council



State of South Carolina )

County of Anderson )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING

May 11, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, I'd like to ask council members if they could come up or is there a date, you know, you cannot attend. I'd like to schedule another budget work shop meeting before -- we're going to have to have -- I know we're going to have to have several more before we have our third reading, but I'd like to go ahead and get one scheduled. Is there a date that I can -- that we can tell staff that you can't make it.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, could you kind of give us some selections. I know I'm scheduled out, but I can adjust.

TOMMY DUNN: I know Mr. Allen works -- if we're going to do it -- Mr. Allen works on Wednesdays. I'll take off work, whatever I have to do to be here so it doesn't matter to me. So it's ...

CINDY WILSON: Do you think maybe Monday the 24th?

TOMMY DUNN: I don't think that'll work. What you got, Mr. Burns? What -- have you got some dates in mind that might would work? Okay. Well, Tuesday's council meeting so can we do it -- and Wednesday Mr. Allen's working so -- if we do it in the morning.

CINDY WILSON: Our council meeting is on the 18th and Monday the 24th is ---

TOMMY DUNN: We meet, we meet a week from today is our next council meeting, right?

CINDY WILSON: Do you want to meet before the next council meeting?

TOMMY DUNN: No. I'm just saying that's, that's a -- I don't think we want to have a budget workshop meeting and council meeting on the same day is what I was just alluding to.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: But it's fine if y'all want to. I mean it'll just be all day.

CINDY WILSON: I couldn't on the 17th.

TOMMY DUNN: What about the Thursday? No. The Thursday after the council meeting. Would that, would that ---

CINDY WILSON: I have a solid waste recycling meeting at ten.

TOMMY DUNN: We can do it in the afternoon, do it in the afternoon maybe?

CINDY WILSON: If you do it after -- do it about one?

TOMMY DUNN: Do it -- start at one o'clock.  
Will that work? Will that work for you, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: That'll work. That's fine.  
One o'clock.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Eddleman, will that be all  
right? If y'all will schedule that and let them know.  
Mr. Moore, is that all right? Mr. Waldrep?

BOB WALDREP: Is there any reason not to  
have the budget meeting at the next council meeting?  
Is that ...

TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we want to have  
it -- I don't think we want to have a work shop at the  
next council meeting. I don't think that would be,  
you know, we might just what you call it. I think we  
will have, I think we'll have a sit down work shop and  
it kind of makes ---

BOB WALDREP: Oh. You're talking about  
another -- okay. No problem.

TOMMY DUNN: Work shop, work shop.

BOB WALDREP: No problem.

TOMMY DUNN: Work shop is what I'm talking  
about. And that'll be Thursday -- that'll be a week  
from this Thursday at one o'clock here in these  
chambers.

TOM ALLEN: It'll be the 20th then.

TOMMY DUNN: It'll be the 20th. Everybody  
make clear, it'll be the 20th at one o'clock here.  
It'll be the next budget work shop. Thank you. At  
this time, I'd like to entertain if we have a, have a  
motion on the floor.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, yeah. I'd like  
to make a motion to accept the budget ordinance on  
first reading.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion on the floor  
of Mr. Allen to accept the first reading of the budget  
ordinance. Do I have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
discussion?

EDDIE MOORE: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, in section 27 on  
administration reporting and transferring of funds, I  
would like the wording changed on that. On any  
transfer of funds, I think it would be appropriate for

it to come back before council for a vote on transfer of funds. In the past, I've talked with some of the council members that was -- been on the council years ago and they always, when they was talking to them, they appreciated the fact that they were able to vote on any kind of transfer of monies from department to department. And it would kind of give an opportunity for an explanation of any transfer of funds. And I would like to see that wording added into Section 27.

TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Moore, if you'd just -- that's a good idea. We can work on it and write it down before the budget work shop and we'll, we'll address it and we can address ---

EDDIE MOORE: Well, I'm putting this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Oh. Motion today to act on. Okay, okay. I'm going to have to...

EDDIE MOORE: Just add, add that language into it for the next -- for the second reading.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm going to have to study that myself.

CINDY WILSON: I'll second it. And may I make a comment too? I actually tried to get that issue implemented years ago. And if you go back to the administration reporting and transferring of funds language from, I think, around 1997-'98, '96-'97, it was back then. They had a clear delineation of the process there and it did require a vote by council for transfers above a certain threshold. So that might be what we need to do is go back and look at that language.

TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me. He's got a motion on the floor. Why don't you state your motion, Mr. Moore, and we'll get a second and vote on it.

EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

CINDY WILSON: I did, I seconded it.

TOM ALLEN: You seconded it.

TOMMY DUNN: I going to get him to state his motion though. I didn't know, I didn't know he was making a motion, I didn't get it.

EDDIE MOORE: The motion on the floor is that any time there's any transferring of funds from one department to another it is necessary for it to come back before council for approval.

TOMMY DUNN: No matter, no matter what the

dollar figure is?

EDDIE MOORE: That's correct.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

EDDIE MOORE: Because you, you've got two weeks. I mean, you're talking about two weeks ---

TOMMY DUNN: Got two weeks, that's right. Two weeks.

EDDIE MOORE: -- for a council meeting and if they can't plan a budget that close not be able to come before the council for a transfer of funds then maybe they don't need to be working as far as a department head.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I know in business we have to move stuff around a good bit. We've got a, we've got a motion and a second on the floor. Now do we have any discussion?

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, if I might?

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. We, we already have the twenty-five hundred in here, right? And you're saying, in your motion you're saying ---

TOMMY DUNN: Anything. A dollar.

TOM ALLEN: Dollar.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. A penny.

EDDIE MOORE: If you want to put a -- you know, I would be willing to leave the twenty-five hundred. My point is that we need to come back before council and have an explanation and I think we need to vote on it.

TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm saying.

TOM ALLEN: Go ahead, Mr. ...

TOMMY DUNN: I'm just saying it's my opinion, I can -- I think we can do something to work on it but it ought to be crafted out instead of just coming up here today. I don't see what the hurry is and -- you know what I'm just saying? Why you can leave -- put a dollar figure on it. I just think you've got to have some -- a little bit -- you've got to have a little leeway. And I'm all for notification and open up, I just think you've got to have some kind of leeway to work on something when something -- when things come up, you know. There's all kind of type things that comes up in emergencies. I want to be

notified and I think we've been notified, but if it comes up for a vote, that's fine too. But I just think it needs to be clarified and studied a little bit. And I would just like to ask if we could maybe Rita from the finance department is -- what would this -- how much -- is there a lot of this done? I mean, what would it -- I guess what I'm asking -- or Mr. Burns, one of y'all answer the question. How would this hamstring or would it hamstring at all or hamper the county operating -- day-to-day operations?

RUSTY BURNS: We can adapt to just about anything. But if council wants us to look at it and come up with a recommendation on the dollar amount, we'll be happy to do that. Whatever's the pleasure of council.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, we've got a dollar amount now, I think, twenty-five hundred dollars.

TOM ALLEN: Twenty-five hundred. Yeah. In here.

TOMMY DUNN: In the thing.

CINDY WILSON: And I did make the suggestion that we go back to the language of '96-'97 and review that. That may be the proper language we need to put it in to.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, and all I'm saying, you know, Mr. Moore's got a motion on the floor and you seconded it. Is -- hearing this thing, why, why can't we just come up with something or other like you're talking about, work on something? Why we got vote on it today is all I'm asking. But if you want to vote on it today, we'll vote on it today. That's all I'm asking is something to be looked at. I want to work with y'all, but I want to make sure we ain't going to do nothing -- let's do it right and do it one time. That's all I'm asking.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: And like I said too. I don't know if, Mr. Burns, if someone could find out if we did this clear down to every dollar that's moved, are we going to have a list as long as our arm at every council meeting to approve?

RUSTY BURNS: We'll be happy to provide that information, Colonel.

TOM ALLEN: I'd like to know that, how --

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EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman. The point being is you've got a budget before us, yes. Every department has their budget. But when you see -- you know, if you're going to be transferring money from one department to another department, I think there should be an explanation for the council and I think we should have an opportunity to vote on it. Twenty-five hundred dollars is a -- I think that's a modest number, and I don't think it would -- most of the time you don't see that much transferred until the end of the budget year. And to reward -- to -- when you've got some departments that's really operating very efficient, it's not really good for them to have their money transferred out because some other department might not be operating as efficient. And I think it's a bad precedent on some departments when you transfer money out of one department that's not operating real well to the department that is. I think it's -- we should at least have an explanation. And it's probably legitimate explanations. But I would just -- myself, I would like to know why the transfer is being taking place and I think it's a good idea. In the past, council members, they had that authority that was written into the budget. And I don't mind going back, like Ms. Wilson said, the way it was written, maybe have that language adopted for the second reading. I'm okay with that. But I just think we need something in there for the second reading so that we have that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I got, I got no problem with coming up with something. I think it's, you know, a good idea, but I want to make sure to do it, do it one time, and do it right. You know, we, we do get transfers -- now see transfers. No, we don't vote on it. But if that's what it takes and what you want. There's only one thing on the top of my mind in the past two years just like legal bills. There's been some money had to transfer, had to pay some legal bills. And that's just, that's just one thing. There's a lot of that on operating too but -- on things. And that wasn't staff's or that wasn't no department's fault or nothing, that was, that was council's thing.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: You know, in all the time that I've been on council, we discussed this transfer I guess for the last four years. We keep talking about the transfer and putting limitations on it. I'm with you on the fact that we really need to just look at it carefully because what had happened in the past was you'd have a twenty-five hundred dollar limit that the administrator could transfer that week. And then the next week he'd do another twenty-five hundred.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BOB WALDREP: And then the next week he'd do another twenty-five, you know, and you keep totaling them up. And he was technically within the law.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BOB WALDREP: Our ordinance. But the spirit of it was, of course, not followed at all. And it became one of those things where you're just kind of cooking the books on it. So that's -- so we are hopefully going to be able to rectify that, you know.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. I remember years ago, it's been years ago because that's when two hundred and fifty dollars was a lot of money. I could spend two hundred and fifty dollars without asking for approval of my board at the fire station, but I could just, I could just do it on and on and on.

BOB WALDREP: Absolutely.

TOMMY DUNN: So ...

BOB WALDREP: But the problem is we, we certainly don't want to hamstring the administrator. And the other point too is when you say within a department, and then they would redefine what was within or without a department. So then that, that would be changed. So technically they could also be within the law but certainly not within the spirit of the law. So that's just another area we've got to look at because the books can be redesigned as they go.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: If I might. Ms. Wilson had mentioned some prior verbiage. Maybe if we could get a look at that and see what it is. and I don't know



if Mr. Moore would be willing to either, you know, table or withdraw the motion until we can see what the verbiage is and maybe discuss it at a -- at the next work shop. And then, if we need to, put something in the ordinance. Because I don't know what that verbiage is. I, you know, don't know how that would read.

CINDY WILSON: It was actually shorter than the one we've got here from best I recall. But it kept it cleaner and clearer for, for all of us. And there was a process and it cut down on what we saw in previous years. There were all kinds of gaming the system as Mr. Waldrep noted. Everything from the language they would notify us within thirty days once it was received. Well, you know, once your administrator, your department signs that they need a transfer, your administrator signs, it should come back to the council if it's above twenty-five hundred. It, it was nothing in the previous years to have a million one, million six transferred and we wouldn't be notified. Our fiscal year ends June 30th and we wouldn't be notified until January the following calendar year. So I know we don't have these issues to be concerned with right now, but for future reference I think it would be cleaner and clearer. I'll go dig out those old budgets and see if I can't find that for us.

TOMMY DUNN: Good.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly here. Since we have the twenty-five hundred in here and it is reported to us at each council meeting, you know, if we see someone two, three, four, five weeks in a row, twenty-five hundred and twenty-five hundred and twenty-five hundred being trans -- we, we know something might be a little strange. So that would give us an indication unless somebody's doing twenty-four ninety-nine every two weeks. But I think we have some safeguards in here. But, again, I'll shut up and just say I would like to see the verbiage.

TOMMY DUNN: I think we do too. I think it can be tightened up. Do you want to vote on this, Mr. Moore, or do you want to withdraw it?

EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. I want to vote on it.

That way, that way it kind of dictates them to get the verbiage ---

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. That'll be good.

EDDIE MOORE: -- so that we -- at second reading we'll have it.

TOMMY DUNN: We're going to vote on Mr. Moore -- no, we're voting on -- no, we're voting on -- we're voting on your thing to do it like this. Not on no verbiage or nothing, we're voting on your thing, your motion.

CINDY WILSON: Just the ---

EDDIE MOORE: And, and we'll have the verbiage for the next meeting. But we're going to vote to direct them to have the ---

TOMMY DUNN: No. That ain't -- that wasn't your -- okay, that's your motion is to direct to have something or other for us to look at second reading?

EDDIE MOORE: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: I can vote on that. Okay. We voting -- the motion is to have -- to direct the staff to have us some verbiage for second reading on, on transfer of funds for us to look at. And I would, I would ask, too, Mr. Burns, to add to that if we can have it by work shop meeting. That would be, that would be the time to have it. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any other discussion?

BOB WALDREP: There's only one thing I -- someone brought to my attention about a breakdown in the budget of different salaries in the ?? ---

TOMMY DUNN: I think we have that.

BOB WALDREP: -- department.

TOMMY DUNN: I think me and you talked about that. I think, I think we've got it on another sheet of paper on it. I just want to make sure we've got that information because we need to know.

BOB WALDREP: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: You know, when you look at the budget as a whole and you look at half million dollar salaries, well, that could be good or bad. If you've got fifty employees, it might be good, but if there ain't but two employees, it might not be so good. So

that's something.

BOB WALDREP: Yeah. I just want that clear.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman. Now this reflects the budget book we have here. This is just a summary sheet, right? In other words, what's in here -- I notice that some of the numbers, a couple of the numbers are not exactly the same. So I assume at the next reading, they'll match. Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: And, please, Mr. Moore, if you would make some notes and what not things because at the work shop we'll get them corrected. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Yes. Mr. Chairman, thank you. I really think we need to focus in getting a clearer picture of our sewer enterprise fund. I've had people calling. Several years back, for example, the tax bill that went out to our citizens and to us, it used to say sewer levy and now it says economic development levy. And if someone could just kind of explain to us how that works because it's my understanding that it's actually the sewer levy and that goes in to the sewer enterprise fund to pay for that enterprise fund.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, if you'll make a note of that and be ready to discuss that at the work shop.

RUSTY BURNS: A three mil sewer tax was passed as a sewer tax. It can be construed as economic development as long as it is associated with sewer. It cannot be associated with water or anything else because the referendum says sewer. And so it may be more appropriately titled sewer tax rather than economic development. But we'll get that information for you.

CINDY WILSON: What was our collection roughly for this past year? Was it around 1.8 million?

GINA HUMPHRIES: Each sewer mil is approximately -- give me a second and I'll tell you the value of it. Okay. A sewer mil value is, in this year's budget, worth four hundred and forty-six thousand dollars. So if you'll multiply that times three it'll give you about 1.3 million.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: You through, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Just another comment. I've had a number of people calling about the higher solid waste fees and I wonder if we could take a look at that. It's tied to CPI. I would assume that CPI's under instead of going up like it had been.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think, you know, we need to give a list and there are some things for staff to be looking at for our work shop. So I want to reiterate one thing in my -- on top of my agenda to look at is this, this enhanced services on EMS. That's been -- the people been suffering from that long before this, this trash thing. And that's something that needs to be resolved. And that affects just about every council member on here but maybe one. Anything else, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Those are just some of the questions that I've had coming up the last few days.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I was just wondering why our sewer mil is different from an overall mil.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep, almost twenty years ago there was a referendum placed before the general voters and it said, do you wish to have three mils allocated for countywide sewer? That referendum passed, it went into place about that time, and is a three mil tax that is just on the unincorporated areas of Anderson County. No towns or cities are included in that.

BOB WALDREP: So that's why there's a different ---

TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. ---

BOB WALDREP: Because a regular mil's worth over five hundred thousand.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. But this doesn't include any cities or towns.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right.

TOMMY DUNN: Are we ready to vote on the ordinance now? All in favor of the ordinance on first reading, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion -- show the ordinance of the budget of the first reading passes unanimously. I'd just like to ask -- anyone have anything -- any other questions or comments they'd like give staff some directions to try to get some information for our work shop Thursday week the 20th?

BOB WALDREP: Thursday.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, no citizens  
signs up for comments.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I didn't even see  
that and didn't know that. That's on the bottom down  
there. Hearing none -- comments, then we'll have a  
work shop meeting Thursday and a council -- regular  
council meeting will be Tuesday night. Anyone in  
opposition of the meeting being adjourned.

EDDIE MOORE: So moved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:22 A.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

## Called Meeting – May 14, 2010 – 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

### MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

#### **PRESENT:**

Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2 (left at 9:00 a.m.)  
Eddie Moore – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

#### **ABSENT:**

Ron Wilson – District #6  
Chase Heatherly – Intern

Chairman Tommy Dunn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He then asked Council member Bob Waldrep to begin the meeting by leading with the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Mr. Waldrep gave the invocation and led the crowd in the pledge.

Chairman Dunn read the title of the Resolution #R2010-035, regarding an incentive arrangement for Project BIG WATER. Dunn asked Council for a motion to enter executive session. Council member Eddie Moore made a motion to enter executive session. Chairman Dunn asked Moore to amend his motion to state that Council is to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters for incentives for the BIG WATER project. Mr. Waldrep seconded the motion, which carried with a majority of five in favor (Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Allen) and one in abstention (Ms. Floyd). County Council entered executive session at 8:35 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Moore made a motion for Council to return from executive session, seconded by Mr. Waldrep. The motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Ms. Floyd had to leave the meeting while Council was in executive session). Chairman Dunn stated that no action was taken by Council during executive session, but rather information was received from the County Attorney.

Mr. Moore made a motion to pass Resolution #R2020-035, seconded by Council member Wilson. Council member Allen corrected Mr. Moore in that the Resolution is #R2010-035,

not #R2020-035. Ms. Wilson asked that simplified copies of the resolution be distributed to the public, and was informed by Chairman Dunn that the county staff had already begun this process.

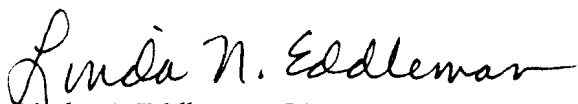
Mr. Moore stated that he believes this is the greatest accomplishment ever reached by Anderson County. He thanked Interim Administrator Rusty Burns, Economic Development Director Burriss Nelson, and the rest of the Anderson County Staff for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Allen agreed that this was a great business to be coming to Anderson County. Mr. Allen noted that this business coming to Anderson County will result in others coming to the area in the future.

Mr. Waldrep clarified that the resolution being voted on is now in its final form, which had not been provided to any Council member until the beginning of this meeting. Mr. Waldrep reminded everyone that no member of Council had previously reviewed this resolution, and that no information was being kept secretive from anyone.

Chairman Dunn closed discussion by stating that this development was due to the hard work of the Anderson County Staff. Mr. Dunn also announced that a news conference would be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Anderson Civic Center regarding this item. Mr. Dunn informed everyone that Council Member Ron Wilson was out of town and could not be here today, but is fully supportive of this project and that Council has his blessing. Chairman Dunn then called for the vote on Resolution #R2010-035, which carried unanimously (5-0), with Ms. Floyd and Mr. Wilson absent from the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda N. Eddleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – May 18, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chair – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern


### ABSENT:

Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council



State of South Carolina     )

County   of           Anderson     )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: ... meeting of the Anderson County Council to order. At this time I'd like to ask Mr. Eddie Moore if he would to lead us in our Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

EDDIE MOORE: Before I do the Invocation today, I want -- would like for everyone to please remember Ms. Linda Eddleman in our prayers tonight. Her husband had a real bad motorcycle accident on Saturday and he's undergoing surgery. So everyone, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers tonight.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY EDDIE MOORE

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. At this time, I ask Mr. Pitts for Citizens Comments. Please state your name and district and address the chair, please, and keep matters pertaining to what's on the agenda items tonight.

MIKE PITTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Frances Crowder is the first citizen signed up to speak tonight.

FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you distinguished members of council. My name is Frances Crowder and I'm in District One. I rise to the occasion to address Section 27 - Administration reporting and transfer of funds of the proposed budget for next year. This is an item which has been reoccurring in the budgets over and over and over which I have not liked for years, but it continues to be there. I appreciate Councilman Moore proposing a recommendation about the control of cost and budget transfers having to come back to the council before they could be approved. Of course, we all read in our local newspaper this morning relative to the newspaper's thought that this would hamstring the distinguished interim administrator, Mr. Burns. I see it differently. It even proposed that it would show a lack of confidence in him. To the contrary, I feel like that once you vote on his budget you have exercised the ultimate amount of confidence in him because he has proposed a budget. And in his best wisdom and judgment, it is the budget that he desires with whatever tweaking you go through to come to the realization of a final budget. So I admonish you to consider to think about placing restrictions on the transfer of funds. I know in most government agencies

that I've had the opportunity to deal with in over thirty states where I've supplied software; many places said that all transfers had to come back to the governing body. In fact, I looked up in the South Carolina Municipal Associations manual on good budgeting practices and it even alludes to the fact that on occasions that transfers of funds have to come back to the legislative or county council form of government. And so I admonish you to follow that mindset in whatever recommendations you come up with. I know the county currently has fund, then it has departments, and then it has activities. You might want to think about placing a restriction on the fact that you could not transfer monies into salaries, contractual services, or travel without prior approval of council. And secondly, consider the fact that no transfer could be made except within an activity which is below the level of the department. This would give the interim administrator some flexibility to be able to transfer money within the activity to meet the goal of that particular activity. And I realize that from time to time there will be unexpected things that you cannot forecast such as rising costs of gasoline or Duke Energy goes up or natural gas goes up and ---

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

FRANCES CROWDER: -- those need to be dealt with. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.

MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven, Williamston. The landfill. You know, I may be in the total fog here, which I am a lot. Do we have a spot we're going to use once we quit using the one we sold for 2.1 million bucks and we claim it full once again? Where are we going to take our trash? I know the other counties, we were part of it, it seems like we all as counties ought to hang on to that for when we do need a landfill location, we'd already have the land which we do now. If we want 2.1 million for it minimum, guess what, it's probably going to cost us 10.6 million to buy another spot. That one's already done. I think it'd be a wise thing for all the counties to consider not selling that and realizing that another landfill location is going to have to be used when Big Creek landfill is full by about a

hundred times more than it was originally when it was shut down because it was already beyond capacity. The other thing is budget questions. It's hard to ponder where we might be here today had past council members actually had a budget, read the budget, and knew what was in it when they passed it without even seeing it in the years past. It's just mind boggling to me that a council member can suddenly be so concerned with budget. And my thought would be is it's about time. But I'm probably going to think I wish she'd never brought it up today. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At this time moving on to Approval of Minutes. Start with (a) April 20, 2010 regular meeting. Are there any changes or corrections to be made to that -- minutes of that? Do we have a motion?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we approve April 20 minutes.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

RON WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds and Ms. Wilson -- Mr. Moore makes the motion. Ms. Wilson seconds. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Are there any changes or corrections to the April 29, 2010 called meeting? Do I have a motion?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we approve April 29th meetings.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion. Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. All abstain. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson. And Ms. Floyd abstains. Any changes or corrections to the May 3 -- May 4, 2010 regular meeting?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we accept May the 4th meeting.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Wilson. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. All

abstentions. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson. No -- and Ms. Floyd abstains. Moving on to Presentation Resolutions - Item Number 5. Number R2010-034 - a resolution recognizing and honoring those individuals from Anderson County who participated in the 4-H competitions and events as well as the dedicated leaders who volunteer their time and energy to make the participants involvement with 4-H possible and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes that young people are the future leaders of Anderson County, South Carolina, and the United States. With that recognition comes the responsibility to encourage initiatives, activities, and programs that foster leadership, citizenship, and life skills; and

Whereas, 4-H is the youth education branch of the cooperative extension service, a program of the United States Department of Agriculture, that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education and competition; and

Whereas, 4-H clubs nationwide enables millions of young people to have fun, meet new people, develop friendships, learn new skills, develop techniques of logical, accurate decision-making and communication, to build self confidence and set and achieve goals utilizing the knowledge and resources gained through participation in 4-H; and

Whereas, the members of Anderson County 4-H Club deserve honor and recognition for their active participation and personal achievements in various state competitions and for being a shining example of leadership, dedication, and responsible citizenship to the youth of Anderson County; and

Whereas, Anderson County further wishes to recognize and honor those individual parents, teachers, and other volunteers who enable the youth of Anderson County to participate in such worthwhile activities; and

Whereas, Anderson County, a body politic and corporate, and political subdivision of the state of South Carolina, acting by and through its County Council, is proud to encourage and participate in the

worthwhile youth programs that build life skills and foster community values and to honor these young people for their dedication and hard work and commitment to excellence;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson County, acting by and through the County Council, hereby honors the following individuals for their hard work, dedication, their values in 4-H, and their pursuit of excellence.

I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Show the motion -- all opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time, I will turn it over to my co-sponsor of this, Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's an honor to be involved with this tonight being an old president of the Starr 4-H Club for a couple of years back -- I won't, I won't tell you how long ago that's been, but it's quite an honor to be able to do these award presentations tonight. It's very -- one of the most worthwhile organizations I have ever been involved with. It really is a good organization. And tonight due to -- there's a lot of youngsters that's not able to come tonight because there's a lot of events going on. I think there's some shooting sport practicing for the nationals and there's some ball games and recitals and illnesses. But what I want to do is to go through everyone's name and read the accomplishments that they have done. And if you're here tonight, if you would come up and just kind of line up in front of us here. And we're going to give you some awards after I read all the awards. But I think it's real important to tell everybody the great things that y'all have done. And I'm going to start off with Anna Burns, parents are Tim Burns and Leah Brown. And her accomplishments - 2009 South Carolina 4-H horse show, 2010 South Carolina 4-H Hippology contest, 2010 Horse Bowl, fifth place team, 4-H Horse Project. Ms. Kelly McNair, Sam and Claudia McNair parents - 2010 Hippology contest, the Horse Bowl - fifth place team, the Hippology contest, the 4-H Horse Project. Mikaela Whitfield, Davey and Allison Whitfield - 2010 Hipology contest, 2010 Horse

Bowl, fifth place team, and 4-H Horse Project. Hannah Hardwood, Melissa Hardwood parent. She is 2010 Hippology contest, 2010 4-H Horse Bowl, fifth place team, the 4-H Horse Project. We have Emily Austin. Her parents are Rick Austin - 2010 South Carolina Hippology contest, 4-H Horse, sewing, food preparation, and dog training projects. We have Miss Georgia Jones, Kelly and Jimmy Jones her parents - 2010 4-H Hippology contest, the 4-H Horse Bowl, and the 4-H Horse Project. We have Stone Grant, Randall and Heather Grant her parents - 2010 Junior Livestock Judging, second place team; 2009 Junior Livestock Judging, first place team, first place individual, high overall junior division; 2009 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, third place team; 2009 Anderson County Livestock Show, Swine, grand champion showmanship, reserve champion market class; in Poultry, third place junior showmanship; in Dairy Goat, grand champion, second place showmanship; in the Dog Project, Palmetto Explorer's grand champion; 4-H community service; 4-H presentation participant. We have Mickaela Whitledge, daughter of Forest and Susan Whitledge - 2009 South Carolina 4-H Senior Livestock Judging, third place team, third place individual; and 2009 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, third place team; 2009 Anderson County Livestock Show, 4-H Project, reserve grand champion, Flockman award, showmanship senior division; 4-H Dairy Goat Project, reserve grand champion, showmanship senior division, first place; 4-H sewing project; 4-H presentation participant; 4-H community service; 4-H dog project. Samuel Whitledge, daughter of Forest -- I mean son of Forest and Susan Whitledge also, 4-H Junior Livestock Judging, second place team; 4-H Junior Livestock Judging, first place junior team, second place individual; 4-H Shooting Sports Competition, BB Gun, third place team; 2009 Anderson County Livestock Show, 4-H Poultry Project, first place junior showmanship; 4-H Dairy Goat Project, first place showmanship, first place junior conformation, reserve champion; 4-H Swine Project, grand champion market class, reserve champion showmanship; and the 4-H community service; 4-H presentation participant. We have Cade Keasler, Louis and Renee Keasler - 2010 4-H Junior Livestock Judging Team, second place. Lane Keasler, daughter of Louis and Renee Keasler - 4-H Junior Livestock Judging Team,

second place. Bradley Beck, parents Steve and Tammy Beck - 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team, fourth place. Adam McMullen, parents Rick and Karen McMullen - 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team, fourth place. Joshua Wiggington, Paul Wiggington parent - 2010 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team, fourth place. Whitney Wiggington, Paul Wiggington parent - 2010 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team, fourth place. Lily Dalis, parents Tonya and Chris Dalis - 4-H State Show, Clover Bud division, first Western in hand, first in gaited pleasure. That was at the State 4-H Horse Show. Reine Wood, parents Sonya and Scott Wood - 2009 4-H State Horse Show, Clover Bud, first gaited horse in hand, first gaited pleasure. Marty Leake, parents Louis and Norlene Leake - 2010 Hippology Contest Junior Division, blue ribbon; 2010 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, club individual high score; 2009 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, third place junior team; 2009 Anderson County Livestock Show in Poultry, the grand champion and grand champion showmanship; in the Dog Project; 4-H sewing project; and 4-H presentation participant. Tommy Collins, parents Tom and Lisa Collins - 2009 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, third place; community service. Thomas Roberts, Lynn and Tracy Kelly parents - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun; 2009 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, third place team. Jamie Wood, parents Jamie and Angel Gambrell - 2009 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, third place team. Elizabeth Thomason, parents James and Melissa Thomason - 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun. Alexander Thomason, parent James Thomason - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun. Jonah Holcombe, parents Travis and Jennifer Holcombe - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun. Kyle Dickerson, parents Ken and Deanna Dickerson - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun. Ray Cummings, parents John and Cindy Cummings - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Guns, first place team, first place individual; Position, second place individual sitting; 4-H Shoot Sports project. Ian Cummings, parents John and Cindy Cummings - 2010 South Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team, first place individual; Positions, first place individual prone, third place individual standing, third place individual sitting, second place



individual kneeling; and also the 4-H Shooting Sports project. Emylynn Shoemaker, parent Nina Shoemaker - 2010 Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team, third place individual; Positions, first place individual standing, first place sitting, third place individual kneeling. Graylynn Christenbury, parents Mike and Jennifer Christenbury - 2010 Shooting Sports Competition, BB Gun, first place team; Positions, second place individual prone; 4-H Shooting Sports project. Kaitlyn Christenbury, parents Mike and Jennifer Christenbury - 2010 South Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team; 4-H Shooting Sports project. Josh Cutlip, parents Stephen and Michelle Cutlip - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team; 4-H Shooting Sports project. Caleb Cutlip, parents Stephen and Michelle Cutlip - 2010 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team; 4-H Shooting Sports project. Trip Norton, parents Ross and Heather Norton - 2010 South Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team; 4-H Shooting Sports project. Chandler Brook Wilkins, parent Edie Wilkinson - 2010 South Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports competition, BB Gun, first place team; 4-H Shooting Sports project. Let's everybody give them a big hand.

APPLAUSE

EDDIE MOORE: And, Mr. Chairman, we have some resolutions we want to give them if you'll join us, and Ms. Wilson.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be moving on to Item Number 6, Homeland Park Awards Presentation with Ms. Gracie Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: We had a clean-up at the Homeland Park community a couple of weeks ago. It was a rainy, rainy day, but we had a very, very good representation of people who cared. I'd like to ask Ms. Doreen Montepara to please come up. We have a, we have a short presentation that we'd like to make. We want to show you some pictures of the stuff that we got and she's going to tell you all about it and then we're going to call up our -- the people who are receiving special awards.

DOREEN MONTEPARA: There we go. Good evening, Mr. Chairman and council.

GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Let's give

those people who, who are trying to leave out a minute to get out so we can ... Okay, okay. All right. Now we're ready.

DOREEN MONTEPARA: Okay. Once again we'll try it. Good evening, Mr. Chairman and council. As most of you know, I'm Doreen Montepara with the Homeland Park community task force. We're showing some pictures from our clean-up. I'm really, really pleased with the turnout that we had, and like Ms. Floyd said, it was raining, it was cold, it was nasty and we still had over seventy volunteers show up. Our total that we picked up, we picked up a little over a quarter of a ton of scrap metal, we got 1.75 tons of construction debris, we got 8.51 tons of trash that was also picked up, along with 221 tires. Now I think those numbers are fantastic for what we did and the best thing is it's no longer there on the streets, it's out of people's backyards. And I plan on doing this again later this year, so I'm hoping we can get more volunteers come out, and some sun. These are the woods over here on Manly Drive. We had some problems where you can't figure out who owns this property and we had a lot of vagrants that used to hang out in there. The sheriff's department and environmental enforcement were pretty good at chasing them off, so we just had to go in and, and clean up their mess. At this time I would like to just say thank you to several people and organizations that helped us out especially through the county. First of all, Keep America Beautiful. They, they were fantastic in helping us. We had environmental enforcement that went out with the people so we had a patrol officer and environmental enforcement with the, the clean up crews. We had the Anderson County shelter came down for the day. As I said the sheriff's department, I want to thank them for their support. Mr. Dunn, we'd like to thank you for your two hundred and fifty dollar donation. Ms. Floyd, we'd like to thank you for your five hundred dollar donation. I'd also like to thank Sara Drawdy and Candy Kern Fuller. This is the first time we've done this. We had them -- they came down, they offered their services to do free living wills. I was shocked and amazed to find out how many police officers and fire department volunteer men do not have living wills. These two ladies sat there for about five hours doing

living wills free of charge for them. I thought it was a great thing that happened. Also building and grounds, they were absolutely fantastic. They brought down the tables and chairs, extras that we needed. Now the Homeland Park Fire Department did all the cooking for us and serving so we didn't have to do that, thank God. And most of all, the residents of Homeland Park. This would not be possible without them. Like I said, they came out rain or shine, they didn't care. And actually one of our ladies who's here with us tonight, she didn't care if it was raining or not, she said come on let's go, let's go clean up. She was ready to go. So if it's okay, Ms. Floyd, I'd like to have you come down with me while we do these, please. We'd like to do a few plaques, especially to a couple of people that went above and beyond the call of duty and helped us out. So I'd like to have Angie Stringer come up, please. Where'd she disappear to? Thanks. Could I have you also come up, Justin? Thank you. And I need Jan Smith and Hazel Coward, please.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is presented to Justin Lewis in appreciation for your service in the promotion of Homeland Park Pride Day. It's presented to you by the Homeland Park Community Task Force ?? make that clean up a success.

DOREEN MONTEPARA: Just so people know why I'm doing Angie Stringer and Justin. And thank you, Mr. Burns. I did not forget, I had you on my mind. I went to Mr. Burns and I was looking for information to give out about the county and different things we could get in gift bags. Mr. Burns generously gave me Angie who also gave us Justin and they sat and they made up all these bags which were an absolute huge hit with the residence of Anderson County. Now we didn't just have people from Homeland Park, we had them from all over. They found information in those bags that they didn't even know existed in Anderson County. So thank you very much for letting me use them for that. Thank you. Angie. Okay. This is presented to Angela Stringer in appreciation for your service and, and promotion of the Homeland Park Pride Day presented by the Homeland Park Community Task Force 2010. Thank you. Next we have Hazel Coward. For any of you that don't know Homeland Park, this is my sweetest and dearest lady in Homeland Park. Well, one of them, but she's like one of my

favorites. Hazel is at every meeting. Hazel is at every clean up. Hazel goes out and cleans her street up by herself which she's not supposed to. But she's got more energy than the twenty year olds in our neighborhood do. She is out there non-stop everyday making sure her street is clean. Now if we could just bottle that energy and put it in a tablet and give it to everybody in Anderson County, we wouldn't have any problems with trash. So this is presented to Hazel Coward in appreciation of your support and dedicated service given to the Homeland Park Community Task Force. And this one is for Jan Smith. Jan went out for me because I was so busy trying to do all the planning and stuff. Jan actually went out for me and wrangled up door prizes like you would not believe. She did an excellent job. So this is presented to Jan Smith in appreciation for your support and dedicated service given to the Homeland Park Community Task Force. Thank you so much. And that's all I have. I just want to say thank you. And I would love to see more communities starting up community groups and going out and doing these clean ups. It does work. It really, really does work. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

GRACIE FLOYD: Folks, this is what we can do in Anderson County when we get down to what's important. It's about more than just budgets and meetings and all that other kind of stuff. It's about us helping each other. It's about us getting together cleaning up our area and trying to keep it clean. Homeland Park is part of my district, District Two. It's comprised of three districts. Homeland -- District Two, District Three, and District Five. I think District Five had the biggest piece of it. But if we could just get together and make a commitment that we're going to support our communities in this way, we're going to support our county in this way, and we're going to support each other in this way. Also in Homeland Park, she did not mention this, but we had people from other communities who had also had clean up work going on, but they came down to the Homeland Park area to help Homeland Park. Now I think that's wonderful. I think that's what we ought to do here in Anderson County. We have a long way to go folks. But to you, I'm very proud of you. She is, she is a good

hard worker and she's my friend. Ms. Hazel, honey, if I could have what you have. Good, good. Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 7, Ordinance First Reading, Number 2010-008, ordinance authorizing and approving procedure for the transfer of Anderson County's interest in certain real property known as the Tri-County Landfill property; authorizing the transfer of landfill property and further approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a sales agreement and deed to real property in the event of acceptable bid to purchase the Tri-County Landfill property; and matters related thereto (title only). Mr. Rusty Burns. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: ... polices as well as be in step with the other counties.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. Do we have a motion on the floor?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept it.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Moore and second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I just had a -- in light of what comment was made earlier about the Tri-County Landfill. This has been a piece of property that's been under consideration and in the news, I guess you might say, in all the activities between the three counties. And I guess I'm just wondering aloud, is there any real prospect that that property over there -- up there would ever be used for a landfill? And the reason I ask that question is because my understand is that Pickens County and Oconee County do not want it to be used as a landfill. I -- that's what I understand. Is that correct? Is that your assessment, Mr. Burns? Or do you ...

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep, that's my understanding.

BOB WALDREP: And matter of fact in years back we got into some litigation over that issue. And if you go back into the history it was looked at, oh I don't know, as kind of a project that was going to be on the cutting edge of land -- waste disposal, I suppose. And that Clemson University was involved in it at one time. It's a relatively small area, I would

imagine - it's about five hundred acres, I think - as far as landfills go. So I just wanted council -- some of you may share your experience or understanding, but my understanding is that there is a great possibility that property would never be used for anything other than some other type of development other than a landfill. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I had a question too. Mr. Burns, do you know, or does anybody? I've heard the number. What's the longevity of the current landfill estimated?

RUSTY BURNS: I don't have that information, Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: And I've, I mean, I've heard say -- I want to say twenty years, but I'm not sure.

RUSTY BURNS: And I think that's correct.

TOM ALLEN: That number. Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 8, Resolution Number R2010-031, a resolution authorizing South Carolina Research Authority as the ultimate beneficiary to make arrangements for the issuance of the South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority Recovery Zone Facility Bonds as defined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2000 ...

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TOMMY DUNN: ... would you or Mr. Burns like any comments?

MIKE PITTS: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, this is a follow-up to a resolution the county's already passed where it, where it allocated a portion of its capacity on the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. Council previously approved a 4.5 million dollar allocation out of its total allocation of fourteen million dollars for this particular project with the South Carolina Research Authority. And this is just the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds. That's a technical requirement under the statute governing the bond issuer, which in this case will be the South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority. Tonight we have here Margaret McGee, who was the bond counsel on this, on this matter, as well as Julia Martin from

the Research Authority.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

RUSTY BURNS: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything to add, Mr. Burns? At this time we're going to A public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please come forward and state your name and district, please. Anyone at all? Hearing none, consider the public hearing to be closed. Do we have a -- make a motion on the floor?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept this resolution.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion to accept resolution. Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time we have acceptance -- Item Number 9, Acceptance of Thompson Road to the county road system. Mr. Bill West. Mr. West.

BILL WEST: This is Thompson Road, which is -- basically it's just the relocation of Thompson Road and Flatrock Road in front of the new Flatrock Elementary School. It actually reduces the length of the road that the county will maintain. To our -- best of our knowledge it meets -- it was built to meet all standards and requirements for drainage and pavement and so forth for the Anderson County Code of Ordinances. We recommend that you accept it.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. West. Anyone have any questions or ---

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: You make a motion, Ms. -- Ms. Wilson makes a motion to accept the road in the thing.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Do we have any discussion or any questions? Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. West, I'm sorry to be too picky, but when you use the term to the best of our knowledge, I just wonder is it knowledge acquired by testing, inspection? How is that acquired?

BILL WEST: That's correct. That is through testing and an inspection and obviously, every inch is not checked, but it is done in the manner that, that the county uses to assure that the -- that our

quality job is done.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

BILL WEST: All right.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 10, Budget Questions. Ms. Gracie Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'd asked for a little more time than I was given so I won't be able to go through everything that I wanted to do here, so I'm going to have to pick and choose. But I want to go to the question that was asked at the beginning. When -- in the past, I never had to come to county council meeting to ask about the budget because I always got that done beforehand. I was told things beforehand, so it wasn't necessary to come to do this. And now, I'm not sure what I'm getting half the time. I've got so many papers and so many things changed. It seems like the budget was changing daily. So I chose to -- how to answer -- to ask my questions today. And it was said that you may be sorry I did it, but that's up to you. Okay. It's easy to get up and say things, but it's hard to, it's hard to know what you're talking about sometimes. Okay. My first question is this, I was going through the budget and I noticed that -- well, have we told the public and our retirees that we are proposing to reduce the retirees' health insurance account in half? Have we done that yet, have we told them yet -- this yet? Our retirees include the police officers who are injured in the line of duty and our people who are going -- who are preparing to retire and who are depending on their health insurance. But in this budget, in this budget, we have cut their benefits by one half. If you're employed by the county or if you are a police officer, you need to be concerned about this. We should have a one hundred percent commitment to these people who have come to work for us. But cutting them, cutting their benefits is not the way to do this, especially when recreation -- the parks and recreation departments has been increased. Now in good times it was -- we didn't have parks and recreation, but we got along well. And then we -- you all decided to do parks and recreation. But it's in bad times now and that's something that could have



waiting until better times. But not only did we increase parks and recreation funds, we gave everybody in that department an increase in their salaries. And I think we need to, we need to be cognizant of that, folks. Also, my question -- who do I direct these questions to? Is -- Gina, you are here. Please come to the mike. I want to ask you something. We're planning furloughs. Okay. What is in the present budget now? Are we -- do we have the furlough salaries in there now or do we have the regular salaries?

GINA HUMPHRIES: Ms. Floyd, what we have done in this budget is to propose six furlough days for county employees with some exceptions. The employees ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, yeah. I know that. Yeah. I have to be quick with this. Uh-huh (affirmative).

GINA HUMPHRIES: Okay. I'm sorry.

GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

GINA HUMPHRIES: But yes, we have actually gone into the departmental budgets in the line items in the salaries dash full time and we have reduced that line item in the budget.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now what happens if we don't have to furlough? Because it says in the ordinance here that if it's necessary. It didn't say we were going to do it? What would happen if we decided we don't have to furlough these people, but there's not enough money in the budget to cover the salaries?

GINA HUMPHRIES: That's going to be a problem because that's going to put department heads and division heads in a situation where they're going to have to transfer money back into that line item so that we don't have to furlough.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right, all right. Could this be the reason why we're all of a sudden going to do these transfers through the county council now? I mean, I mean, that's kind of -- that's a strange one, folks. All right. Also, there's no pay raises and longevities in the budget again. I think we didn't have any for last year. Did we have it for '09-'010?

GINA HUMPHRIES: In fiscal year ---

GRACIE FLOYD: -- '09-'010?

GINA HUMPHRIES: No, ma'am. We did not, we did not.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right, all right. But folks, you'd be surprised to see who got raises and merits. You would be surprised to see who got them anyway. The sheriff's office, folks, received a lot of raises and merits. It's all in the records. You don't have to believe me. Go look. But my thing is if the sheriff had that much money to take care of his people and raises and merits, then maybe we should have gotten some of that money from the Sheriff so everybody could get raises and merits. Some of us, some -- some of y'all are not going to get it. Some of y'all got it. And some of y'all got it -- don't listen to me, check the records. There's some, there's some things that's going on about who has been doing the budget. Something about handwritten notes given to staff members with budget cuts on them, I mean, who to cut and who not to cut. That's a fact, Jack. That's a fact. But I have -- these are my concerns. I have some more, but I guess I will be attending the budget meeting where I will be in a hostile environment. But I guess I'll be there. And I just thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 11, the Finance Committee Report. Chairman, Mr. Tom Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah. I just wanted to bring information forward regarding the finance committee meeting that was held on May 11th, 2010. The purpose of that meeting was to review an idea submitted by the solicitor's office regarding bad check collections. And the individuals that were attending that meeting, we had the sheriff there, we had the solicitor there, and we had individuals from two check collecting agencies there to give their side of the story. And basically what they wanted to do was to establish a bad check unit, if you will, out of the solicitor's office. It will be established again under the solicitor's office and it would require the hiring of one individual. Now this action would take the workload off of the sheriff's office, or the majority of the workload off the sheriff's office and place it over under the solicitor's office. There would be a fee involved with this on the bad checks of forty dollars, half of which would come to the general fund and half of which would go to the solicitor's office to pay for this individual. That was kind of where that stood and, of course, we all know that we've more or less decided here on -- that we do have a position

freeze on in the county as far as bringing any new individuals on. So I'm just presenting this as information. Each of the council members, I believe, did receive the rough draft of that meeting to go through, so I'll give them a chance to look at that and then if there's any further discussion, we can do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to Item Number 12, Appointments. Mr. Wilson, any appointments to boards? Thank you. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: I have none. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: None at this time, Mr.

Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: None, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Thank you. At this time moving on to Item 13, Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Robert Carroll. Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, I just have one item to consider tonight. It's for the solid waste department for four trash compactors. Just for information, two of these will be going to the new Mance Jolly Road convenience center, one's going to Craytonville, and one is a replacement for Carswell convenience center. The low bid was fifty-five thousand nine hundred twenty-one to Baker's Waste Equipment.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we accept those bids.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion we accept. Do we have a second?

RON WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a second by Mr. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Did each of us get a rough draft copy of this financial committee meeting report?

TOMMY DUNN: I don't think I did. I'm not a hundred percent sure, but I don't think I did. I'm

almost positive I didn't.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I could.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. They rushed this through. I knew -- I thought everybody got a copy of the rough draft, but then Ms. Eddleman had the problem with her husband. I know she didn't have time to get all this done. So we will get copies to everybody so you can take a look at it.

TOMMY DUNN: If we get copies it's going to be ---

TOM ALLEN: In final form.

TOMMY DUNN: It's going to be next council meeting before anything can -- this can be brought up anyway.

TOM ALLEN: Right.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on, Requests by Council Members. Ms. Wilson. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: None, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: None at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: None.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson. I have one request for fifteen hundred dollars to the Centerville PTA for recreation at their park out there. It's in need of some repairs. I put that in the form of a motion.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank y'all. Moving on to Item Number 15, Administrator's Report. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing to report, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time, Mr. Pitts.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, I'm reading the memorandum about this, about this budget

transfer here. Is money from one account to another account in the amount of four thousand dollars and it was service rendered for website consulting and website development as it relates to Old Bowie Farm Days and general website services. All right. What is this about here? I don't understand. The web site, is that, is that the one that Ms. Angie Stringer manages? Is ...

RUSTY BURNS: This is for the Old Bowie Farm Days site. We worked in conjunction with that committee and with Ms. Angie Stringer to construct that website with an outside vendor.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr. Burns, please explain to me, why is it that we need an outside vendor at four thousand dollars when we have people on staff who can do this?

RUSTY BURNS: We also have other outside vendors working on one for the civic center. Our staff right now is undermanned and sometimes we could use a little outside help.

GRACIE FLOYD: At four thousand dollars?

RUSTY BURNS: Correct.

GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like a job. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me. Moving on, Mr.

Pitts, if you would, Citizens Comments. Please state your name and district and address the Chair, please.

MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, first is Leslie White.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. White.

LESLIE WHITE: I'm Leslie White, District Six. Two quick things. One is that I thought that early on in this year that the council agreed to do the awards presentations like one meeting per quarter or something like that. And I think the awards are fabulous. I'm the mother of children and, you know, I love to see them get awards. But we spent twenty-five to thirty minutes tonight doing awards. And I just think that with all we have going on in the county, especially at this particular time, budget time, that that time could be better used. So I would propose and ask that you consider going back to doing awards one meeting per quarter or having the people that are doing awards show up at five thirty, do the awards prior to the meeting. That's just a comment that I think -- that was working at one time. I don't know what changed it. The other

thing that I spoke about last time and I've done some research on. In the -- in each council members' recreation account - and Ms. Floyd thank you for your information in explaining to me where that account came from which makes sense to me. But now that we have a parks department, really only five thousand of that thirty thousand dollars comes from the accommodation tax. The twenty-five thousand dollars that comes straight out of the taxpayers' pocket, the budget, I would just propose to you that in these tough times -- frankly, in any times, that that twenty-five thousand dollars from each council member go right back into the general fund. I mean, do you understand that we are talking a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars between the seven of you that is just out there for you to spend. And that money could be utilized to perhaps keep a couple of employees from having to be furloughed, perhaps buy some trash containers for convenience centers, perhaps purchase a backhoe. I mean, those are things that we need to do and we're scrambling to find the money. Keep the five thousand dollars from accommodations tax. Frankly I would rather see the twenty-five thousand dollars per council member be put straight into the parks and recreation accounts, into their budget so that that could be split up and done with what it was intended to be done with. Because we all know that's not what happens with that money. And, you know, frankly, I don't have twenty-five thousand dollars, I don't have twenty-five hundred dollars, that I can just carry around in my pocket and decide to indiscriminately spend. And frankly that's what I see those accounts as. So I say keep the five thousand in each account from the accommodations tax to help with whatever it is that you deem necessary in your districts. But the twenty-five thousand dollars that you each have, that needs to either go back to the general fund or it needs to go back into the parks, recreation and tourism budget to be used for that. And I just ask that you consider that other thing when you're doing the budget. Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell.

MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven, Williamston. Yeah, I do kind of regret some of the

questions. But the interesting thing is I've been asking you guys to get rid of half the employees. Yoo-hoo. You got rid of half of something so it's a start. Thank you. Not really sure what it is and hopefully it won't affect too many people. But in these hard times companies affect a lot of people. They have to do what they have to do to maintain staying in business. The only reason you guys stay in business is because you suck your money that you spend out of our wallets. You don't exist because you build, because you create. You exist because you take from us who have jobs, who pay taxes on the property that we own. You don't exist because you make something. You exist because you take it from us who do. And it is sad to hear that people have to have a cut. I mean, a cut's bad. But you guys are about the only county probably in the nation that haven't stepped up to the plate and had a massive -- not one or two or three, but a massive layoff in the hard economic times we're in. I think it's interesting that someone would say we ought to take money from the sheriff. I think that would be called stealing. I know recently there was a deal cut to swap car money for other money, but there was no stealing that took there -- took place. It was actually a swap. He has a separate budget, he has a separate line item on my taxes when I pay taxes, and it's his money, his department. And if I was the sheriff in town I'd tell you, if you think you're big enough to get it, come and take it. I don't think you are. I do appreciate that the county has done some stuff -- not doing raises again. Thank you for that. The county employees we have that work hard, and we do have a lot, but if you come around this county and kind of watch around the corners, we also have county employees who don't do much of nothing. It's interesting to go to different departments and just kind of be there for something and look around the room. I've said it before, hidden cameras, probably illegal, but hire an employee and have them just walk around and nobody know what they are. But what they are is a visual you ain't doing enough to earn the money we pay you, we're getting ready of you. I'd appreciate it if you'd consider something like that. Thank you for the work you did for the paper plant we're getting. We really appreciate that. Our county

can use the jobs. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Now the surprise. Third meeting in a row that we've had mostly a good meeting, civil, taking care of business. I want to mention that I have been volunteering a lot. Not to put any kind of accolade on myself. But in the year and a half that I've gotten involved, I've been to every council meeting, every budget meeting, aviation meeting, parks and recreation. Out of a year and a half, a year and three quarters, I've missed maybe six meetings, two of those I was out of town. I would like to ask those of you that are out here tonight to get involved and start coming to the budget meetings particularly. It's where you learn a lot of information. And I would like for all council members to realize that they need to be there for those budget meetings in order to get a lot of the information that sometimes comes out at council. I want to remind you that all seven of you are only temporary sitting up there. It is time soon for an election. All seven of you were voted in for a two year stint. That two years will soon be over with and other people are vying for your job. We are wanting you to be cost accountability. We are wanting you to ask the hard questions. We want you to be careful with every penny that comes in. And if you're not, or if you're trying to shuffle through any kind of deals that seem squeaky to those in the public, you will pay a price June the 8th. Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman. Rick Freemantle from the White Plains District, District Six. Some of the discussion I've heard about this new, the way I see it, growing government, forming a new department to handle bad checks. Do we not already have laws on the books to handle bad checks? I'd like to see maybe a little stiffer prosecution of these things. Put some jail time on these things. If it's on the books, give them the jail time. If jail time seems a little harsh, you know what, we're in bad economic times. Put their tail out on the side of the road and have them clean our roads up. Maybe then they'll stop writing checks for money they don't have. I'd like to talk about economic development too.



You've given some figures of -- a couple weeks back at the forum at the library. It turns out from 2006 to 2008 before y'all came into office, the majority of you, they spent upwards of a hundred and twenty million dollars on economic development. For years some of us cave people like myself, you remember the terrorists, were screaming from the rafters that millions of dollars were going down a rathole called economic development. Turns out they supposedly created or caused to happen eight hundred and eighty-two new jobs. Do you know those jobs cost us a hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars a piece? Would have been much smarter for us cave people maybe to have a special day over at the unemployment office, have eight hundred and eighty-two people come in and hand them forty thousand dollars. Heck, we'd have saved a hundred thousand dollars a piece. Maybe we wouldn't have watched a hundred and twenty million dollars go down a rathole. You people are to be praised, the majority of you, who since 2009 when you took office changed the current within this county. You opened up our county government. You allowed economic development to become a reality and do their job. And the result of that is a very fine family-owned company that came to this county and is going to make a one billion dollar investment, upwards of fifteen hundred jobs. That's phenomenal. You have put this county on the map. There will be other jobs coming from this, other spend-offs from it. Other big companies are now going to see Anderson County as a viable option for them to put their business here because you all have returned the honor and respect that Anderson County was robbed of for ten years under the previous administration. Businesses who have worked hard to build themselves are going to see that and they're going to want to come here. I appreciate your hard efforts.

MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At this time, Comments, Remarks from Council Members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Oh, thank you, Mr. Chairman. What an incredible week. I want to give a great deal of praise and thank you to everyone that helped bring this wonderful industry to Anderson County. That's just going to be such a big help with so many people

needing jobs. And maybe there's a need for a slight memory here if you will bear with me for a moment. Starting in 1996, late '96 when the previous administration came in, within just a few months, twenty to twenty-five people were fired. Our two hundred acre Anderson County owned Big Creek landfill was sold for two million dollars without a public competitive bidding procedure. Our solid waste department had been in the black for quite a few years and it started running red ink. We were paying hauling and tippage fees to an out-of-state company. Our sewer enterprise fund switched to some new sewer project priorities and in 1998 agreed to a ruinous almost forty-one percent debt obligation to the city of Anderson. It's now deep in debt, and we have our new sewer lines in areas of low need and high growth areas have gone lacking. Our civic center loses approximately seven hundred thousand dollars a year. Valuable property adjoining that civic center was sold at a steep discount while other properties were purchased at a premium. We had millions of dollars in legal, engineering, and other consulting fees added to our budget. Anderson County's expenses doubled in 1999. There was no correlation to population growth, no correlation to an extraordinary event. New departments and more employees with higher salaries and perks like take-home cars and county credit cards were added. Paving and road maintenance decreased from 2003. Economic development slowed in 2006. General obligation bonds, lease purchase agreements, and various loan instruments added to the county's debt service, while the growth of land changing from lower assessment agriculture use changed to higher assessment and higher tax base to industrial and commercial and residential property assessments. The spending spree climaxed in November 19 -- November 18th, 2008 with the council buyout of the thirteen year administrator for 1.3 million dollars against our county attorney's advice. The former majority sarcastically approved a detailed penny in and penny out audit at a million dollar estimated cost. The new council came in and initiated a program of tracking our spending. We've found a lot since then. We've updated our procurement code so that there's more of a level playing field for vendors. And it appears that the county's saving a lot

of money and getting maybe at least equal or better quality goods and services. Last year our budget reduced spending by eight million. This year we're going to have to probably look at closer to a four million dollar cut to keep existence. We've had an increased emphasis put on economic development, and this culminated in the announcement that we had Friday and there are more to come. And that comes from giving our administrator who is brilliant in this arena the tools to put our economic development department back to work. And look at what they've been able to accomplish. We've got some reorganizations that are taking place now that will make permitting and inspections run smoother for our citizens. And hopefully, with being more efficient, it will probably cost us less. And we've gone from last to first in transparency. And our meetings are more user friendly. And I want to think that all of us up here are accessible and responsible to you. Thank you, all of y'all, for allowing me to be a part of that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I was listening to Ms. Wilson talk about economic development, I couldn't help but think that we probably had one of the greatest coalitions of cooperation that we've ever had in Anderson County since I've been involved in any kind of public service. We've had the governor's office, we've had the delegation, we've had the Congress, the U.S. Senate, we've had the Commerce Department, we've had the wonderful economic development staff here, Mr. Burns and others, the attorneys, Mr. Pitts and his firm have worked tirelessly on this. And I don't think anybody really understands or appreciates the process that we wish that we could have -- that they could've shared with you that you would have known every step of the way about what was happening with regard to the economic development. But as you all know that's just not the way it works. You cannot have an open situation because these companies will not come here if they know that all their business and all the competition and what have you. It has to be done a different way. And so I just appreciate people bearing with us on that particular note. But I would like to say that now we

have what I like of somewhat of a marriage between Anderson County and the Demoggi family that we try to follow up a couple of ways. And one of them, Mr. Chairman, as I -- I'm suggesting that we try to formulate some letters of appreciation to the delegation that would be signed by all our council members here to show our appreciation. Because I can tell you a little bit of flowers in a marriage sometimes helps. And I don't want this to escape us, you know. Sometimes you think we may not pass this way again, but I think that maybe we will hopefully have another good marriage coming on. It sounds like bigamy right now, but what I'm really saying is that we'll have more people coming in. So having said that, I wanted to move on to another topic very quickly and that is the topic of the recreation funds. And please, believe you me, again this gets to be a favorite topic of mine because I've been wrestling with recreation funds since 1991-1992 when the council at one time voted to do away with recreation funds. And I know that there's lots of arguments pro and con. There's nothing quite as addictive, I guess you might say, as having a fund that you can write a check out of. But I've come to believe after talking to many folks that sometimes that can be a good thing that you can do for your district in some way that you could get no funds no other way. I realize it can be abused. And I just want us to contemplate maybe reducing our recreation fund proportionate to some of the reductions that we have in the budget. And I'm not putting out a particular amount. You know, you could say fifty percent, you could say thirty percent, or what have you. But just to kind of reflect that the council is very mindful of the sacrifices that a lot of people are having to take. I was surprised the other day to find out that even the churches a lot of times are having to let their pastors go because people are not giving to the churches as much as they had before and some of the pastors are having to go out and get regular jobs so that they can still preach on Sunday. I mean those are the kind of things that are happening, you know, in our country right now. So I just say that for us to -- maybe some symbolism of support for those people so that they'll that we're not just not mind -- being mindful of it. And I thank you for that, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank Mr. Burns, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Burris. What an outstanding job that they've done and I -- when you see that cooperation between state and local officials, it really makes you proud of Anderson County and what we've accomplished. And I just want to thank you very much. I think it was a great week last week. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. To the gentleman who stood up and talked about cutting out employees and all of this. I'd like for you to know that we have employees on our, on our -- in our system who have retired, who have TERI'ed, and who have come back to work. These are the people that are making the big bucks. Instead of cutting furlough days - I'm sorry - instead of giving our employees furlough days, it seems to me that we ought to be looking at these people. People who have worked for the county, for the county, and after their thirty years they retired. But they came back and they're working some more, for five years on the TERI program. And when they got through with TERI, they were rehired back to the program. We have enough people that we could save four hundred -- I think it was about four hundred dollars. Some of these people are essential people, and it's a possibility that we may need to retain, you know, two or three of them. But for the -- most of them, if you want to yell about something, if you want to hop on let's firing people, take a look at that one. Also, Mr. Dunn, I want to take an opportunity to clear up some misinformation and lack of information about the special called meeting last week regarding the inducement agreement. First, it has been erroneously aired by one -- that crazy radio station that I brought an injunction to stop the Quality Paper plant. Nothing can be further from the truth. I have not and would not consider bringing such an action. Apparently, this is yet another smear tactic. My concern surrounding the Quality Paper announcement centered on my concerns about the lack of information that flowed to me as a sitting council member until just minutes before the

announcement. I did not see the resolution until eight twenty-nine. Our meeting started at eight thirty. I was not the only one who didn't -- who received it. There were others here who received it as well. But I was the only one kicking about it. I wonder why. This has been a continuing method of doing business by this council, and one which I do intend to stop through the Department of Justice. Despite the despicable actions to purposely exclude me from the information and negotiations regarding these matters, I would never take my exclusions by the five members of council out on the local business that I hope will finally bring some jobs to our community and its members. But council is, or they should be, aware that we are a representative form of government. The council should be aware that I represent a district drawn in accordance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Section 2, as amended -- as amended. This guarantees that the racial minority must have an equal participation and opportunity to participate in the political process. As the only racial minority on this council and as the representative of a district drawn to represent the racial minority community, when you specifically exclude me from information shared with the majority of council, you disenfranchise the entire community. And they are protected by the Voting Rights Act through our representative form of government. I am keeping records and I intend to address the same, as I said, with the Justice Department. I'm putting you all on notice now that I will not tolerate this anymore. I did not even know the name of the company that was coming into the town until I went that, until I went to that meeting. And, you know, folks, you all should know me enough by now to know that if I had done that, if I had gone to the Department -- if I had gone to try to do an injunction, I would tell you I did it. I will stand toe to toe with you and anybody else and I would tell you if I'd done it. And then I would ask you what you were going to do about it. Gracie Floyd is not scared. I'm not afraid of anyone or anything on this earth. Now I didn't do it, I wouldn't do it. And if you've got questions about whether I did, call me. You didn't. You called everybody else. Call me and I'll tell you. And let's see that I covered everything here. About the essential people, I told you about

that. I'm still -- I still have some concerns about this budget, I really do. Especially about our retirees. And if we don't hear anything from the retirees community then I'm going to forget it too. I'm finished.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Ms. White. I think you made a couple of very valid comments a while ago. And I certainly think the one regarding recreation funds we really do need to look at that. And I think what you said was pretty much right on the nose. And that's something I believe we need to discuss further. I'd also like to thank all the individuals that worked so hard on bringing the new industry in here. And Mr. Burns was very instrumental in that although he's kind of kept behind the scenes a little bit. But also the attorneys worked very, very hard on that. I mean they put hours and hours in both at the local level, Mr. Pitts, as well as the state's attorneys and down at the Commerce office. And Burris Nelson also worked very hard on it. A lot of those people that worked on this program have been around for quite a while but just now things are starting to happen. And I think you need to ask yourselves that question, why are they starting to happen now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

GRACIE FLOYD: It's election year.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, appreciate what's happened in the last week or so with the economic development. And I won't go through all -- naming all the same people over. But obviously, something this size took enormous cooperation to pull it off. And in this economic environment it's nothing short of a miracle for Anderson County. I agree with what Mr. Allen just said and Mr. Waldrep concerning the recreational funds. I think they ought to be cut or eliminated. And I know there's times that we can use that money to do things, but in the environment that we're in now I think it might be best to do what Ms. White had to say, her suggestion. The landfill I think that's been an issue ever since I've been on council. And I'm not talking about the one in Powdersville. I'm talking about the one in -- we talked about here. You

know, it's been called the Tri-County Landfill. But obviously, when we first got it, all three counties thought it was a good idea for it to be a landfill or I don't think it would have had that name. That's just logic to me. And I think if -- you know, I think there was a good point brought up tonight about how long is it going to take -- be before we need another one and certainly land prices will rise some. How much or how little, I don't know. But I would imagine that to buy that kind of land, they'll stick it to us as a county. And so I would think if there's any possibility that this could be used for that in the original purpose, as long as you don't put the darn thing in Powdersville and put it out there wherever you're talking about, I think it's a great idea. And they said that Pickens and Clemson doesn't want it, but we didn't want the one we got. And so it's -- but I think we ought to look at this. I mean, if we're going to have to -- if we've already got the land, why sell it at the worst possible time for real estate prices now when you can bet down the road somewhere I don't care if it's twenty years, fifteen ...

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TOMMY DUNN: -- landfill site. Pickens don't want it. ... can maybe find a better place for a landfill. That's pretty good property up there. And when you've got somebody that don't want it -- and I think the people in Powdersville all well know how -- feel when something -- they don't want a landfill. On the website, I'd just like to say I appreciate the job that we have done on our website since -- in the past year. So I know our emergency preparedness website and all that has won some awards. It honestly shows. And I want to appreciate what all we've been able to do that and really flush it up and look good. On the bad checks thing, Mr. Burns, I would like, and I'm just one council person, but I think it's a good idea as long as it don't grow government. I think, I think we had a speaker here tonight talking about punishing them and putting them on the side of the road. I don't think we can do that, but we can sure, we can sure find the people that writes a bad check and punish them that way. But I think we can do it with the employees we've got now. On First Quality coming to Anderson, I just want to -- I think we've thanked everybody and I would,



I would like to follow up on Mr. Waldrep's thing. If we could send some letters out and all council members to sign that. If you'd see to that, I would greatly appreciate it. But I would just like to say one last thing on that. It is great. Or two things. Number one, I hope you follow up with, with the subcontractor's meeting. Get that set up through Burris and that. I think that'll be great trying to give the people, local people a leg up in doing work out there. And it's my understanding the family agreed to this and so that's great. By all accounts and all in checking the family is great citizens, corporate American. And also, I'd just like to thank the staff and Mr. Burns, especially you, for putting that program together Friday. I thought it went extremely well and the people I talked to was extremely pleased and the family and all. I think it was very well done. And I again want to thank all the hard work that went into putting this whole thing together and the long activity it was. I think it -- and I think it's something Anderson County can be proud of for years and years to come. Like I say, for this family, they're just a -- seem to be top quality individual people. I want to remind people we have a recycling and solid waste committee meeting Thursday at ten o'clock. It will be here. If we need to -- if we can we'll go into the conference room. If not, it'll be here. The public's invited. Following that, hopefully, break -- they'll break for lunch and at one o'clock we'll have our -- another budget workshop meeting. I want to say a couple of things on the budget workshop. That's -- you know, this budget is the staff and the administrator's budget. I hope county council will ask questions. I hope county council will have -- you know, at our last budget workshop, you know, I think if I'm not speaking out of turn, I think the majority of the council that was here spoke, we want more money on roads. We need more money in roads. And that's what we're going to be looking for. You know, and we've got a right to make motions and to change things and ask for requests and be part of the process. You know, we had to get something, a starting point from the administrator and that's the way our government works. And they done this. You talk about pay raises. I wish we could give pay raises, but it's a tight thing. But if you want

talk about pay raises, let's talk about 2008 and 2009 in October and November on the way out the door. The pay raises, I think eighteen individuals got them. Now was that fair to the other people? So we hopefully will do something to open up. And if we can get a budget that's workable - it's going to be tough - but we need to get a budget and put money back what government's supposed to do, roads. And then that saying, we appreciate everybody coming out tonight and I entertain a motion. If there are no objections. Hearing none, we'll adjourn. Thank you very much.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

## Called Meeting – May 28, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

### MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

#### **PRESENT:**

Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Eddie Moore – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

#### **ABSENT:**

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Tommy Dunn announced that Council would be waiting to begin the May 28, 2010 called meeting until Council members Bob Waldrep and Eddie Moore arrived so that Council may have a quorum for the meeting. Mr. Waldrep and Mr. Moore were attending an Appalachian Council of Governments meeting and were on their way to the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Dunn thanked the audience for their patience. Council member Tom Allen gave the invocation and led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance.

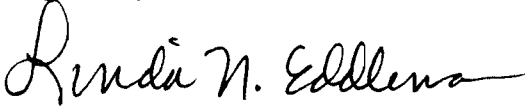
Chairman Dunn read the title of Resolution #R2010-036, regarding Anderson County's petition to the South Carolina State Budget and Control Board for purposes of issuing special source revenue bonds for the First Quality Enterprises Project. Council member Cindy Wilson made a motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Waldrep.

Chairman Dunn asked County Attorney Mike Pitts to explain the purpose of this resolution to Council. Mr. Pitts stated that this resolution authorized the county to petition the SC State Budget and Control Board so that the County can issue up to \$7.5 million in special source revenue bonds as part of the BIG WATER (First Quality) Project. Mr. Pitts stated that this is procedure for this sort of business agreement.

Mr. Allen clarified that the \$7.5 million bond will be paid off entirely from the Fee in Lieu of Tax. No money will be required from the County. Mr. Waldrep asked about the progress of this project and if any further legislation needed to be done. Interim Administrator Rusty Burns said there would be actions needed in the future, but that things were running smoothly at the present. Chairman Dunn called for the vote. The vote on Resolution #R2010-036 was unanimous in favor (5-0) with two Council members absent.

With no further discussion, Mr. Dunn adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda N. Eddleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent part.

Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – June 1, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
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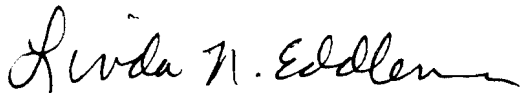
### ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County   of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
CINDY WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call to order the June 1st, 2010 regular Council meeting to order. Let the record show Mr. Wilson's not present. He's gone to a funeral and he's going to try to make it back, but if he don't that's where he's at. Ms. Grace just called to let us know. At this time I'd like to ask Ms. Floyd if she'd lead us in our Invocation and please remain standing while the Palmetto Junior ROTC Guard will be presenting the colors.

INVOCATION BY GRACIE FLOYD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. At this time if y'all would make a note Item Number 6, Presentations of Resolutions/Proclamations, Item (e) will not be done tonight. The folks at the animal shelter, she's out of town. Now at this time I'd ask Mr. Pitts to do Citizens Comments. State the names, if you would, please, state your name and address or district rather and address the Chair and keep it on matters that's on the agenda, please. Are you sure? That's a first. Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At this time, I'll ask for a -- if there's a motion or any corrections or any changes to be made to the May 11th Called Meeting 2010?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we accept the minutes of May 11th.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion and Mr. Waldrep seconds the motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the -- abstaining. Show the motion carries unanimously with Ms. Floyd abstains. Are any corrections or changes to the May 18th 2010 Regular Meeting?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we accept the May 18th Regular Meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion by Mr. Moore and second by Mr. Waldrep. All in -- yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: There's some errors, spelling errors in there that needs to be corrected. I will pass it on to the secretary.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, thank you so much.

GRACIE FLOYD: You're welcome.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed. All abstains. Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on Item Number 6, Proclamation of recommitment to full implementation of the ADA Americans with Disabilities Act. In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the proclamation of re-commitment of full implementation of the ADA on

July 26th, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans Disabilities Act ADA to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, increasing full participation in community life. Every full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA. On the twentieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made under the ADA by reaffirming the principals of quality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance. I put that in the form of a motion.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a second by Mr. Moore. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank y'all. Moving right along to 6(b), Resolution to commend the Crescent High School Lady Varsity Fast Pitch Softball team playing a hard game against the Waccamaw High School to be named state runner-up champions and other matters. Mr. Eddie Moore. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to put this in the form of a motion.

Whereas, the Anderson County Council recognizes the vital role of athletes in ensuring the success of students in our country and therefore wishes to honor coaches, teachers, and parents who support and participate in athletics; and

Whereas, the Lady Tigers finishing the 2009-10 regular season with the record of twenty-nine wins and five losses this year have been brilliantly coached by Mr. Gary D. Adams in his thirty-fourth season as the Lady Tigers head coach; and

Whereas, Adams has coached the Crescent High School Tigers since 1977 and was a 2002 inductee into the National High School Hall of Fame and has claimed his eighteenth state softball title since 1980; and

Whereas, Coach Adams, who has coached over eight hundred winning games in his tenure as head coach, has



led the Lady Tigers to earn eighteen AA state championships and six AA state runner-up championships as well as maintaining a program of continued team excellence on the field and in the community; and

Whereas, this season the Lady Tigers with over thirty wins behind them entered the state finals and went on to face off against the Waccamaw Warriors for the state championship title game where the Lady Tigers gave a hard fight for the title ending with a narrow victory for the Warriors by a score of four to one; and

Whereas, winning the state AA runner-up championship title was a proud moment for Crescent High School and the town of Iva and was due to continued success of the softball program under Coach Adams and has brought great pride to the citizens of the Iva community; and

Whereas, the Anderson County Council shares in the joy of the schools, as well as the town's accomplishments, and are pleased to have the opportunity to provide special recognition to Crescent High School, the Lady Tigers Softball team, and head coach, Gary D. Adams.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Anderson County Council to each and every player, you have displayed a cooperative team spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship. Your attitudes and actions reflect great credit upon yourselves, your coaches, and your athletic program. We, the Council, extend the warmest wishes for your future athletic and academic endeavors. The Anderson County Council commends and congratulates the Crescent High School Lady Tigers Varsity Softball team for their outstanding 2009-2010 season for displaying excellence in sportsmanship and for bringing the title of 2010 AA state runner-up champions back home to Crescent and the Iva community. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: With that I would like for Coach Adams and the families and also all the players to please come up to the front. And I would also like for the County Council to come down and join me and we want to present y'all a few things of appreciation. Coach Adams, it's quite an honor to be able to present this to you and the team tonight. It'll just be another small appreciation from the County Council, another little plaque for you. You've got a lot of them and y'all will have another one. We're so proud of you and this County Council's very proud of you and we just want you to know how much you mean to Anderson County, all of you girls. And for such a great -- just a great season and we just want you to know you mean so much to us.

APPLAUSE

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I forgot to tell you also, I've got two nieces on that team. I've got one as a coach and I've got one that's the player, Kelsie.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, moving on to Item 6(c), the Resolution, Resolution R2010-038, a resolution recognizing and honoring Mr. Joe Pinson for receiving the Order of the Silver Crescent. Ms. Cindy Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll read our resolution up here and then ask Mr. Pinson and his family to come forward. This is a resolution honoring Mr. Joe Frank Pinson for fifty years of vision, leadership, and service to Anderson County and to applaud Mr. Pinson for the distinction of being named a 2010 recipient of the Order of the Silver Crescent, the State's highest honor for volunteerism and service within a particular community and all matters related thereto.

Whereas, Mr. Joe Frank Pinson, a lifelong resident and faithful servant of the Shady Grove Community near Belton, South Carolina resides with his family in the farmhouse where he was raised; and

Whereas, Mr. Joe Pinson's perseverance and dedicated efforts helped to establish the Belton-Honea Path Water Authority which made high quality, affordable, and safe drinking water a reality for the towns of Belton, Honea Path, Donalds, Due West, and surrounding communities; and

Whereas, in the early 1960's Mr. Joe Pinson was one of three workers who cleared land to facilitate the construction of Lake Hartwell, the largest manmade lake east of the Mississippi River, in order to bring a source of stable, affordable electricity to our region; and

Whereas, also during the 1960's Mr. Joe Pinson worked as a founding member of the newly formed Anderson County Fire Protection Commission who established the Rock Springs, Pendleton, and Homeland Park Fire Stations; and

Whereas, Mr. Joe Pinson's vision for a countywide, all volunteer fire protection system for Anderson County became a reality and has expanded into today's network of twenty-seven fire departments and more than eight hundred volunteer fire fighters; and

Whereas, Mr. Joe Pinson has always immersed himself in the betterment of his community and his efforts have positively affected not only Anderson County but also the entire upstate region and the state of South Carolina.

And now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Anderson County Council, on behalf of the residents of Anderson County, the Anderson County Council recognizes the legacy of Mr. Joe Frank Pinson as an integral part of putting in place the vital services that have made Anderson County a leader in the upstate region and a vibrant, bustling part of the state of South Carolina.

Mr. Joe, Anderson County wishes to express gratitude to you for your many positive contributions. Your legacy of vision and leadership will continue to impact the future of Anderson County and the beautiful state of South Carolina for years to come and is very deserving of the honor of the State upon you as a recipient of the Order of the Silver Crescent. We congratulate you on this very distinguished award and thank Senator Billy O'Dell and Representative Mike Gambrell for bringing your accomplishments to the attention of Governor Mark Sanford.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 1st day of June, 2010.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a motion.  
Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore second the motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I'd like for all of our Council. Amazing. A lot of people may not know but Mr. Joe Pinson has been an integral part of our Farm Bureau which also foresaw the need in these areas. And I can't say where we'd be if we didn't have fire and water in this county. So we are forever indebted to you, Joe.

JOE PINSON: I just want to thank the Council and especially you, Cindy, for this recognition. And I didn't do it all by myself. I got lots of wonderful help to do this. But I did all I could and I appreciate the award.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we move on to Item 6(d), R2010-039, a resolution honoring the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior ROTC. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will read this resolution and then request all of our ROTC members and Colonel Cramer and all of the adults to come forward as we honor these wonderful young people and their mentors.

This is a resolution honoring the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior ROTC for receiving the distinguished unit award for the fifth consecutive year and to express appreciation to the AFJROTC for their continued service and excellence in their school and community and matters related thereto.

Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to honor the students in our county who strive to be leaders in their community and to support programs that foster skills in leadership, citizenship, character, and responsibility; and

Whereas, the Air Force Junior ROTC which boasts over one hundred and ten thousand cadets develops young citizens of character by teaching cadets the values of personal responsibility and pride in accomplishment as well as service to country and community and by building self reliance, orderliness, precision, respect for authority and basic military

skills; and

Whereas, the Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguish Unit award recognizes units that have performed above and beyond normal expectations, distinguishing themselves through outstanding service to their school and surrounding area while meeting the Air Force Junior ROTC mission of producing better citizens for America; and

Whereas, this year the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior ROTC has been honored with the Distinguished Unit award for the fourth consecutive year and is one of only two hundred and twenty-six units to be given this award; and

Whereas, in light of their receipt of the Distinguished Unit award and their continued success in the fields of service, leadership, and academics, County Council wishes to thank the ROTC cadets for their bringing this honor to Anderson County in addition to recognizing the Palmetto High School faculty, staff, and administration, as well as parents of cadets, and members of the surrounding community for their continuing support of the PHS Air Force Junior ROTC.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson County, acting by and through its County Council, hereby recognizes and honors the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Lieutenant Colonel Mike Cramer, Master Sergeant David Livingston, and the Palmetto High School cadets for their dedication to the goals of the Air Force Junior ROTC and for bringing this great honor to Anderson County.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 1st day of June, 2010.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a motion. Do we have a second? Mr. Waldrep seconds the motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: We'd now like to invite these wonderful young people and their mentors down front, please. I'd like to introduce Cadet Tommy Thomas and he, as you can see, he has lots of medals on his chest. And we are very grateful for these young folks

coming here tonight and I'd like to present you this award.

TOMMY THOMAS: I'd like to thank the Council for the recognition of our unit. It means a lot to all of us. Thank you.

CAROLINE NORTON: Hi. I'm Caroline Norton. I'm this year's Corp Commander and I would like to thank the County Council for this recognition. Thank you very much. It's a great honor to be here. We've done over seven thousand community service hours this year and hopefully this year the unit will have just as many. This year's Corp Commander is Devon Thomas. Thank you very much.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to Item Number 7, Renewable Water Sources. Ray T. Orvin, Jr.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of Council. I have a handout here. I'll give it to Rusty. I appreciate the opportunity of speaking with you. Again, it seems like this is about the second or third time in the last eight months I've been over. There are really two topics I wanted to talk to you tonight about. But one is very important and I'd like to spend my time on that and that's nutrients, on nutrients, especially as it relates to the Saluda River. And the other is total maximum daily loads which focus primarily on a new approach that the state is using for waters that cannot come into compliance through the normal permitting process. The reason I want to focus on the nutrients is because all the dischargers in the Saluda River Basin from Lake Saluda all the way down to Lake Greenwood have their permits come up for removal this year. Each five years we have what is called the National Pollution Elimination Discharge permit that has to be recertified and they do it by basin and it is the Saluda River Basin's turn this year. About six months ago all the dischargers got notified that the state wished to change their permits to include nutrients, that's phosphorus and nitrogen, and to put limits within those permits to protect Lake Greenwood which is some miles downstream, but we all discharge and we all do discharge some nutrients into the system. So with that, what I would like to do is to talk a little bit about the source of nutrients, how we treat

nutrients, how we can treat nutrients, what's left in the system to be taken out to comply with the state's requirements and how we're planning to deal with those as a community. And that's very, very important because several of the dischargers are in Greenwood County, but most of them are in Anderson or Pickens County, to include one of our waste water treatment facilities. So I want to give you an opportunity to understand what we as a community of dischargers will be doing and hopefully you can give us some advice on maybe some ways of tackling it. So what are the sources of nitrogen and phosphorus. Well, as you can see from this slide that you have here, most of it comes from households. Most of it comes from us, human beings. But we also have a loading from industry, we have a loading from our commercial dischargers, and we actually have a loading that comes from the drinking water folks. They use trisodium phosphate as a coating in their pipes to keep the pipes from rusting and you get rusty water that comes into your homes. So there are a variety of sources of nutrients that will come in just as a matter of the way society treats water. You can see from this slide, we're looking at our lower Reedy plant. Fifty-five percent of that comes from households. I will point out that about one milligram of that actually comes from dishwashing detergents. And we -- I've asked Mr. Pitts to sponsor a bill in the House and the Senate to eliminate dishwashing liquid within the community where there's a TMDL or a phosphorus limit. There are alternative detergents on the market. They're a bit more expensive but not that much more expensive and it will provide an opportunity to reduce the amount of phosphorus that has to be treated at those facilities. In addition, we will be going back next year to talk about the commercial loading. That is a substantial amount of phosphorus that they use within their processes. So there will be some legislation going on currently and probably into the next session to address the loadings coming in from point sources. The next slide you can see is our Lower Reedy plant and we were looking at nitrogen and we were just trying to get an understanding of the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen that comes in. And you can see, nitrogen is a large item. It is natural,

it's produced naturally. It's a bi-product of human process. But we also have some industry and some commercial loading that we will be addressing within the system to reduce the nitrogen coming into our facilities. So how do you treat nitrogen and phosphorus. We do it through what is called a biological treatment process. We have activated sludge processes that we use in our facilities. These are little bugs, believe it or not, they love to eat nutrients. They'll eat up a lot of those nutrients and they will die off and settle to the bottom of the sediment basins and we skim that off into solids, our bio solids program. We can remove about ninety percent of the phosphorus and nitrogen coming in depending on how you operate the plant. You can shift one way or the other and get more phosphorus out and less nitrogen. Or you can take more nitrogen out and less phosphorus. What we try to do is to balance those facilities to optimize the amount and it's around ninety percent. About ninety percent of what actually comes into the plant is actually taken out of the process and is land applied as bio solids in our bio solids program. So we do a fairly good job of that. However, what DHEC wants folks to do is to get down to .06 milligrams per liter at Lake Greenwood. That is the national standard which they have put into their regulation. To do that, we will be required to do some upgrades, but we are trying to manage those upgrades over time and not have to spend a substantial amount of money up front for all the dischargers. One of the things that we will be doing is looking at our phosphorus at George's Creek and you can see that on your chart. We currently, if you'll look at the jagged line at the top, that is our affluent discharge. You notice it cycles. In the summer it's higher than in the winter. Believe it or not, the environment has a lot to do with the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus that is generated. The heat. The yellow dotted line is the DHEC proposal. It's 1.25 milligrams at the plant with the carrying and travel time down to the lake that will be reduced to below .06 milligrams if in deed we can get there under the current scenario, and we certainly think we can and I'll explain that. But there is also a House bill in to lower it down to .05 milligrams. If they do



that, it will be somewhat more expensive for some of the utilities that are in the basin. So I wanted to point that out because I know there are a few that do discharge into the Saluda River from Anderson County. So if they come to you to chat about this at least you've got a little bit of background about what those nutrient limits are. Also at our Lower Reedy plant, we are looking there just for our reference point of a substantial drop to .8 milligrams within the Reedy River complex. So the numbers are getting much more stringent as time goes along which will require in the end upgrades at all the facilities to do biological or nutrient removal. And I mention biological because that's the cheapest way to do it. You can also do it by chemical, that is a very expensive process. But you can do biological and/or nutrient removal by chemical processes. This is an example of our Lower Reedy plant on the nitrogen. As you can see, those numbers are substantially higher than what the proposal is so you can see there's a gap there that we will all be struggling with. So the question is how are we going to tackle this? We have formed a consortium of all the utilities on the Saluda to address DHEC's requirement to reduce the loading. What we have received from DHEC is a proposal collectively that we put no more than two hundred and fifty pounds a day into the river. That will be for all dischargers within that basin. That is not a lot of phosphorus, but we think we can do it because of the way we're currently structured. Renewable Water, as you know, will be building a new facility over about a half a mile south of our facility in Piedmont. That will be a biological nutrient removal facility. We will be able to reduce the phosphorus discharge out of the Piedmont plant probably by another ninety percent. The remaining dischargers have a very small discharge. Though their permits are large, the amount of flow going in is minimal. And we are negotiating with DHEC to allocate that two fifty out based on actual flows and reallocate it five years down the road as flows increase. What that will do is that will give sufficient capacity to each one of the treatment facilities that do not have phosphorus removal to keep them in compliance. That along with the new George's Creek plant we think will work fine

for probably another five to ten years. The quid pro quo on that and the thing that we want to make sure you folks know because you are the folks who will be dealing with some of this is that at some point those facilities will have to upgrade either for growth or for some other reason. When they do, they will be asked to put phosphorus removal into those facilities. So you will see a -- not only for growth of capacity, but you'll see a bump for water quality standards because of the cost to put the phosphorus removal system in. So those are some of the things that are going on that will have some effect on the Anderson County utilities and on Renewable Water. I will say this, both Pelzer and West Pelzer are putting a force main in the pump station in that will come to our new facility. So those two facilities will go off line and we will be treating for phosphorus for that area of Anderson County. Also up in the Powdersville area, that flow goes into our George's Creek plant, so we will be treating those flows that are generated within those areas of Anderson County also. So I think from a practical perspective, the county will be in good shape if the consortium can work out the arrangements with DHEC for allocating that two hundred and fifty pounds and using that judiciously for all the facilities which would include the facilities in Anderson County, Pickens County, and Greenville County because they all have discharges in that segment of the river. And that's the main thing I wanted to get across to you folks. I'll be glad to talk about TMDLs if you'd like. But it's very important to me that you do understand the issue on the Saluda River because it will come up. It will come up in legislation, it will come up as the negotiations go through on the limits and some of the things that will go into the permits.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Dr. Orvin, you were mentioning phosphorus in dishwashing detergents. It had -- they -- phosphorus had been taken out of laundry detergents, hadn't it? I didn't realize it still remained in dishwashing detergent.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Well, I think one thing that was very interesting, and I didn't bring one but I'll be glad to send you one, is a law was put in place

probably ten or fifteen years ago that banned phosphorus in this state but then all the lobbyist got into it and there's an addendum to it that says with the following exceptions and everything got excluded except household detergent for laundry.

CINDY WILSON: Now what percentage -- or you mean laundry detergent still has phosphorus in it?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: No. That was the one thing they didn't take out.

CINDY WILSON: But in dishwashing detergent, what amount are you treating at your plants that you believe is attributed to dishwashing detergent?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: We've done an analysis on point sources because we think those are the most cost efficient ones to take out. There's approximately one milligram coming in from our pretreatment customers and I'll talk in milligrams and then I'll convert that for you. There's about another milligram that actually does come in from the dishwashing detergents and then there's about one more milligram coming in from the drinking water sources. So there's about three milligrams coming in and that will equate, depending on how you run the numbers, between thirty-five to forty-five pounds of phosphorus a day.

CINDY WILSON: What did you say about drinking water sources creating phosphorus?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: They use -- most of them use trisodium phosphates. It's a -- it's phosphorus, it's a type of phosphorus. It coats pipes so it keeps the rust from flaking off or the scaling in the pipes. When you don't have a coating in there, you -- the pipes will corrode. And I don't know if you've been around some areas where they've had rusty water coming out of their pipes and into their houses. That's usually the result of not coating those pipes. They use trisodium phosphate because it's the most inexpensive chemical to use to do that. I would use it too unless there was a requirement not to use it. But we think with what's going to happen especially in the Reedy River, which are going to have limits much more stringent than I just chatted with you about on the Saluda. They're going to have to find an alternative to using that because it's going to be mighty expensive to have one utility putting it in and another utility paying a fortune to take it out. So

we're going to be asking them to go to an alternative chemical.

CINDY WILSON: Could you give some guidance on dishwashing detergents that don't have phosphorus in for us tonight?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: I'm not going to get into the advertisement, but if you'll look on your dishwashing liquid on the label, it'll tell you whether it has phosphorus in it. In most of them, if they have phosphorus in it, it'll range from 5.7 to 7.9 percent phosphorus. So you might want to look for something that does not have a phosphorus content. Usually if it has a phosphorus content of .005, I'm okay with it.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I just have a couple of questions. All the data that you've collected is through the sewer system that comes to you through treatment, is that correct?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Yes, sir.

BOB WALDREP: And that includes, I guess, storm water as well, is that ---

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Actually no. We do not manage storm water. That's a separate entity. I believe ---

BOB WALDREP: Doesn't storm water get into the sewer system?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: If it rains, it's sort of like South Carolina says, there are no sanitary sewers or no combined sewers and we will agree with them as long as it doesn't rain.

BOB WALDREP: Uh-huh (affirmative).

RAY ORVIN, JR.: When it starts raining and if you don't maintain that collector system right, you will have rainfall come in from just openings. People's down spouts tied into the sewer system. Industry has a line that drained a pond they forgot to plug. There's a lot of work going on in the entire country to eliminate those sources. But right -- you're right, we get a lot of storm water when it rains.

BOB WALDREP: So do you coordinate that with the counties with the storm water ---

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Right.

BOB WALDREP: -- affluent? Okay?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: We're working with them. And

we're working with Anderson County's folks ...

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RAY ORVIN, JR.: ... go to the total maximum daily load. They have a requirement to reduce their phosphorus going in also. So we're forming a compact with them to try to work that out collectively.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Now of course we don't have the problem I guess that some places have. Isn't Anderson County, Pickens County, Oconee County, aren't we relatively clean as far as these matters are concerned. I mean, we're not like some counties that have very high levels that are caused by -- well I guess some of the big hog farming operations is what I'm thinking about that get into the system.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Right. But I think we all need to go back and do an assessment, find out what we do have. You know, those cows and horses, they don't know the difference between standing in a creek and standing on the side of a creek.

BOB WALDREP: Uh-huh (affirmative).

RAY ORVIN, JR.: But the reality of is the farming community as well as what we call the MS4s which are the densely populated communities are all working together with us, the point sources that try to manage the non-point problem.

BOB WALDREP: Last question I had really was about the total maximum daily load. Now how do we comport with the rest of ---

RAY ORVIN, JR.: What they've basically done in the Reedy River is that it's impaired. It's on what is called a 303D list because the readings they took there were above the .06 milligrams in that arm of Lake Greenwood twice in a five year period. They could not get it out during the permitting process so they've come up with this compact which everybody discharges into the river whether you're non-point arm or point, they're going to put limits on to bring that number down to .06 or less. What they did in the Saluda is take a little bit of a lead on that. The Saluda is not impaired, the Lake Greenwood arm of the Saluda is not impaired, but what they wanted to do is go ahead and put limits in place so that that .06 would be met over time and not be faced with a TMDL. So I think it's a very proactive step.

BOB WALDREP: So you're working kindly with

the DHEC -- I mean DHEC kind of sets these regulations, do they not, on the total maximum daily load?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Well, they set all the numbers.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. And ---

RAY ORVIN, JR.: You can negotiate with them, but they set all the numbers.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Do you think there's a realistic working arrangement on these goals that we've set for total maximum daily load? Is that realistic?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: On the Saluda or on the Reedy?

BOB WALDREP: I'm talking all the way, I guess is what I'm looking for because ultimately some of -- a good bit of this -- I'm thinking about Savannah in particular.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Everyone who has dealt with the TMDL has really struggled with the TMDL. It is very, very, very expensive. A good example is on the Reedy River, we have two facilities that we will be retrofitting for chemical to physical because of the phosphorus unless we can get it out at the point. That's approximately fifty million dollars in capital and sixteen thousand dollars a day in operating costs.

BOB WALDREP: Wow.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: So that's -- if you'll notice, I'm very, very focused on going back to the source including the drinking water folks before you start putting those kinds of numbers and rates on the back of your rate payers. So we're going to be very, very aggressive about looking at where is it coming from before we have to go to spending that kind of money.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, thank you very much.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'm sorry, but I've let time run over a good seven-eight minutes and if we -- anybody's got anything else, we need to extend the time. Sort of get control back.

CINDY WILSON: May I make a motion to extend by five minutes?

TOMMY DUNN: Y'all want to extend the time.

TOM ALLEN: I so move it.

TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion to extend for five minutes Ms. Wilson.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Let Mr. Allen, he hasn't had a chance. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just -- I'm not picking on you, I'm going to go ahead and pick on DHEC I guess. You know, I'm intimately familiar with the Saluda River for a number of reasons. But, you know, we've worked diligently here in an attempt to get industry and economic development into the area. And a lot of people ask, well, gee, why is all of our industry moving offshore, why is it going to Mexico, Indonesia, the Philippines, or wherever it may be? These are the kinds of things that are causing industry to move offshore. You know, you can take this industry and somebody overseas will do the same job for a dollar, they don't have to pay worker's compensation or 401ks or medical or dental or retirements or anything like that, nor do they have to meet all of the OSHA and EPA regulations. Having said all that, my question is anything like this that comes into being, I have to very seriously question why. Why do we need to go to .06 milligrams per liter? I've got a million questions. I'm not going to ask them. I just want to make that statement because I don't necessarily trust what DHEC comes up with or on the national end of things what they come up with on environmental policy. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

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TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, you got anything?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I was going to ask him, maybe you said this at the beginning and I just missed it, okay. I understand that Ms. Wilson called you Dr. Orvin. Listed here ---

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Yeah. I've got a knife-scalpel, if you'll just give me a minute, I'll pull it out. No. I have a DBA. I'm a doctor of business administration.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Orvin, did you tell us -- where did -- I have so little information here about you. Where do you work and, and all of that?

You know, who are you in other words?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: I am the executive director for Renewable Water Resources.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is this a private company?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Public agency. We changed our name about a year ago, actually about two years ago. We were known as Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Yeah.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Western Carolina we got confused with Cullowhee. They were getting our mail, we were getting theirs.

GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

RAY ORVIN, JR.: And, you know, regional is a negative, sewer is a negative, authority is definitely a negative. We felt that it was time to become more proactive with what we were really doing and we're chartered under the '72 Clean Water Act. We clean water and, you know, ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And you said this ---

RAY ORVIN, JR.: -- I think the drinking water folks may have usurped that, but the reality is they provide drinking water, we clean water.

GRACIE FLOYD: But you are a public entity?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Am I correct? Okay. It was one other question. I think you came to us about three, four years ago when we were having our county retreat.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Uh-huh (affirmative).

GRACIE FLOYD: And you spoke to us at that time on storm water.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: Was that your company that did that then?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: I did part of that, yeah. Uh-huh (affirmative).

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. I didn't know whether you were the same company or not. Name change, okay? It's scary.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: It's opportunities.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But, you know, I just don't see how we're going to get folks to at this time with the economy the way it is, how we're going to get folks now to change. You know, because it -- as



important as it is, I think people are more concerned about other things, you know, right now. But I sure do thank you for coming today.

RAY ORVIN, JR.: All right. I understand.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore, you got anything?

EDDIE MOORE: Not at the time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just some clarifications.

Pelzer and West Pelzer, which plant would they be directed to?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: They're going to go into the new Piedmont plant.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. And that's on the Saluda?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: That's on the Saluda.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Lower Reedy and George's Creek, they're on the Reedy River?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: George's Creek is on the Saluda, Lower Reedy is on the Reedy.

CINDY WILSON: So most of REWA's problems are basically on the Reedy River, is that correct?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: I would say it's pretty much spread out amongst the Enoree, the Reedy, and the Saluda. We have plants on all three. Just different opportunities.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

RAY ORVIN, JR.: Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Moving on to Item Number 8, Continuing Problems with the Railroad Crossing in Pelzer Area, Lewis Drive Area. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've had a number of citizens to call me complaining about over at Lewis Drive which is on -- in the Cheddar community and up in the Pelzer-West Pelzer area. Specifically to the Pelzer-West Pelzer areas, this railroad has blocked four streets at one time for more than thirty minutes. There is an issue that I'm going to request some help from Mr. Pitts shortly, but we were seeking some type of help because with the reports of so many people experiencing delays, children late to school, people late to work, people coming in from second shifts trying to get home and

they're stuck there for thirty, forty minutes, emergency services, fire departments, police can't access. There's an issue of a danger too. And I'd asked Mr. Pitts to please look into this and see what the requirements were and rules and regulations because they've -- the Town of Pelzer and people from this stretch between West Pelzer and Cheddar have requested some help regarding this issue, so I will ask Mr. Pitts to give us an update.

MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. I did some research on this and we were able to locate a state law that's on the books and it's been on the books for quite some time, since the early 1900's, and it prohibits blocking a road crossing with a railroad car or a locomotive for five -- for any period of time longer than five minutes once the engineer or the conductor or an agent of the railroad company has been notified of the blockage. So once they're notified, they then have five minutes to clear the track. And if they don't, it -- the statute provides for a whopping penalty of between five and twenty dollars for the violation.

CINDY WILSON: Gee.

MIKE PITTS: And the law was put on the books a long time ago back when I guess that was real money.

CINDY WILSON: They hadn't heard of CPI, I guess.

MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. But that, that's the state law that's currently on the books.

CINDY WILSON: Do you have any information as to who -- to whom these people could make calls?

MIKE PITTS: Well, based upon the statute, they have a couple of options. One would be a direct civil action against the railroad for the violation. And it's also a traffic violation, if you will, and law enforcement could issue a citation just like they would any other kind of ticket.

CINDY WILSON: So these folks should call the Sheriff's Department and is there a number for the railroad that they could call. I know they told me they had called the numbers on the track and nothing happened.

MIKE PITTS: Yeah. I will be happy to try and see if we can find some other numbers for the

railroad. It's going to depend also on the actual, you know, which railroad it is that's blocking the track. They probably share a rail at some point.

CINDY WILSON: I think the name of it is Greenville and Western, but I don't know if there's another one involved too. And I understand that there was another action taking place regarding Lewis Drive. Could you give us an update?

MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. That's the pending lawsuit that's been pending for some time involving the railroad and the county and the residents in that area. There was a mediation today. The parties were unable to come to terms to resolve the case so it'll just move forward.

CINDY WILSON: I appreciate it. We know we need railroad service but people in my district have been really mistreated in so many instances by this particular situation. And I would ask if Mr. Pitts would mind writing me up some information that I could get to those folks, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: That's all. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I just had a quick question, Mr. Pitts. I just wondered. The mediation I understand did not -- was not fruitful. But where is the case in relationship to its progress through the procedures as far as going before the Master and all. Did that -- did it go before the Master? I've -- it hadn't gotten there yet?

MIKE PITTS: No, sir. Not yet. There's not been any proceedings. The parties are just engaging in the discovery process and the case is just moving along.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. So does that -- would you have some hope that this case would get before the Master with some reasonable length of time?

MIKE PITTS: I would think ---

BOB WALDREP: A month or so or ...

MIKE PITTS: It probably wouldn't be that quick, but I would think it would, it would come up here probably some time this summer, I would think.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. So the discovery is

over at this time? Is discovery ---

MIKE PITTS: There's no, there's no limit -  
- time limit on discovery. You can conduct discovery  
up until trial essentially, so ...

BOB WALDREP: I understand. But no one's  
filed any kind of motion to limit -- put any kind of  
limitations on time of discovery to get an order from  
the court?

MIKE PITTS: No, sir.

BOB WALDREP: That is done sometimes, is it  
not, to limit?

MIKE PITTS: Occasionally in state court.  
Yes, sir.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, that's where we  
are basically, isn't it? We're in a state court  
process?

MIKE PITTS: Correct. Yes, sir.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to Item  
Number 9, Ordinance Second Reading. Number 2010-008,  
an ordinance authorizing and approving the procurement  
for the transfer of Anderson County's interest in  
certain real property known as the Tri-County Landfill  
property, authorizing the transfer of Anderson  
County's interest in the Tri-County Landfill property  
in the event of an acceptable bid to the purchase of  
the Tri-County Landfill property, and further  
approving and authorizing the execution and delivery  
of a sales agreement and deed to the real property in  
the event of an acceptable bid to pursue the Tri-  
County Landfill property, and matters related thereto.  
At this time, this will be a public hearing. Anyone  
wishing to speak -- speak to this matter, please step  
forward and state your name and district, please, and  
address the Chair. Anyone at all? Mr. Burns, would  
you get him the mike where he can get ...

MARK POWELL: Self service. Mark Powell,  
District Seven. This is an intriguing thing as you  
read through the blogs and different things talking  
about this landfill. Am I to understand that we the  
County paid for half of this thing. The other two  
counties paid a quarter each. We, the County, have  
spent an additional half a million bucks and other  
stuff. We have a million and a half minimum invested.  
If we sell it for 2.8 minimum, we're only going to get

an equal split of a third because of some litigation that some judge wrote and said you must split the money equally with three -- with the other two counties. We desperately needed a landfill ---

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell, could you -- excuse me, would you speak into the mike a little bit because some of us are having trouble seeing -- hearing you a little bit about the audience. I think I can hear you fine, but I think a lot of people's having a little trouble hearing you if you can get a little closer, we'd appreciate it. Thank you, sir.

MARK POWELL: That's unusual I'm not loud enough. It's running from me. Okay. We have a landfill that was full to capacity, the reason we were in need of purchasing land for a landfill. We closed it down, we condemned it, we said not another piece of trash could ever come into it, we sold it for like two million bucks. We all as citizens of this county are paying -- every so often you increase our trash fee. I forget what that's called. But every household pays a fee for our trash. We were told it was going to be cheap, cheap, cheap. We would have a wonderful deal. But yet we're paying more and more money and I understand that it may be raised again. Each house will pay extra money. I also understand that the other two counties are saying heck no you ain't -- or at least Pickens I guess where it's actually at is saying there's no way a landfill could ever go in that location. You know, if it was bought for a landfill and I love what Mr. Wilson said two weeks ago, well by golly if we were going to do it as a landfill, we need to continue doing a landfill no matter what them there people in them other counties say. Kind of like the Greenpoint Landfill up in his district. We said he could do it, we said he could do it, everybody in this county signed up, the DHEC signed off, and he fought to stop that one. But I really commend him for wanting to make this one continue going forward. What a wonderful change in attitude. But I do hope that the only way you will sell it is 1.5 times three so we get every dime of our investment back. If the other counties want to do something different, tell them to give us a one and a half million bucks and we'll step out of the picture. But without that, please don't sell land at a loss. A gentleman in this room wrote

it could be way up. He mentioned a hundred million. I don't think it'll be that high. But there's no telling what it will cost to buy five hundred acres, secluded in order to put another landfill on. Now the one down in my area is not secluded, but it's now becoming a Mt. Trashmore. I guess we can put a Paris Mountain on top of it or something, I don't know. But, please, do not sell that thing for less than what we get as 1.5 million which is our tax dollars that we have invested. Please do not sell that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak to this matter? Anyone at all? Hearing none, the public hearing now be closed. Entertain a motion.

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we move.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move and a second. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I won't even begin to address the history of this landfill because I can't even remember all the detail but there were some serious issues when it was first acquired by the county. This is part of a distant past. There were issues of the county failing to perform, I believe, certain issues and there was all kinds of legal action back and forth. I remember we, at one point, wouldn't be getting anything and then there was a legal action taken. I think Mr. Lawton McIntosh before he became a judge was engaged to look into the matter and managed to get us back into position for at least a one third interest. So I don't remember precisely what happened but there's some serious history and I -- from what I've seen and remember, we're lucky to get a third of it. Maybe we could get an update. It might be useful if we could get kind of a chronological order of events and make sure our public understands what took place.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: I tried to also just follow up on what Ms. Wilson said, tried to track that history of this deal and it appears that Anderson County had

gone into a breach situation of the contract. So this goes back many years, I guess, when everyone thought that this was going to be a workable solution and cooperation between the three counties and also Clemson University at that time. But it appeared to the Council at that time, and a majority of this council was not making that decision, but it appeared to the council at that time that this was not going to be a good deal for Anderson County. Whether it was or was not, I'm not exactly sure. I don't have all the numbers in front of me. But, nevertheless, that was the decision that was made and so consequently there was a lawsuit and we had, we had a problem. I think there might have been some kind of forfeiture in that agreement if the parties tried to pull out or didn't, didn't cooperate. And fortunately, there was a lapse of time where the statute of limitations came into play and Mr. McIntosh's firm was able to virtually salvage for us a third interest in this, in this contract, in this agreement. That's why regardless of what anyone says, we're not going to be able to get more than a third, in my view. Someone else might have another opinion, but we're not going to be able to get more than a third even though we did invest probably more than a third as far as it was initially concerned. There was a settlement to that effect. So that's where we are. It is what it is and I don't know that we're going to be able to change it and get more than a third. Thank you.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick question from the historic standpoint. Why did we pay more than the other counties? Was it because we have more population and it was assumed we would, we would have more? But yet it has never been used as a fill, so we have not put any trash into that landfill.

TOMMY DUNN: It's not a landfill, it never was developed.

TOM ALLEN: Well, it was never developed. Right.

TOMMY DUNN: Property.

TOM ALLEN: So there's never been any trash go from Anderson County is what I'm saying into

that.

CINDY WILSON: Someone correct me if I'm wrong, but I think it was supposed to be a recycling center and maybe C and D type landfill but not municipal solid waste burying.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. And the reason again that we can't get our share of the money back is what?

TOMMY DUNN: Judge's order.

CINDY WILSON: There was some type of a breach of contract. We'd have to get an updated -- a chronological ---

BOB WALDREP: There was an order and a settlement to that effect. And, quite frankly, it looks like that we were somewhat fortunate because of the breach situation that we were able to salvage an interest back into that landfill because of the breach that Anderson County was charged with, we stood to forfeit.

TOM ALLEN: Do you know what the breach was?

TOMMY DUNN: Agreed to sell it and didn't sell it.

EDDIE MOORE: Right. And that was ---

CINDY WILSON: No. That was another item.

BOB WALDREP: Well, it was a number of things. They just would not move forward or contribute any more after -- it seemed like the picture changed when more information came in about what the cost was going to be for the use and the tonnage and all that. That it looked like it wasn't going to be a good deal and so that was the decision that was made. That's without pointing fingers at anybody, that's just the history.

TOMMY DUNN: Facts.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: You through, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: I'm -- yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, do you have anything -- do you know the history of this, of this landfill that you can bring -- remind some of us and inform the others of us about it?

MIKE PITTS: The -- as far as the history goes, I don't have all of the history of it. I know



there was an attempted sale. There was some question about whether the -- there was another bid that came in at some point. That was why everybody backed away from the sale initially. There was litigation that ensued and the parties mediated the case and came up with the solution of selling the property and dividing it -- dividing the proceeds equally into one third.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, on the third reading of this, would you please research it and bring it back to us about what happened? I remember bits and pieces of it as well. I remember it seemed there was a third party who wanted to purchase the whole thing, but I can't remember, you know, what happened to it. But I do know that we paid more than anybody else did and I do know that we stand to lose. The others will not lose, but we will. And -- but, you know, this is another case like the McCants Building. We're voting on stuff and we need to make decisions here, but we don't have any background information. So, please.

MIKE PITTS: I'll be happy to research that. The one information I do know is what the parties agreed to and that's what we're bound by as a result of the settlement. But I'll be happy to get you all the historical data you would like.

GRACIE FLOYD: The parties would be the judge.

MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am. The parties were the three counties came together and reached an agreement on how to resolve the dispute to settle the lawsuit.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I just heard that it was the judge who decided that everybody would get a third.

MIKE PITTS: I don't believe that's accurate. I believe that there was a mediation where the parties agreed to that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I heard it -- I heard it from here. You did what now?

MIKE PITTS: The parties agreed to that during a mediation.

GRACIE FLOYD: So a judge didn't do that?

MIKE PITTS: The parties agreed to it.

GRACIE FLOYD: The parties agreed.

MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I heard tonight that the judge said ... Okay. Whatever. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries with Ms. -- in favor five to one. Ms. Wilson in favor, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd opposed. Moving on to Item Number 10, the Acceptance of Roads into County. Mr. Bill West.

BILL WEST: We should probably take action on these individually.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

BILL WEST: But I will go over them each individually, you know, with you. First is McNeely Road which is up just north of 153 on the east side of 81 where there's a new shopping center proposed and the folks have relocated McNeely Road in order to facilitate the development of the shopping center. They did this under the encroachment permit process with the county and have completed all drainage facilities and so forth and we would recommend that this be accepted into the county system.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion.

Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion? In favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Next request.

BILL WEST: The next subdivision is Josie Creek which is also in Council District Number Six and off of Old Williamston Road. Not the one we're most familiar with by the fair grounds, but the one that goes off of Exit 32 up there. And this is for Josie Creek Drive, approximately fifteen hundred feet of paved roads will be added to the system. It has been completed to county standards and inspected by the county and roads department and we recommend it be accepted into the county system.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion.

Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show

the motion carries unanimously. Mr. West.

BILL WEST: The third project is Phase IV which is the final phase of Westwood Point on the other Old Williamston Road across from Cobb's Glenn. And there -- it has been inspected by the Anderson County road department and meets all standards of the Anderson County for the road construction and drainage and so forth. It'll add close to two thousand, nineteen hundred and twelve feet of paved road to the county maintenance system located in District One. We would recommend this be accepted.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept it.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion to accept by Mr. Moore and second Mr. Waldrep. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. West. At this time, moving on to Item Number 11, I believe it's Mr. West also. Presentation of Agriculture Statistics. Mr. West.

BILL WEST: Yes, sir. We're going to do this presentation briefly in the form of a trivia contest. Whoever knows the answer can raise your hand. What county in the state of South Carolina rates number one in cattle and calves, in goats, in hay, grass, silage, in cattle and calves in terms of sales, not only numbers, in sale of sheep, goats, and their products?

TOMMY DUNN: It'd be Anderson County.

BILL WEST: Mr. Dunn, who is it?

TOMMY DUNN: Anderson County.

BILL WEST: Okay. What county ranks number two in the state in the number of horses and in sorghum and grain production?

TOM ALLEN: Could we let Ms. Walkowitz answer that one, please?

BILL WEST: I won't go on with the whole list, but it is an interesting list. I think a copy was placed at your desk and I will put several copies on the, on the stand out in the hallway for other folks to pick up. But it is fascinating to see how much of Anderson County's economy and imagine how much of our employment, you know, is in agriculture and all the associated parts of that. It's very interested

too to see that nationwide we have some rather high rankings. We're in the top ten percent of poultry and egg production in the number of dollars. We're in the top eight percent of broiler and meat type chickens production. And top four percent of the inventory of goats, you know, by counties in the whole country. Like I said, I will leave copies of this out there. There's certainly no action. This comes from the census of agriculture which is -- and also the equine census which was done in 2004 and in 2007 for the census of agriculture.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. West.

BILL WEST: Y'all did well on the trivia contest.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it.

CINDY WILSON: Cheat sheets.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

BILL WEST: Yes. Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I very quickly?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

CINDY WILSON: Also, the combined economic impact of the equine industry in the Oconee, Pickens, and Anderson Counties is actually around sixty-three million dollars. That is substantial. We have a little -- lot of small farms and a lot of big farms in this county and that adds to the quality of the life and also to our economy. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time moving on to Item Number 12, Solid Waste and Recycling Ad Hoc Committee report. Chairman Ms. Cindy Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had an ad hoc solid waste recycling committee meeting on May the 20th to review revenues and expenditures of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, possible improvements in services such as recycling and trimming the budget where appropriate. We were advised that four positions formerly in Department 5611 will be transferred to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Department 5611 which is -- was formerly environmental services will be eliminated and all those employees will be redeployed to their appropriate corresponding departments. The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund salary and benefits line items would increase to reflect that. Some other interesting things that we learned

is that recycling revenues dropped approximately a hundred and ten thousand dollars from 2009 reflecting both decreases in consumption and also citizens turning their recyclables into income. So those were two reasons for that. Our Solid Waste Enterprise Fund is now responsible for the repayment of, I believe it was about a 3.4 million dollar bond which was floated in 2008 for the purpose of upgrading and expanding several of the Anderson County convenience centers. The fiscal year 2010-2011 principal and interest payment will be somewhere around three hundred thousand. We're still trying to collect our numbers. I have asked for some of the landfill closure numbers, the backup information, because I noticed, for example, this coming year for the 2010-2011 budget we have to set aside a hundred and five thousand. However, the actual for 2009 was a little more than twenty-five thousand. 2008 was like eighty-eight thousand six hundred. I'm sure there's some formula we have to adhere to and I was just trying to reach an understanding for our education on that. We'll be looking at this more closely and coming up with some recommendations soon. And we'll make this report available shortly. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Moving on to Item Number 13, Appointments to Various Boards and Commission. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Get this out. I'd like to appoint to the economic development committee Ms. Sandra Gantt from the Pendleton area.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion of Mr. Allen and a second by Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Allen, can Ms. Gantt hold that position as she is -- is she still a council member?

TOM ALLEN: She is. I don't believe that's a conflict.

GRACIE FLOYD: Of interest.

TOM ALLEN: Correct. It's not a conflict.

TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: That's all.  
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.  
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
EDDIE MOORE: None at this time, Mr.

Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Wilson. I have none neither. Moving on to Item Number 14, Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We've got two items for consideration tonight. The first is the airfield pavement rehabilitation project out at the airport. I received two bids on this. The low bid with the two alternates is three million six hundred ninety-nine thousand one hundred eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cent to APAC Tennessee, Incorporated.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion? Mr. Waldrep makes a motion. Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds it. Any discussion?

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: This is contingent upon us obtaining a grant, is that correct? I mean that's not money coming out of our ...

ROBERT CARROLL: I'll let Mr. Hopkins speak to it. But, yes, there is funds involved.

BOB WALDREP: Okay. And this includes the paving and the lights as well?

HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

BOB WALDREP: That's what we've been talking about for the last six months about needing the paving and the lights.

HOLT HOPKINS: That's correct. We can't actually get the grant until we have bids in hand.

BOB WALDREP: Okay.

HOLT HOPKINS: And this is part of the process.

BOB WALDREP: Will this bring us up to date on that airport as far as the actual infrastructure for the runway and the lights? It won't?

HOLT HOPKINS: It's -- this is just a piece of all the things that need to occur out there.

But we work with the FAA every year to just keep adding to the list of things that need to be done.

BOB WALDREP: When you say a piece, are you talking about a third or a tenth or ...

HOLT HOPKINS: Just for example, one of our desires and goals is to retrofit the airport to where it can handle the heavier planes.

BOB WALDREP: Right.

HOLT HOPKINS: This alone will not allow this, but this is like a third of what needs to happen in order to be able to do that. We'll have to go out and take care of some other taxiway and the runway itself. This is just the parking area and a couple of places on the taxiway that will be beefed up to where they can handle the heavier planes.

BOB WALDREP: Okay.

HOLT HOPKINS: It's not doing it all.

BOB WALDREP: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Does this take care of the light issue that we were hearing about? The lights that ---

HOLT HOPKINS: It's taking care of the majority of the lighting issues that we are having. The main ones, the runway and the main taxiway, but it's not taking care of all the lights that will need to be fixed.

CINDY WILSON: What can we do to address the rest of the lighting?

HOLT HOPKINS: We're going to keep asking for more money and -- but this will get us out of the emergency mode that we're in right now.

CINDY WILSON: All right.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Hopkins.

ROBERT CARROLL: The second item is furniture for the Ronald P. Townsend Building. The vendor is KI which is Kruger International - one hundred seventy thousand two hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty cent. The majority of this furniture is for Summary Court and then the other smaller amount is for the two other offices that are moving there, being Veterans

Affairs and the Legislative Delegation.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion? Motion  
Mr. Waldrep. Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any further  
discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: This was sitting at my place  
when I came in and this is the first I saw it, is  
coming in. Is this covered by the bond that we had on  
that?

TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Burns?

ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Burns, I think is going to  
address this item.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, it is covered in  
the bond and it is being placed on your desk and that  
is my decision and request Council would indulge us on  
that. But we're trying to get this furniture in so  
that we can get the Magistrates and other people in as  
soon as possible so that we can no longer have to pay  
rent on another building that we're renting. And that  
will save us a considerable amount of money.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: The only thing, I just want to  
make sure that we have some quality furniture that's -  
- I noticed in the past on some of the furniture that  
was bought, we paid an exorbitant amount of money for  
it and you could have gone up to Walmart or Sam's and  
got the same stuff about half price and I just don't  
want to see that again. I'd like to make sure that we  
have a reasonable input on the type furniture and as  
far as some specifications and stuff. If you could  
provide that to the Council and also provide the bids.

ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. Now, this is on state  
contract. KI's on state contract. Now just for ---

EDDIE MOORE: I understand that, but I just  
want you -- you said this last time and when we bought  
some of that furniture when you looked at it, it was  
not that -- the kind of money that was spent. I mean,  
Mr. Waldrep, I think you looked at it too and we, and  
we want to make sure. Just because it's a state



contract doesn't necessarily mean you have to use state contract if there's other avenues available.

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. That is correct. We can go much more expensive. We can go a whole lot cheaper. This -- the architects, the staff, especially Judge Devine, has worked a lot of hours on this. She has been very diligent in trying to use some existing furniture, using -- we're using some existing panel systems that's across -- in the courthouse across the street to work into this. And, you know, I think she feels like this is a middle of the road furniture. It's not by any means the most extravagant but it's not the cheapest either. And there are, like you said, Mr. Moore, you are correct. There are several different manufacturers on state contract. This is the one that was chosen. Like I say, they've had several meetings on this to discuss it. But I'll be glad to provide, you know, any backup information we can give on it.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you.

ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, Requests by Council Members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I have none, thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Are you asking for comments?

TOMMY DUNN: Requests by Council. You got, I mean, you got ---

BOB WALDREP: Requests. Oh, no, no, none. Well, yeah, I do. I have two. I'd like to put them together. A thousand dollars out of recreation to go to the GAMAC and a thousand dollars to go to the Teen Pregnancy Program of Anderson County.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Thank you. Anything further?

BOB WALDREP: That's all. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to request seven hundred and fifty dollars to go

to the Post 44 American Legion in Iva. They had quite a lot of expense. Y'all remember Ms. Tori Black when she won the national award and I want to help them with that.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Moore, anything else?

EDDIE MOORE: Nothing further, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to put a hundred dollars towards the Pendleton High School Athletic Booster Club for the golf tournament that they're having out there.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Allen. I have none. At this time ask for Citizens Comments.

MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven. Tuesday week, primary. I hope that some of you, most of you are still there. Hope that some are gone. The landfill. And I don't know how much longer you can keep piling trash on top of old trash down at Big Creek. I don't know if anything could be changed to get that thing back to being rated as a landfill up in Pickens County. Back to what Mr. Wilson said, that's what they agreed to do, we ought to make them do it. I don't know how much litigation happened. It's not going to be a hundred million to buy more land. It could be fifty million, it could be ten million, it could be two billion. You heard the regulations just for water. Imagine what the regulation's going to be for future landfills. That's wherein lies the biggest problem with the Big Creek Landfill. They put new crap on top of old crap and some day that will probably have to be dug out and cleaned up and all

we're doing is adding to it. And my understanding, the people were supposed to have saved us lots of money. Instead our taxes have gone up in the form of fees in order to pay for trash disposal. They were also not supposed to take ...

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MARK POWELL: ... into another. That's the loophole I understand that those guys are using to put other people's trash in my area, okay? I don't know who put the loophole in there, but if that's what happened, that hole needs to be plugged. And that is what I understand the actual situation with that landfill over there in Williamston. We were not supposed to have any -- which if you took out the other people's trash instead of -- I think someone said two weeks ago maybe twenty years. It was already full ten years ago when we sold it. But another twenty years was added to it by adding another area. But if twenty years was an estimate it might have could have been fifty years for our trash. It might have even been a hundred years, but we keep getting everyone else's. The other thing I'd like to say is those trains that are blocking Pelzer. There was a person who stood before us, blonde headed, and said, why thanks for this ethanol facility coming to our town. We, Anderson County, are going to save a dollar per gallon. I drive all over four states and our gas is a little cheaper because of our taxes. But we, Anderson County, ain't saving no dollar a gallon because we have that crappy ethanol coming through our area. They leave trains everywhere you can humanly imagine. And I'd also like to point out, you guys are being slaughtered over this, I think, seven point something million for this gigantic quality company, Quality First ---

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

MARK POWELL: Thanks.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Brooks Brown, the IV.

BROOKS BROWN, IV: Brooks Brown, District One. I want to thank you all for your proclamation of recommitment to the full implementation of the ADA. Don't know if you're aware of it, but thirty percent of all Americans have some form of disability. We only provide accommodations under federal law for ten

percent. If you've got ten parking places in front of your establishment, one must be marked for handicapped. I see people, able-bodied, using these all the time. I'd like to see a resolution from y'all to the Sheriff to start enforcing and reinforcing the laws for parking in a handicap. And we're going to have -- the hanger tags are changing this year. It has the person's picture on it right off their driver's license so they know who's entitled to use that. So you can't just hang an anonymous tag now and say, well I've got a tag, I can park. You must be the person whose picture is on there or you're going to be fined. I'd like to see a resolution from y'all to the Sheriff saying double and redouble your efforts so that these spaces stay open. I saw four teenagers pull up out front of the building the other day across the street, jumped out of the car, and I asked them which one of y'all is handicapped. Oh, it doesn't matter, we've got a tag. Fortunately, there was a city policeman coming along and I told him, I said, you need to get those people out of there. He gave them thirty seconds to move or receive a fine. I would rather him have just fined them right on the spot and towed. We need to do more for the handicapped, not less. So I thank you for that. Now about the economy. We hear that we can't do this because of the economy. We can't build a building, we can't have boat ramps, we can't do anything because of the economy. Y'all realize if you'd invested any money at all March 15th of last year - let's say ten thousand dollars - your money is now worth twenty-two thousand dollars. It more than doubled compounding. Unemployment in the nation hit a high of over ten percent. It's down to 9.8 percent. Because of this bad economy, we've got a new paper product company going to put a billion dollar investment in Anderson. With this bad economy we've got Boeing putting in a multi billion dollar investment down in Charleston. The economy is improving. Ask Mr. Allen here about his CEO. CEO had a hiring freeze on at Home Depot. Said we're canceling that, we're hiring people. We're going to build buildings. We have decided that enough is enough. We've already bottomed out. The economy is improving. Every time y'all go out of here, you ought to ---

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Jonathan Hill.

JONATHAN HILL: I'm Jonathan Hill, Anderson County, District Four. Next week, next Tuesday, we will, we will vote for -- in the, in the primary for in some cases some of you to be re-elected and in some cases perhaps others. Quite honestly, I hope that some of you are re-elected to serve us for another two years or another term. There are a couple of issues if you are re-elected as a council member for Anderson County I'd like to ask that you consider. Two issues that have been weighing on my mind personally for a while, and I don't think I'm the only one. One is the illegal immigration issue. I know this has been addressed or been brought up in some of our council meetings. Some of the citizens of Anderson County are pretty disappointed with how the council handled those concerns that were brought by the citizens. I would hope that going forward that you guys will not give a blind eye or turn a cold shoulder to the illegal immigration issue. Especially when we have Anderson County School District Five that is employing illegals to build their schools while contractors and subcontractors and brick masons here in Anderson are going without jobs. There's something wrong with that. And then the other issue, I would ask that all of you, whether you are re-elected or not, start today to educate yourself on what the United Nations Agenda 21 proposal is and what it's all about. It's knocking on our door. There's an organization called Ten at the Top that is seeking to put together a shared upstate growth vision. And I, and I feel that this is influenced by Agenda 21 or at least that's my concern. You know, we don't need an international body coming in and telling us, you know, what we need to do with our property rights, what we need to do with our communities. I don't -- you know, the goal of the shared upstate growth vision by Ten at the Top which, by the way, go to [asharedupstatevision.org](http://asharedupstatevision.org) and fill out the survey if you haven't already, you've got until June 4th to do so. They talk a lot about the growth that the upstate's going to see over the next twenty years. New people coming in, new jobs coming in. And I'm all for planning ahead. I don't think

there's anyone here that would, that would say that, you know, we shouldn't be prudent and look ahead and try to, you know, prepare for the future. However, I think two very important things must be ---

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Last is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening. Elizabeth Fant, District Three. What a difference two years makes. If you watched County Council meetings in 2008, a circus of events played out. Council members acted like clowns led by the ring keeper. And now business is dealt with, appropriate accolades are made, and research on items is evident, all the while that the public's interest is being considered. Three current, three current members of Council have consistently watched over the constituents' tax dollars. We will be losing one of these as advisor to a state college, but we need to keep the other two. To the public, those of you who are watching at home, one week from today is election day. Vote absentee before or vote that day. Every vote is important. It is your right and your responsibility or no complaints from you. Choose your candidates carefully. We have several candidates, successful businessmen or women who have produced jobs for the county and have kept balanced budgets within their businesses, presented stabilization and growth, and have the ability to look at hard accounting figures. Don't be swayed by glitz or empty promises. We are making much progress. Let's keep Anderson moving forward. Please vote next Tuesday, June 8th.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At this time, Remarks from Council Members. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just very quickly. I wanted to get something clarified regarding the landfill, the mediation that was conducted. Are we, are we locked into that because of the mediation?

MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. That mediation would be a contract just like any other agreement.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

TOM ALLEN: That's all.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I have a couple of things. First of all, I was looking over the purchases and I wanted to know just how much more are we going to have to pay the Palmetto Investment and Consultants. This time we paid them over seventeen thousand dollars. The Talon Group we've paid them over thirteen thousand. Green and Company over ten thousand. And I'm beginning to get a little, a little worried now that we're not going to have the funds to pay these people if we don't stop this. The person who was doing the whatever kind of audit he was doing has completed his services when he gave us that big old, big old, big old book. But he's still on and we're still having to pay him the way we're doing, the way -- we're still having to pay. Also we have a C and S Consultant for eleven thousand dollars. It seems to me now we should have enough people on staff, you know, to pay rather than to hire a consultant. All right. On the Sheriff's thing, this is just a dream. I have always, I have always advocated the Sheriff people. I have always pushed them and, and fought for them, but now I'm getting a little nervous here because we've bought new cars, new uniforms, we've bought furniture, office supplies, equipment, and we have given raises out of the beau coup for the Sheriff's department. Now nothing wrong with that if we have the money. And if we have the money, if we keep on doing this like this, we're going to run out of something. The handicap parking. I thought that was already enforceable to the nth degree. I thought that if you parked in a handicapped parking space without the marker or without the necessary credentials that you would automatically be moved out of those parking lots. It's a shame that we have to go back now and encourage the people, the Sheriff's department to do their jobs. Also, Mr. Burns, I would like for you to please request that the park and -- not park and recreation, the public service people to please pick up these signs off the sides of the road. They're passing by these things everyday, but we have an ordinance against that. And I sure would like for them to do what they're supposed to do with those ordinances. And I think that that is about all that I have to, that I have to -- that I wanted to say. But really, really, really, we need to keep -- we need to

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stop paying these people now who came in a year ago and went through Anderson County's money like a whirlwind. We need to start putting stops in here somewhere. It's got to stop somewhere. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to remind everybody this weekend they're having Old Farm Days down at the Bowie Complex. There'll be antique tractors and for the first time, we're going to have a whole national group of hit and miss engines. If y'all like the old timey engines, the old hit and miss engines, they're going to be there and I think -- I can't remember the total count of them, but it's the most that will ever been assembled in the upstate of South Carolina in quite a while. So if you like stuff like that, come out this weekend at the Bowie Farm. If you come down Highway 81 and it'll be the first road to the right, right before you get to the school. And come out and join us if you want some good clean fun. There'll be antiques and just all kinds of good stuff down there this weekend. So come down and join us all. And one thing I would like for Mr. Hopkins -- I've had some interest in my district on some of the equipment. I know this is probably not the appropriate time, but I figured if I go on record, you can get the minutes and you can maybe answer some questions. Some of my constituents have been waiting for the auction that the county is going to have on some of the equipment and they have been watching for some time, probably six months or so, about some pieces of equipment. And it -- I would just like to know the disposition on some of these pieces of equipment. Because they've asked me and I don't know the answer so I'm asking you if you could possibly get me a list. I'm going to call out these pieces of equipment that my constituents have been watching and they were really interested in bidding on them and -- at the auction. And the pieces of equipment are the Allis Chandler loader, the John Deere 310 four wheel drive backhoe loader, the New Holland skidsteer, the Bobcat skidsteer, the Ford New Holland flail mower with the side mounted mower, the motor grader, the conveyor, the conveyor to the dump truck, and there were several other Ford tractors that they were interested in. And



they said they'd been watching these things for six months and they keep noticing them -- there's stuff -- they just want to where they're, where they're at. And so if you can possibly give me, maybe for the last six months on any equipment that the county might -- if you've traded any equipment, if you'd just give me the complete details on any equipment that's been traded, what we got for them, etc. And on some of the -- like on scrap metal and things like that. You know, as you know, I live in a -- the rural district with the farmers and stuff and they see equipment out there and they might see an old piece of equipment they can use on the farm. And they're interested in stuff like that and they would just like to know the disposition on the equipment say for the last six or seven months. And if you could do that, I would appreciate that.

HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Moore, if I may. I do have that list available. I can get it to you tomorrow as far as the equipment that's getting ready to be put in an auction and what has already been traded in. We're in conversations now with Mr. Carroll on finding an auctioneer. We're checking with the Sheriff, I don't know if we've talked to his folks yet or not. We may be able to tag on to an auction that he already has planned and -- because he's got a lot more vehicles to sell than we do. But we're in the process and we're trying to get that worked out before the end of, end of June, if possible.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

HOLT HOPKINS: I'll get you that list tomorrow.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. I appreciate it. It just -- the reason I ask that because, you know, a lot of these people like to come and they like to bid on stuff. And a lot of times when you trade stuff, you don't get anything for it. A lot -- most of the time you get -- I've been to enough auctions in my life being an auctioneer, you get more for it most of the time -- especially on equipment. And I'd just like to see, I'd like to see that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr. Waldrep.

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I just wanted to note about these statistics on agriculture in Anderson County and just to comment that when I came here many, many years ago, when moving up to Anderson, the first thing I wanted to know about was what Anderson's base was and I was happy to learn that beef cattle and agriculture were so important. A number of horses and all that. And many, many years later I ended up being chairman of the agriculture committee in the Senate. And the farmers were not too happy about that to have a lawyer as chairman of agriculture because I had only grown two tomato plants at that time. But I just want to say there are a lot of positive things about Anderson County and, of course, I'm getting to a period of time of reflection in talking to folks who have moved here from other parts of the country. Just everyday I talk to somebody who comes in from another part of the country and I just want us to have a little bit of gratitude for the wonderful things that we do have here. We're far from perfect but we're working on it. And I think we're doing a lot of good things. With regard to the immigration issue that was brought up and I think that's one that stays as a hot button issue all over the state. I do know that there's been legislation introduced into the general assembly to do -- to address the immigration problems that we've had. It's certainly unfair, you know, for our local people to suffer at the hands of these people that are not here, that are here unlawfully. And -- but I didn't want us to go off on some kind of tangent that we thought that we -- you know, this issue has come up time and time again in Anderson County for the county level. I've discussed it with the Sheriff time and time again and we just really need some statewide legislation that's going to address this issue and I would just ask us to get behind our local delegation and see if we can't be a voice to have that take place in this immigration issue. Handicapped parking, there's a lot of interest in that out there. That's something that we probably need to do a little bit of a study on. Now I understand the city would be enforcing the handicap law within the city, isn't that correct? And then Mr. Brown's indicating some other areas out there. But I think we're going to have to

work with our Sheriff's office. We've currently expanded it and I'm sure he can be of some help in advising us about how we can tighten it up. The idea of having the pictures is a good one, you know, because that way it's good. I was very glad to hear tonight that we have a member of council whose gotten interested in economics and saving money and our county contracts. You know, where you might be familiar with the contract which I'm asking the county attorney to bring before us and some discussion. The C and S Consulting contract that we have for, I think it's light rail or mass transportation or something that we've been paying out about eleven thousand to twelve thousand dollars a month and to try to see if we're getting anything for our money. We have another contract form contract Form Consultant. Do we need to look at that one to see if we're getting our monies worth? And as you know, we do have an ongoing lawsuit to try to recover about a million dollars that was paid out of this Council back in November of 2008 and I think that that is another issue that we need to be in close contact with. So I'm glad to hear that there's some interest generated about economy in this Council at this time. So with that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have so much going for us in Anderson County. We are truly, absolutely blessed. But there was a previous regime that plundered our county. The Big Creek Landfill was about two hundred acres of permitted landfill space. I cannot begin to tell you what an incredible valuable asset that was in this county. Unfortunately, it was sold for two million dollars. At the time it was sold, we figured around sixty million was what it was worth. It was sold without a benefit of a competitive bidding process. We were told at the time that it would save twenty million dollars. Instead the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund has continued to increase in expense to the county, it actually expanded instead of drawing in and growing smaller. I'm not at all scolding the folks that we have over there now, but this is some past history and will indicate to you some of our existing problems

that we're still dealing with. What's so interesting is that among these issues, the company that bought the landfill, Allied Waste, and its associates gave large campaign contributions not only to my opponents but to sitting members of Council. And apparently that was in violation of our state ethics law which requires that candidates may not accept contributions from vendors with county contracts that got those contracts without benefit of a public competitive bidding process. And I would invite folks to not only look at the Daniel report, the first one that was given, because you'll see that the landfill company that bought that made millions of dollars. I'm guessing somewhere around thirteen to fifteen million a year. All for a two million dollar investment. I dare say that any person in this building could have gone to the bank on a personal note with those numbers and a pro forma and gotten a loan for two million dollars to make that kind of profit. I'd also invite you to look at the Williamston Journal article that Mr. Stan Welch wrote and I think that was a September 2004 article. That will give you very detailed information about how the Tri-County Landfill came to be and some of the issues revolving there and also what happened with our Big Creek Landfill. There's a lot of history here that we're having to deal with from ten, twelve years ago. We'll just have to look at the information and try to make the best decisions on what we've been left with. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I've got a couple of remarks. I'd just like to say I want to thank the staff and putting together -- and we had our farmer's market grand opening last Tuesday and I think it was a huge success. That's something that's needed to be done. I think we've talked about we started this year opening, opening up at -- in the evening hours and it was a huge -- I was there along with a few other people of Council. I think it was a huge success and our hat's off and I only look for it to get bigger as it goes on. I also want to thank staff and the economic development department. We've got a thing coming up Thursday from ten o'clock I believe to twelve o'clock at the Anderson County Fair Grounds. One of the first times -- this pertains to First Quality, the paper tissue company that's coming to

Anderson to meet, to meet some of the people there, for vendors to come, sub-contractors to come and get their foot in the door to do business with them. And I think it's great for First Quality to have this and for staff to put this together and to have this. This is a good opportunity for some local folks to get some good jobs. And last, but not least, the staff has handed me a thing and called me today and asked, the second reading of the budget to be for June 21st, Monday, that'll be on a Monday. That'll be a special meeting. That'll give us our fifteen day notification. That'll be a public hearing at six o'clock. Anyone have a problem with that?

GRACIE FLOYD: Monday?

TOMMY DUNN: Monday. Yes, ma'am. Right here. June 21st, second reading of the budget.

CINDY WILSON: What time?

TOMMY DUNN: Six o'clock. It'll be a public hearing. We need to make sure everybody -- everyone can get here.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, there isn't anything else we could do other than Monday?

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I mean, I'm just asking, Ms. Floyd. I mean if it's, if it's a problem, which I figured it would be ---

GRACIE FLOYD: It's a problem, it's a problem. Uh-huh (affirmative). Will it be too late - - it would be too late for us to have the second meeting, second meeting, wouldn't it?

TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

GRACIE FLOYD: Why didn't we have it tonight?

TOMMY DUNN: Have what tonight?

GRACIE FLOYD: Why didn't we have the second reading of the budget?

TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we're ready for it yet?

GRACIE FLOYD: What? Monday will be inconvenient.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, what would, what would suit you, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: It's too late now. What would have suited me for us to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Well, if you're going to talk about tonight, that's not going to happen. It's too late for that. So, I mean, if you ain't got no other

opportunity, we're going to have to do it Monday, June 21st.

GRACIE FLOYD: You were asking me a question, sir. What would have suited me is for us to have made our plans. We knew this was coming up so do the -- to have this meeting in a timely fashion. To keep calling these called meetings is not fair to those of us who have a life or who have other things that we have to do. It's, it's just not fair. Mr. Wilson hasn't been able to make a meeting at all recently because of his other responsibilities. It's not fair but anyway, I know what's going on and you folks will have to do what you have to do. But I know that I will not be able to make it Monday.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Let's see, that's Monday the 21st.

TOMMY DUNN: 21st.

CINDY WILSON: Is it too late to make it for Friday, June 18th?

TOMMY DUNN: I don't want to do it on Friday, Ms. Wilson. This needs to be an afternoon meeting, it's going to be a public hearing, and I don't think we want to have no meeting at six o'clock on Friday night.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: What about Tuesday the 22nd, Ms. ---

CINDY WILSON: I have a planning meeting, a comprehensive land use planning meeting in Williamston scheduled.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I kind of like the 21st. I think that gives us enough time to plan. I kind of like the way -- the date you have it.

TOMMY DUNN: And we'll have -- we'll be having a workshop scheduled before -- between that and before that too. We'll get together and have one. The staff we'll get together -- y'all and have one. Is there any other things that we got. Meet the dates == so to try to accommodate Ms. Floyd I'm going to do everything I can. You said you're going to be busy the 22nd?

CINDY WILSON: On -- I think that's June 22nd. Is Mr. West still here?

TOMMY DUNN: He's gone.

CINDY WILSON: I don't know if we've sent notifications out, but if notifications have not gone out, I mean, we could reschedule my comprehensive meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep, have you got any conflicts or anything?

BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'm agreeable to Monday the 21st or Tuesday the 22nd or Wednesday the 23rd.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, would the 22nd be a problem? Okay.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. I'll ask Mr. West. If they haven't already sent notices out, I can see if we can reschedule.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns can check with him in the morning, first thing in the morning. Check and see if that'll work. Is that agreeable with everybody, the 22nd at six o'clock?

CINDY WILSON: It would suit me.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, whatever.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Please don't change your meeting for my benefit. I am leaving on Sunday afternoon. I have plans for the next week.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay, okay. Have it the 21st then at six o'clock if that's agreeable with everybody. The 21st. If no objection, the meeting will be adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – June 15, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

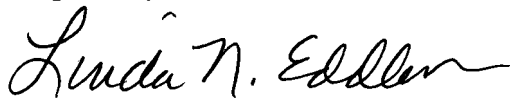
### ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council



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County of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the June 15th meeting of the Anderson County  
3 Council to order. At this time I'd like to ask  
4 everyone to stand for Invocation. First of all, I'd  
5 like to ask everyone if they would just take a minute  
6 -- moment of silence in memory of Ike Brissey and his  
7 family.

8 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOMMY DUNN

9 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
10 please let the record show that Mr. Wilson's not  
11 present. He's out of town on a business trip. And Ms.  
12 Wilson's tending to her mother who just had surgery.  
13 At this time I ask Mr. Pitts to call the names for  
14 Citizens Comments. And please, citizens, keep your  
15 comments to what's on the agenda tonight and address  
16 the Chair, state your name, and district, please. Mr.  
17 Pitts.

18 MIKE PITTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
19 First signed up tonight is Faye Wideman.

20 FAYE WIDEMAN: Okay. First of all, I would  
21 like to say hello to the county administrator, the  
22 county council and to all present. I am Faye Wideman,  
23 representative for the Anderson Star Youth Traveling  
24 Basketball team, ages nine through eleven, this  
25 evening. These twelve players have worked very hard to  
26 achieve this goal. The Anderson Stars have qualified  
27 to compete in the 2010 U.S.B.A., United States  
28 Basketball Association National Championship against  
29 teams from across the country in North Myrtle Beach,  
30 South Carolina, the week of July the 12th through the  
31 17, 2010. These young players and parents are  
32 residents of Anderson County, South Carolina. The head  
33 coach, Willie Martinez, is absent due to basketball  
34 practice. I have sent councilwoman, Gracie Floyd,  
35 District Two, head coach representative, and to my  
36 councilman, Eddie Moore, District Three, two page  
37 detail amount for housing in North Myrtle Beach, amount  
38 of the food for twelve players twice daily, tournament  
39 fees, and four vehicles fill up. The Anderson Stars  
40 are in need of your support and donation. Deadline for  
41 all supportive donations is June 29, 2010. And you may  
42 reach me at 864-224-3928. And the Anderson Stars, at  
43 this point, do not have a 501(c)(3), but that's  
44 something we are looking forward to having. And we  
45 appreciate any support that the council can give and  
46 this traveling basketball team who is going to  
47 represent Anderson County in the national tournament  
48 next month in North Myrtle Beach, July 12th through the  
49 17th. Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

1 MIKE PITTS: Candy Kern-Fuller.

2 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Honorable Chair, members  
3 of Council. I'm Candy Kern-Fuller. I live in Mr.  
4 Allen's district, District Four. I'm here tonight to  
5 speak about Resolution Number 8. While I applaud the  
6 Council's efforts to curb illegal immigration, this is  
7 the wrong way to do it. Immigration repeatedly has  
8 been directed by the courts in the Federal system as a  
9 federal matter. State law, county law, other laws, are  
10 preempted. The whole field of immigration is  
11 preempted. Any resolution that this Council should  
12 pass should be a resolution to your federal delegation,  
13 to your District Three Congress member, to your  
14 Senators, to do something about illegal immigration.  
15 The state cannot. They are preempted under federal law  
16 and this resolution will be for naught. All it will be  
17 is public grandstanding. If it were to be allowed, the  
18 way the resolution is drafted, people would be targeted  
19 based upon their perceived nationality. I did mission  
20 work down in Nuevo Laredo, Texas back in 1990 and my  
21 very good friend, who was a resident of Anderson County  
22 whose heritage was Italian, was stopped at the border  
23 because he was perceived to be Mexican. He was not.  
24 And if people are targeted based upon the perception of  
25 their ethnicity or their national origin, it would fly  
26 in the face of everything that our country stands for.  
27 My father served in the Second World War, my family  
28 were both immigrants on both sides. There are legal  
29 immigrants in this nation who are of Hispanic descent.  
30 Those people do not need to be targeted simply because  
31 of the perception of their ethnicity. I would  
32 encourage you pass this resolution with an  
33 encouragement to our Congress members to do something.  
34 If our state passes this law, they're going to be in  
35 the same place Arizona is wasting millions of dollars  
36 defending a law that's unconstitutional. Thank you.

37 MIKE PITTS: Margaret Thompson.

38 MARGARET THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
39 members of Council. Margaret Thompson from Clemson. I  
40 have to respectfully disagree with the previous  
41 speaker. I've been fighting this issue for the last  
42 four years and beginning to see some results. Last  
43 month there were two committee, two committee meetings  
44 in the State House that Senator Larry Martin from  
45 Pickens County chaired, and they're trying to do  
46 something similar to Arizona. Now while I agree that  
47 this has been a federal issue, we have been waiting for  
48 the Feds to do something and they have not done  
49 anything. So we've had to take matters in our own, in  
50 our own hands. With respect to -- we had some recent

1 issues with the Pickens County Schools and the common  
2 thing was asked well how -- how can you ride by a work  
3 site and tell if somebody's illegal or by the skin  
4 color or anything like that? Well, I agree with all of  
5 that. So what I did is I had an informant working for  
6 me and worked with me about three or four months and  
7 this informant is not even from this country. So the  
8 thing of being racist or anything like that just  
9 nullifies that. Anyway, they ended up fighting a site  
10 up in Pickens County. I think there were three to four  
11 they found to be on the work site illegally. But  
12 because of the new LLR law which if you have less than  
13 a hundred then it doesn't go into effect. However,  
14 they said there were other violations found that I  
15 don't think that's been made public yet. But what  
16 happened was the next day when this -- when it came out  
17 in the newspaper, all the -- some of the work sites up  
18 there, their general contractors asked everybody for  
19 ID, white, black, Hispanic, whatever. Twenty-five to  
20 thirty workers left the site and all of those were  
21 Hispanic. I'm not saying they were illegal, but they  
22 left and they didn't come back. So about racial  
23 profiling, I respectfully disagree. I applaud y'all  
24 for taking this step. I hope something can be done.  
25 And thank you very much.

26 MIKE PITTS: Michael Deanhardt.  
27 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: Michael Deanhardt,  
28 District Five. Mr. Chairman, County Council, the issue  
29 on it, illegal immigration, is a civic responsibility.  
30 I've been making noise for ten years. My business  
31 collapsed ten years ago on account of my subcontract --  
32 my builder's decided they wanted to hire illegals  
33 instead of -- and they brought illegals from Greenville  
34 with counterfeit Social Security cards. And number two  
35 is it's a rule of law. And my concept of profile no  
36 one, which I'm totally opposed to profiling, but you  
37 verify everyone and -- but we have had our head buried  
38 in the sand far too long on this issue. Bob, I agree  
39 that you're trying to create a spark. If the paper's  
40 right, I think someone needs to initiate a discussion  
41 about what seemed to be a constant point of interest in  
42 our county and our state. You've got to light a fire  
43 some place. I'm just going to light a small fire.  
44 Where have y'all been for the last ten years. We have  
45 -- we are flooded with illegals. Go to the -- all  
46 these schools in Anderson that have been built with our  
47 tax money. Our money is going to North Carolina.  
48 Check who's doing the masonry work on those jobs. The  
49 money is going to North Carolina. Okay. It's an  
50 important -- it's important for you guys to read the

1 State of South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act.  
2 You can, you can start with that. Then read the  
3 federal immigration law. You can end with that. South  
4 Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act. Notice to all  
5 South Carolina employee regarding illegal aliens and  
6 private employment. The law requires all employers to  
7 verify the legal status of new employees and prohibit  
8 the employment of any worker who is not legal in this  
9 country and authorized to work. And -- this is a state  
10 law. And not only that, it's the federal law. Verify  
11 the employee's authorization through the e-verify  
12 federal work authorization program. One important  
13 section of the labor employment illegal alien and  
14 private employment Act is forty-one ---

15 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.  
16 Chairman.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

18 MIKE PITTS: Chad Summerall.

19 TOMMY DUNN: What is it?

20 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: I'm going to -- he's  
21 going to give me his three minutes. Uh-oh, sorry. One  
22 important part of the state labor employment act is a  
23 local government must not enact, enact an ordinance or  
24 policy that limit or prohibit a law enforcement  
25 officer, local official, a local government employee,  
26 from seeking to enforce a provision of this chapter.  
27 Now the Sheriff's department and the city law  
28 enforcement is not doing their job. And you, you, and  
29 you, and you are not doing your job. And it says here,  
30 law enforcement officers. We have tried our best to  
31 get them to raid these schools. Not only that, the  
32 animal shelter are working illegals. What's going on?  
33 On the -- on January the 1st, 2010, respect to all  
34 other contractors, subcontractor, and subcontract,  
35 private employers shall comply with the provision of  
36 Chapter 8. In addition to other penalties provided by  
37 law -- this is important right here. In addition to  
38 other penalty provided by the law, a person who  
39 knowingly make or file any false, fictitious,  
40 fraudulent documents, statements or report to this  
41 chapter is guilty of a felony and upon conviction must  
42 be fined within the discretion of the court or  
43 imprisoned for not more than five years or both. A  
44 provision of this chapter enforcement without regard to  
45 race, religion, gender, or national origin. That's the  
46 reason I say verify everybody on the job, black, white,  
47 and Hispanic. I have investigated the school system  
48 and I have caught illegals working on those school  
49 projects. On the fire department in the city, we  
50 caught them working illegals on the fire department.

1 And a subcontractor building a large subcontractor  
2 housing project in the city of two story brick houses.  
3 We did not have any bricklayers, legally bricklayers  
4 worked on the project. The outfit was out of Miami,  
5 Florida. He laughed at us when we protest out there  
6 and he told Chad Summerall, another unemployed  
7 bricklayer and laborer, that you're going to have to  
8 get you another job, you're going to have to go back to  
9 school. This is ignorance at its worst, politically  
10 speaking from our back end instead of dealing with the  
11 truth of the issue. The director is the inspector and  
12 now he's your -- upon proper presentation of  
13 credentials give the right of the law enforcement and  
14 the county, Bob, the right to organize a committee to  
15 go out and investigate these schools and the ---  
16 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.  
17 Chairman.  
18 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: -- animal shelter. The  
19 thing about it though it's an issue of greed and the  
20 Chamber of Commerce ---  
21 TOMMY DUNN: That's time.  
22 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: -- the Chamber ---  
23 TOMMY DUNN: That's time, Mr.  
24 Deanhardt.  
25 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: -- the shame behind it  
26 and there's nothing ---  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Whose next? That's time,  
28 time ---  
29 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: -- nothing is going to be  
30 done about it.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Who's next?  
32 MICHAEL PITTS: That's it.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
34 MICHAEL PITTS: I'm sorry. Mark Powell.  
35 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District  
36 Seven. The illegal immigration is a major thing. It's  
37 sad that we have laws that allow lawyers to get paid to  
38 prove somebody on a technicality to be not guilty of  
39 something they're a thousand percent guilty of. It --  
40 I'm sure the law that says that you can't just walk  
41 down the street, look at somebody, and say, as an  
42 officer, I think you're an illegal, show me your  
43 identification. How we overcome that, I don't know.  
44 But, you know, we, as a nation, have accepted a mass  
45 group of lawbreakers. What you guys write are  
46 ordinances, they become laws, what the Sheriff enforces  
47 is laws. It's saddening that we have so many  
48 situations that we can't stop or prevent people from  
49 breaking our laws because we're scared of them. That's  
50 wrong. The landfill issue. I think y'all said you're

1 just signing a deal saying that you will allow it to be  
2 put up for sale for the minimum bid of two point  
3 something million. It's -- that's sad too, because, I  
4 mean, gosh, we've got like one and half million dollars  
5 invested. But I guess thanks to a landfill that got  
6 sold for under price, would it need competition to it,  
7 or something, we had to break that deal and some judge  
8 at least allowed us to get a third share instead of the  
9 fifty percent share that we had invested. That's  
10 probably worse than the illegal thing because shady  
11 deals, I mean, that just ain't right. I didn't know we  
12 became, what is it, singular. I didn't know we could  
13 transfer minutes, or save your minutes. That's a new  
14 thing for Council. Transferring minutes to someone,  
15 that's pretty cool. We might have to try that every  
16 now -- I like that. You probably shouldn't allow that.  
17 A lot of people thought a lot of changes were going to  
18 come in November. You guys rock. Every last one of  
19 you on my side I like in the Republican party.

20 Maintain and you're going forward. Yea. Y'all rock.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At  
22 this time moving on to Item 4, Approval of Minutes, May  
23 14, 2010 Called Meeting. Are there any changes or  
24 corrections to be made to those minutes? Hearing none,  
25 do I have a motion?

26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
27 motion to approve May the 14th minutes.

28 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion and a  
29 second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion,  
30 show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions. Show  
31 the motion carries with Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
32 Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Floyd abstains. 4(b), Approval of  
33 the Minutes of the May 28, 2010 Called Meeting. Any  
34 corrections or changes to be made?

35 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
36 motion that we approve May 28th Called Meeting minutes.

37 BOB WALDREP: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
39 to approve, Mr. Waldrep seconds. All in favor of the  
40 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. All  
41 abstentions. Show the motion carries Mr. Allen in  
42 favor, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Waldrep  
43 -- excuse me, Ms. Floyd abstaining. Moving on to Item  
44 (c), the June 1st, 2010, Regular Meeting. Are there  
45 any changes or corrections to be made?

46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
47 motion to approve June 1st Regular Meeting minutes.

48 BOB WALDREP: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
50 to approve, Mr. Waldrep seconds. All in favor of the

1 motion, show of hands. In favor of the motion. All  
2 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
3 unanimously. Thank y'all. Moving on to Item 5,  
4 Presentation of Resolution Number R2010-041. Mr. Bob  
5 Waldrep's going to be presenting this tonight in place  
6 of Ms. Wilson who could not attend. Mr. Waldrep.

7 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
8 would like the opportunity to read this Resolution and  
9 then to then be in the form of a motion to approve it.  
10 Resolution R2010-041, a Resolution to honor Clemson  
11 University Vice President for Research and Economic  
12 Development, Dr. Christian E. G. Przirembel for his  
13 contributions to the prosperity of Clemson University  
14 and Anderson County and matters related thereto.

15 Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to  
16 honor citizens who strive to make lasting impact on  
17 their surrounding communities; and

18 Whereas, Dr. Christian E. G. Chris Przirembel  
19 is one of such citizens retiring as a Clemson  
20 University Vice President of Research and Economic  
21 Development after serving the University for nearly  
22 thirty years; and

23 Whereas, Vice President Dr. Przirembel held  
24 the primary responsibility for the University's funded  
25 and unfunded research programs and economic  
26 development; and

27 Whereas, during his tenure Clemson's research  
28 program increased from sixty million to a hundred and  
29 fifty, a hundred and fifty million and four research  
30 and innovation campuses were constructed to strengthen  
31 the relationship between public higher education and  
32 private industry; and

33 Whereas, Dr. Przirembel also vigorously served  
34 in many other capacities for the benefit of our  
35 community and state and has received many awards and  
36 honors for his achievements throughout the years; and

37 Whereas, Dr. Przirembel has to be recognized  
38 for his many honors and commended for his selfless  
39 dedication to countless boards, committees and  
40 organizations and his services as follows: faculty  
41 member, Associate Dean of Engineering, Rutgers  
42 University, Department Head of Mechanical Engineering,  
43 Clemson University, Vice President for Research and  
44 Economic Development, Clemson University,  
45 Administrative Team, Clemson University, South Carolina  
46 Science and Technology Advisory Council, Governor  
47 Hodges' Steering Committee for the technology  
48 transition team, Chairman of the South Carolina APSCOR  
49 Committee, the technical advisory board for the South  
50 Carolina Research Authority, represented Clemson



1 University on a council for the Oakridge affiliated  
2 universities, Board of Directors for the South Carolina  
3 Manufacturers Extension Partnership, AnMed Health Board  
4 of Trustees, Board of Directors for the American  
5 Society of Mechanical Engineers, Accreditation Board  
6 for Engineering and Technology, American Society for  
7 Engineering Education, Chairman of the ASME Committee  
8 for -- on strategic initiatives and innovation. His  
9 honors are as follows: earned a Ph.D. in Mechanical  
10 and Aerospace Engineering from Rutgers University, five  
11 years with International Engineering Academy Award for  
12 contributions in rebuilding Russia's engineering  
13 profession, the Ralph Coates Role Award 1998 for his  
14 contributions to the engineering profession, the first  
15 educator to receive the Rutgers University Engineering  
16 Alumni Society's Distinguished Engineering award in  
17 1995, inducted into Clemson University's Omicron Delta  
18 Kappa Golden Key and Blue Key, Upstate Alliance Spirit  
19 of the Upstate Award 2010, Greenville Chamber Special  
20 Chairman's Award for education and business 2010,  
21 Greenville Business magazine's fifty most influential  
22 2009, education category 2010, the South Carolina Order  
23 of the Palmetto in 2009, Charlestown Individual  
24 Achievement Award 2004.

25 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Anderson  
26 County Council in meeting duly assembled that, Dr.  
27 Przirembel, County Council wishes to recognize and  
28 thank you for your contributions to Anderson County  
29 through your tenure at Clemson University. You've been  
30 an invaluable asset to this community and we look  
31 forward to hearing even more from other accomplishments  
32 from you. We wish you the best of luck in your future  
33 endeavors. Anderson County is in debt to you for your  
34 leadership, your personal sacrifice for the progress of  
35 our community. This resolution to take effect and in  
36 force immediately upon enactment. And, Mr. Chairman, I  
37 put that forth in form of a motion.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Waldrep and  
40 second Mr. Moore. Any discussion? Hearing none, all  
41 in favor of the motion, show of hand. All opposed,  
42 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Lead  
43 on, Mr. Waldrep.

44 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Dr. Przirembel, if  
45 you would come forward.

46 TOMMY DUNN: You all can step down there  
47 if you want to.

48 BOB WALDREP: But if you care to do some  
49 more, we would -- we'd be very grateful to you for what  
50 you've done and we deeply appreciate you and the

1 sacrifice. And I believe your wife is here with you  
2 today.

3 DR. PRZIREMBEL: She is.

4 BOB WALDREP: As your wife, Ms.

5 Przirembel. Thank you for your sacrifice for being  
6 married to Dr. Przirembel. For going through all this.  
7 Okay. So I just thought I would say that. And I  
8 appreciate it. Would -- anything you'd like to say?

9 DR. PRZIREMBEL: I just want to express my  
10 appreciation to the council and to the community and to  
11 my wife. This is our forty-seventh wedding anniversary  
12 tonight.

13 APPLAUSE

14 BOB WALDREP: Oh, good. Congratulations.  
15 Okay.

16 DR. PRZIREMBEL: Thank you. Thank you very  
17 much.

18 TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to  
19 Item Number 6, Ordinance Third Reading, Number 2010-  
20 008. An ordinance authorizing and approving the  
21 procedure for transfer of Anderson County's interest in  
22 certain real property known as the Tri-County Landfill  
23 property, accepting bids -- authorizing the transfer of  
24 Anderson County's interest in Tri-County Landfill  
25 property in the event of an acceptable bid to the  
26 purchase of Tri-County Landfill property. And further  
27 approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of  
28 a sales agreement and deed to real property in the  
29 event of an acceptable bid to purchase the Tri-County  
30 Landfill property, and matters related thereto. Mr.  
31 Burns, if you can -- comments or anything? Or Mr.  
32 Pitts?

33 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, this is the  
34 third reading on the, on the ordinance to go forward  
35 with the -- and approve the bid process, the minimum  
36 bid, and the subsequent delivery of a deed and any  
37 other legal documents if the Council's so inclined to  
38 move this forward.

39 TOMMY DUNN: And I believe you had a  
40 letter in everyone's packet too of the time frame. Do  
41 we have a motion?

42 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we move  
43 this.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Moore and second  
45 Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion?

46 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

48 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to say that I  
49 appreciate the information that Mr. Pitts went through  
50 in giving us the history of the transaction of the land

1 -- I kind of don't know whether they called it a  
2 landfill, but it was the site that we're talking about  
3 today. This history that was done goes back a very  
4 long way. I had a chance to look it over a little bit.  
5 I don't know if I could say I actually read every word,  
6 but it looks like it was a very good history. Just  
7 date by date of how this transpired. So I just wanted  
8 to mention that to any council people that may not have  
9 had the opportunity to read Mr. Pitts' information. I  
10 think they'd be well served by reading it. Thank you.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Pitts, I  
14 can't remember getting a copy of anything like that.  
15 When was it distributed?

16 MIKE PITTS: I gave it to Ms. Eddleman I  
17 believe on Thursday and asked her to provide it to all  
18 of y'all.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I haven't seen that. Do you  
20 have any more copies of that, please?

21 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is this a copy I can  
23 keep or do I have to give it back to you? No. I  
24 haven't seen anything like this. No. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
26 of the motion, show of hands? All opposed like sign.  
27 Show the motion carries. Mr. Allen in favor, Mr. Dunn,  
28 Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore. Ms. Floyd opposes. Moving on  
29 to Item Number 7, Ordinance First Reading, Number 2010-  
30 009. Mr. Tom Allen.

31 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If  
32 I might, I don't know if you have in your books,  
33 there's a -- I know the folks out here don't have it.  
34 But in your book under this item there's a small map of  
35 the area that we're talking about. And the situation  
36 here is out on -- just off of Manse Jolly Road. Very  
37 near the new convenience center out there. And what  
38 has happened -- this Bluebird Lane makes a little half  
39 moon loop off of Manse Jolly Road and back in there is  
40 a golf cart manufacturing plant. Now there's a wide  
41 road, a direct route into the golf cart manufacturing  
42 plant, but big trucks are starting to take this little  
43 bitty Bluebird Lane as a so-called short cut which it  
44 really isn't because there's only about a hundred yards  
45 further they would have to go to turn in the main  
46 entrance. But it's a very narrow two lane road, no  
47 shoulders, it's pretty well beat up. It definitely  
48 does not need to have truck traffic on it. And there's  
49 no reason for trucks to be driving down that road. So  
50 we'd like to move this ordinance to eliminate that type

1 of vehicular traffic on Bluebird Lane.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Do you make that in a  
3 motion, Mr. ---  
4 TOM ALLEN: Form of a motion. I'm  
5 sorry, yes.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Second  
7 Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion? All in ---  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Floyd.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Allen, do you have to  
11 post something like this before you do -- close it down  
12 to trucks? Has it been posted? Is it supposed to be  
13 posted?  
14 TOM ALLEN: I don't -- do you know, Mr.  
15 Hopkins? Is there a requirement to post that? Because  
16 it's not really designed for truck traffic at all  
17 anyway.  
18 HOLT HOPKINS: There'll be a sign put up  
19 with proposed underneath it.  
20 TOM ALLEN: Oh, okay.  
21 HOLT HOPKINS: Through this process until  
22 third reading.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.  
24 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you.  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor  
26 of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
27 the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Allen.  
28 Moving on to Item Number 8, Resolution requesting the  
29 South Carolina General Assembly to enact more  
30 comprehensive legislation addressing illegal  
31 immigration and matters related thereto. Mr. Bob  
32 Waldrep.  
33 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
34 I'd like to read the Resolution and then put it in the  
35 form of a motion and ask for consideration. The  
36 Resolution 2010-042, a Resolution requesting the South  
37 Carolina General Assembly to enact more comprehensive  
38 legislation addressing illegal immigration and matters  
39 related thereto.  
40 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, is a  
41 body politic and a political and corporate subdivision  
42 of the State of South Carolina; and  
43 Whereas, in these difficult economic times,  
44 Anderson County is mindful of the difficulties  
45 experienced by the citizens and residents of this  
46 county when available jobs are performed by individuals  
47 who are not legally present in the United States; and  
48 Whereas, at the same time, the Anderson County  
49 Council desires to ensure that the civil rights of all  
50 persons are protected in keeping the protections

1       afforded by the Constitution and the laws of the United  
2       States; and

3               Whereas, Anderson County Council is aware of  
4       and appreciates the recent efforts by members of the  
5       South Carolina General Assembly to enact comprehensive  
6       immigration laws like Senate Bill 1446 and House Bill  
7       Number 4919; and

8               Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to  
9       express its wishes that the South Carolina General  
10       Assembly enact meaningful and comprehensive legislation  
11       prohibiting illegal immigration in a manner consistent  
12       with federal laws regulating immigration, protecting  
13       the civil rights of all persons, and respecting the  
14       privileges and immunities afforded to United States  
15       citizen.

16               Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Anderson  
17       County Council in meeting duly assembled that the  
18       Anderson County Council, acting by and through its  
19       County Council, respectfully requests that the South  
20       Carolina General Assembly enact meaningful and  
21       comprehensive legislation prohibiting illegal  
22       immigration in a manner consistent with federal laws  
23       regulating immigration, protecting the civil rights of  
24       all persons, and respecting the privileges and  
25       immunities afforded to United States citizens.

26               This resolution shall take effect and be in  
27       force immediately upon enactment. And, Mr. Chairman, I  
28       would make that in the form of a motion.

29               EDDIE MOORE:           Second.

30               TOMMY DUNN:           Motion of Mr. Waldrep and  
31       second Mr. Moore. Any discussion?

32               EDDIE MOORE:           Yes. I would like ---

33               GRACIE FLOYD:          Yes.

34               TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Moore.

35               EDDIE MOORE:           I would like to make a --  
36       talk about this a little bit. I think we -- this is  
37       very good ordinance -- not an ordinance, but a  
38       resolution to at least put the legislatures -- let them  
39       understand that we have a problem in this county and  
40       other counties. And also, I would like for them to  
41       reaffirm. I think this puts maybe -- let them  
42       understand where we're coming from. But, you know, I  
43       had a -- in the Citizens Comments, I was real surprised  
44       at someone that got up and -- you know, there's a thing  
45       that's called the Tenth Amendment. And that is State's  
46       rights. And I think it would be a good thing if our  
47       legislatures reaffirm the Tenth Amendment and follow  
48       suit with the state of Arizona. And I think that we  
49       need to do more of that because these unfunded mandates  
50       that keep sent down -- they're sending down to the

1 counties and the states, I think it's time for us to --  
2 the federal government exists by the states and the  
3 Tenth Amendment. And I think it's time that we start  
4 taking a little bit more stand locally. And everything  
5 starts locally. And I think it'll work its way up.  
6 And with that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Ms.  
8 Floyd.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you. It  
10 does my heart good, it does my heart real good to hear  
11 you folks finally getting it. When this was proposed,  
12 when I came to you in June of last year and July of  
13 last year about this same problem, you could hear a  
14 cricket do whatever they do. You said nothing. You  
15 looked at me like I was crazy. Nobody -- and nobody  
16 spoke -- nobody stood to speak with me. But I am glad  
17 that you're finally getting it. Too bad that some  
18 folks had to lose their jobs and their homes and  
19 everything they had first. But you finally got it.  
20 And now what did it? Was it Arizona who's leading the  
21 way? Thank you, Arizona. Or is it a campaign year?  
22 Is this what they call political grandstanding? If it  
23 is, I'm glad you're grandstanding. Maybe help now will  
24 be on the way, folks. This is not a new issue. Last  
25 year about this same time we were sitting here  
26 discussing the same thing. And now we come up with a  
27 resolution. If we had done that last year, maybe  
28 others would have joined us by now. But you know what  
29 they say, better late than never. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

31 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

33 BOB WALDREP: I wanted to say that  
34 considerable thought has been given to all of these  
35 issues I think over a period of time and there had to  
36 be some resolution in the minds of many people on  
37 council after conferring with our law enforcement  
38 officers about just what can be done. It's a very  
39 difficult process. And this is not to say that this is  
40 any kind of silver bullet whatsoever. It's just an  
41 event, it's an action that's being taken by this  
42 Council to ensure that our General Assembly knows that  
43 we're very serious about this issue. There are two  
44 bills that have been put into the General Assembly, one  
45 in the House and one in the Senate. Of course, I  
46 simply would like to say that I like the Senate bill a  
47 little bit better. But it's sponsored -- the Senate  
48 bill is sponsored by a lot of people that I respect  
49 greatly. Senator Setzler, McConnell, Verdin, Cromer,  
50 Bryant, our own Senator, Senator Ryburg, Bright,

1 Senator Thomas from Oconee, Senator Martin from  
2 Pickens, Senator Elliott from Horry, Senator Rose from  
3 Charleston, Senator Clary, I'm not sure where he's  
4 from, Senator Fair from Greenville, Senator Rankin from  
5 Horry County, and Senator Campson from Charleston. So  
6 I think that there's good support for this particular  
7 bill. And with respect to the federal issues, it takes  
8 into consideration that we're certainly not trying to  
9 act or to override any kind of federal jurisdiction,  
10 but we're only acting in concert with it. One of the  
11 problems has been that there's been such inaction on  
12 the part of the federal government. I would think that  
13 it would be appropriate, and I would ask permission of  
14 Council, to send a copy of this resolution to go to our  
15 Congressional delegation. And I would further like to  
16 say that this bill in no way would infringe upon the  
17 Constitutional rights of anyone in the sense that  
18 people would be arrested simply on perception. That is  
19 an argument that is frequently used by defense lawyers  
20 when anyone is arrested for any cause. Invariably, the  
21 defense is that, well, you didn't have appropriate  
22 grounds to determine that this person was or was not  
23 violating law in some way. And I think that that's  
24 addressed and will be constantly addressed through the  
25 court as time goes on. So I believe that there are  
26 adequate protections here. I wish I had perhaps  
27 pursued it a little bit faster than I did. And if this  
28 be grandstanding, you know, then make the most of it.  
29 But I would say this, that a lot of times the message  
30 that's brought to the Council can be a good one and  
31 then sometimes there's a problem with the messenger.  
32 Thank you.

33 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

35 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just very quickly. I  
36 don't know if you had time to look at it or not, but in  
37 the packet that was on our desk tonight it looks like  
38 the state of Missouri has done basically the same thing  
39 that Arizona is doing. So it sounds like things are  
40 starting to move along.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of  
42 the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
43 Show the motion carries unanimously. Moving on,  
44 Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions. Mr.  
45 Allen. Appointments. You got any appointments to make  
46 tonight for any boards?

47 TOM ALLEN: No appointments tonight.

48 No.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one. Mr. Harold

1 Hollings to the Purchasing Panel -- Purchase and Review  
2 Panel. That's in the form of a motion.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
4 have a second? Do we have a second?  
5 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds. Any  
7 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
8 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
9 carries unanimously.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Eddleman will get his  
11 address and telephone number.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: I have none. Mr. Moore.  
13 EDDIE MOORE: I have none.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep. Thank you. At  
15 this time, moving on, Acceptance of -- Item Number 10,  
16 Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Carroll.  
17 ROBERT CARROLL: I have two items tonight,  
18 Mr. Chairman. The first item is for the MIS department  
19 which is a hundred and eighty each. The Microsoft  
20 Office Professional Plus licenses. This will bring  
21 them up to the 2010 version. And the cost -- state  
22 contract sixty-three thousand four hundred eighteen,  
23 excuse me, four hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty  
24 cent.  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a motion?  
26 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Motion of Mr. Moore. Do we  
28 have a second?  
29 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
31 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
32 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
33 carries unanimously. Mr. Carroll.  
34 ROBERT CARROLL: The second item is for  
35 Glockes -- guns for the Sheriff's Office. This was put  
36 out for bid. The low bid was ONB Guns, sixty-two  
37 thousand seven hundred dollars. And if there's any  
38 questions, I'm sure the Sheriff can answer.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
40 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Moore.  
42 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
44 discussion?  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Okay.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: They're -- Carroll.  
48 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I may be mistaken here, but  
50 just work with me for a few minutes. Last -- the last



1 time, did we approve guns at the last Council meeting  
2 for the Sheriff's department?  
3 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't ---  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: You don't remember?  
5 ROBERT CARROLL: -- believe so.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: You what?  
7 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't believe so.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I know we did a lot.  
9 It was furniture and ... Mr. Carroll, I'm talking to  
10 you.  
11 ROBERT CARROLL: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It was furniture and  
13 it was cars, and -- but it wasn't -- it was ammunition,  
14 I know that. But it wasn't guns last time?  
15 ROBERT CARROLL: Those may have been on the  
16 list for notice to Council, but I don't think you voted  
17 on all those items. But Glocks have not been voted on.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.  
19 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
21 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just had a general  
22 question. Is this to replace old guns or are some of  
23 these brand new additional ...  
24 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm going -- I know the  
25 answer, but I'm going to let Mr. -- the Sheriff will  
26 have to answer.  
27 TOM ALLEN: The Sheriff will have an  
28 answer.  
29 SHERIFF SKIPPER: These are replacements. And  
30 basically we're trading in the ones we have. The  
31 current generation we have is Generation One. The  
32 Glocks that are coming out now are Generation Four.  
33 The present guns we have now, minus several that were  
34 maybe bought over the last couple of years, are about  
35 six years old. The night sights are starting to fade  
36 on them. It's time to replace them.  
37 TOM ALLEN: About how many weapons is  
38 this? Do you know? Sixty-two ...  
39 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Two hundred and fifty.  
40 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anything else?  
42 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
43 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank  
44 you, Mr. Carroll. At this time, Request by Council  
45 Members. Mr. Waldrep, do you have anything? Requests?  
46 BOB WALDREP: I do. Mr. Chairman, I have  
47 several requests here that I'd like to make and ask  
48 that they be considered in a bundle.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.  
50 BOB WALDREP: First, I'd like to say the

1 first request, all from recreation funds, would be ...  
2 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE  
3 BOB WALDREP: ... program and facility at  
4 the site of the Civic Center. And at that point I was  
5 hoping that everyone had had an opportunity to go out  
6 and see the improvements made at the Civic Center.  
7 Particularly the two ballfields out there and the  
8 tennis courts and all. It really is a super facility.  
9 and so I -- this will enhance that facility as well.  
10 Three thousand dollars to the balloon festival that  
11 will be coming up this year ---  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse, excuse me, Mr.  
13 Waldrep. What -- how much was the dollar figure on the  
14 golf?  
15 BOB WALDREP: I'm sorry. It's five  
16 thousand.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Five thousand.  
18 BOB WALDREP: Okay.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Five thousand on the, on the  
20 golf.  
21 BOB WALDREP: Right. Uh-huh  
22 (affirmative). And four thousand dollars for the  
23 balloon festival to be coming up this year. And  
24 there'll be five thousand dollars to the City of  
25 Anderson recreation fund for park equipment. And five  
26 thousand dollars to the W.A. Hudgins Post, I believe  
27 that Post 14 that's on Highway 81, and this will be for  
28 improvements to that property. And last, five hundred  
29 dollars to the Belton-Honea Path Career program. And  
30 so those are what I have and I so move and ask approval  
31 of those.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
33 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: The motion is seconded to  
35 give five thousand dollars to the Disc Golf field at  
36 the Civic Center, three thousand to the balloon fest  
37 this fall, five thousand to the City of Anderson Parks  
38 and Recreation, five thousand to Post 14, and five  
39 hundred to the Belton-Honea Path career.  
40 BOB WALDREP: Yes, sir.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Any discussion? All  
42 in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like  
43 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything  
44 else, Mr. Waldrep?  
45 BOB WALDREP: That's all. Thank you.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Anything left? Mr. Moore.  
47 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
48 I've got a couple. I would like to donate seven  
49 hundred and fifty -- appropriate seven hundred and  
50 fifty dollars to the Town of Iva for the Fourth of July

1 celebration that's coming up. And I would like to  
2 donate five hundred dollars to the U.S.S.B., the  
3 basketball. And I would like to -- on that I would  
4 like for Mr. Burns, if he would check and make sure  
5 that we can do that. I'm not sure if it's a -- I know  
6 it's a lot of kids that's going to be going to this  
7 event down in the lower part of the state and I want to  
8 try to help them out if I can if we can legally do  
9 that. I think we can, but I want to make sure. And I  
10 put that in the form of a motion.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?  
12 Second Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion? All in favor of  
13 the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
14 Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else,  
15 Mr. Moore?

16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, that's -- I  
17 have nothing further.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I, too, was going to  
20 donate to the basketball thing. But the lady said  
21 something today that -- Ms. Wideman said something  
22 today that kind of jarred me a little bit. We have  
23 been told over and over and over again that in order to  
24 receive county funds that the entity receiving the  
25 money must have a 501(3)(c) or (c)(3) determination.  
26 That the county money had to go to people that could  
27 show this or prove this. There are some people in the  
28 audience who was told the same thing that in order to  
29 get the county money, they had to do this. But I am --  
30 I don't know. But, Mr. Pitts, you can't answer that  
31 for us, could you? But see there's no time to research  
32 it because they need their money before July. So we  
33 have to know that tonight. All right. Is there  
34 anybody here who ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, if you would like  
36 to, you could very easily donate the money under the  
37 conditions that it's legal and if not, not, if you want  
38 to, want to do that.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
40 Chairman. I would like to donate from the District  
41 Two's recreation funds one thousand dollars to go to  
42 the Homeland Park Fire Department for their annual  
43 Fourth of July celebration. This money is in no way  
44 going to the fire departments for their, for their  
45 funds, but is going to the funds that they raise each  
46 year to provide recreational activities for the night  
47 of the Fourth for the people in that community which  
48 consists of Districts Two, Three, and Five. So for the  
49 people of District Two, I would like to do that. And  
50 also, I would like to donate -- I keep saying donate.

1 I would like to allocate seventy thousand dollars from  
2 my paving and drainage money to the community of the  
3 Booker Susan Street to work on that drainage problem.  
4 I noticed that everyday last week the weatherman  
5 erroneously said that we were going to have rain every  
6 single day and that kind of bothered me a little bit.  
7 So I would like to go ahead and get that work done as  
8 soon as possible so those people won't have to be  
9 flooded out again as they have been in the past couple  
10 of years. And I put those two in the form of a, of a  
11 motion.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Second  
13 Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
14 favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
15 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen.

16 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
17 Chairman. I'd like to donate a thousand dollars from  
18 the recreation funds to the New Light Community Center.  
19 This is for repair of their backstop and fencing around  
20 the ball diamond out there. It's very much beat up and  
21 they certainly need it.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

23 BOB WALDREP: Second.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waldrep. Any  
25 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
26 show of hands. All opposed like sign. I have no  
27 requests at this time, but Mr. Wilson did. He asked me  
28 to request this for him. He would like for three  
29 thousand dollars to come out of his recreation fund to  
30 the Golden "S" Rescue Corporation from the District Six  
31 recreation account. I put that in the form of a motion  
32 for Mr. Wilson.

33 TOM ALLEN: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
35 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
36 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
37 motion carries unanimously.

38 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

40 BOB WALDREP: I have one issue before we  
41 go off. District Seven had borrowed four thousand  
42 dollars, I believe, from my recreation fund.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.

44 BOB WALDREP: And so I think this is  
45 appropriate, I would move that Council consider that we  
46 allow this debt to be forgiven for District -- out of  
47 District One funds.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Do you put that in the form  
49 of a motion?

50 BOB WALDREP: I do.

1 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion on the  
2 floor. Do I have a second?  
3 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
5 further discussion? All in favor of the motion, show  
6 of hands. All opposed like sign. All abstentions.  
7 Show the motions carries by Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.  
8 Moore, Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Floyd abstains. Moving on to  
9 Item Number 12, Citizens Comments. Mr. Pitts.  
10 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, I'm having a  
11 hard time reading the last name of this gentleman,  
12 maybe Mr. Burns can help me out here. Michael ...  
13 RUSTY BURNS: Deanhardt.  
14 MIKE PITTS: Deanhardt. Thank you.  
15 MICHAEL DEANHARDT: I hope everybody will  
16 watch Chris Matthews' show tomorrow night at seven  
17 o'clock. It's the documentary on the danger of the  
18 religious and political right taking place in this  
19 country. Me and my wife went to Las Vegas on a  
20 vacation and we drove down to Hoover Dam and  
21 experienced a engineer feat that create a tremendous  
22 amount of jobs during that period of time. It was big  
23 government, government at its best and it was  
24 Democratic socialism at its best. And it had paid for  
25 itself thousands and thousands of time over. And it  
26 create, it create a bonanza for free mark -- free  
27 market capitalism in that area. I found myself in  
28 Spartanburg driving down from Spartanburg to Anderson  
29 and I got to thinking about the interstate highway  
30 system. Big government at its best, Democratic  
31 socialism at its best. And I was thinking about all --  
32 I looked to the left, I looked to the right and I  
33 thought -- saw all these businesses out on the  
34 interstate highway system. The interstate highway  
35 system was and is a Democrat -- a Democratic socialist  
36 idea. And the bill was written by -- Al Gore did in  
37 1958, a liberal Democratic Congress passed the  
38 interstate highway system. And it's a shame we don't  
39 have more liberals coming out of the South as we did Al  
40 Gore, Sr. But the thing about it though it was a  
41 blessing for free market capitalism on the interstate  
42 highway system. The tremendous amount of jobs. If we  
43 could find someway to merge labor and government and  
44 business together, and we're going to have to -- we  
45 need to do that. We're in a competitive global world  
46 market system, so we've got to look at labor. Labor is  
47 precious. We've got to look at free market capitalism,  
48 and free market capitalism at its best collapses  
49 communism. Thank goodness. And we've got to look at  
50 government and, and not be afraid of government, and

1 not be afraid of big government. And these were two  
2 big major big government projects that benefit this  
3 great nation. Interstate highway system signed by a  
4 conservative president, Eisenhower, and the Hoover Dam.  
5 And the federal government owned Hoover Dam and the  
6 federal government owned the interstate highway system.  
7 So this here crazy stuff coming from the religious and  
8 political right in this country is a dangerous to our  
9 freedom. So I hope everybody present here will watch  
10 that documentary tomorrow night at seven o'clock.

11 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.  
12 Next is Mark Powell.

13 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
14 I don't think all those projects were Democratic. I  
15 think we're a democracy and I think there was a lot of  
16 -- well, let's talk about Democratic for a minute since  
17 it's a free-for-all. One of our greatest Senators in  
18 the Republican party was a Democrat. The South was all  
19 Democratic. When I grew up, my parents, and probably  
20 all of you guys, referring to Bob on this one, I guess  
21 but, you know, we were a Democratic South. Democratic  
22 meant something different back in the years when all  
23 that happened. Democrats had morals, Democrats stood  
24 up for God, Democrats stood up for the right side of  
25 the issue. And a lot of those Democrats switched over  
26 and became Republicans. Senator Storm Thurmond, you  
27 know. People, you know, we have these labels. That  
28 label has changed. It was a good thing. It would  
29 sound as if Republicans, conservative, far right wing,  
30 like myself, don't like progress. We love progress.  
31 We love the interstate highway. We would love to have  
32 had sewer coming down the interstate highway on I85  
33 instead of sewer running through the back yard so a  
34 rich developer down on Midway Road wouldn't have sewer  
35 for an apartment complex which the neighbors -- or  
36 condo -- the neighbors hate because they paid a half a  
37 million dollars for a house and now they have condos in  
38 their backyard. We, as Republicans, love progress. We  
39 love money being spent on things that help people. You  
40 guys recently signed a thing -- my speaker died --  
41 giving away 7.6 million bucks. You didn't give that.  
42 You gave that as an incentive so that we will have  
43 jobs, our county will grow, our county will prosper.  
44 BMW has given millions upon millions and look what  
45 that's done. Fifty thousand dollar incomes from people  
46 who work there. The Republican party is not against  
47 progress. The Republican party is for spending money  
48 wisely and getting something for it other than a whole  
49 bunch of roofs on the same building year after year  
50 after year. Thank you.

1 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.  
2 ELIZABETH FANT: District Three. Good  
3 evening. Yes, it's election time. Several candidates  
4 decided and others now to go to runoffs. The current  
5 council members mostly have tried to operate the  
6 citizens' business in an honorable, law abiding manner.  
7 The voters appreciate your efforts. New council  
8 candidates should realize that being a member of county  
9 council is no short order. As I have followed all of  
10 the past one and a half years' meetings, I realize that  
11 being a viable, informed council member is a daunting  
12 task. Some weeks have seen eight meetings, both  
13 council and committee. One meeting lasted seven and a  
14 half hours from 6:00 o'clock p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Unless  
15 you wish to be perceived foolish, council members must  
16 read and review packets and research well ahead of  
17 meetings. The job of a council person is immense.  
18 Your personal job must be flexible enough to  
19 accommodate called meetings and many hours. That being  
20 said, events of the last two weeks are dishonest and  
21 unlawful. In the Powdersville/White Plains District, a  
22 major sign was vandalized and then a sign for Ann Smith  
23 plastered on it. Then as fast as signs for Freemantle  
24 and Waters were put up, they were pulled up leaving  
25 only Smith signs. Obviously, Smith supporters are the  
26 culprits. Tampering with signs, destroying personal  
27 property, are misdemeanors. If these indications are  
28 any of what would happen if that person became a  
29 council person, we do not need that person. So I say  
30 support Ken Waters for that job.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
32 Moving on to Remarks from Council Members. Mr. Allen.  
33 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
34 have a couple of items. As you may recall a few weeks  
35 ago during one of the finance committee meetings, we  
36 were looking at such things as phone bills for the  
37 county and how much we were paying and how much they  
38 had grown over the past few years for cell phones,  
39 Blackberries, and so on. Mr. Carroll's been working on  
40 that and just gave me a note a short while ago and I  
41 will just read this to you. Have been working with  
42 Verizon over the past three months to consolidate  
43 approximately fifty phone accounts down to fifteen. We  
44 estimate the savings to be between twelve thousand and  
45 fifteen thousand per year. We will review the accounts  
46 in approximately three months to see if even more  
47 savings can be found. And what we're looking at there  
48 is can we consolidate anything else? Can we eliminate  
49 any phones? Right now we run into the problem that,  
50 you know, if you try to cancel certain contracts,

1 you're going to end up having to pay a significant sum  
2 on the other end of it as punishment, so to speak, to  
3 the phone company. So we are looking at other things  
4 that'll work. But the first iteration of these cuts  
5 looks like a twelve to fifteen thousand dollar savings  
6 on phones at this time. And we'll continue to work on  
7 that. I have one other item too. Yesterday evening,  
8 the animal shelter committee met and -- over here in  
9 the conference room. They came up with a lot of ideas,  
10 things that could be done at the animal shelter,  
11 improvements and so on. And I think it might be a good  
12 idea and I bring this up, if we could get the council  
13 animal committee, and I believe that was me, Mr. Moore,  
14 and Mr. Dunn, to meet with the appointed committee to  
15 go over these things. And I -- if we could maybe just  
16 discuss that for a second and see if that would be  
17 something ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: That's a good idea. I had  
19 it on my agenda tonight, Mr. Allen. If you would, I'll  
20 ask the staff to set that up, Mr. Moore, with me and  
21 you. I'll make any time, Mr. Burns, if you'll set that  
22 up and get the staff to set that up with the animal  
23 shelter advisory board. And that way we can have a  
24 good discussion with them. We haven't met -- us as an  
25 ad hoc committee hasn't met yet and we need to meet in  
26 a special meeting with them now. I think they've got a  
27 request, several requests, and so we can bring that on  
28 and listen to it and bring it back to council.

29 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I -- that would be a  
30 great idea because they were initially going to try to  
31 go out and then speak to each one of the individual  
32 council members. But I think it would be better to  
33 have this committee meet with them. That would  
34 expedite things quite a bit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.  
36 Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: I know that when we moved a  
38 lot of our personnel under the Sheriff's umbrella, we  
39 lost a lot of the responsibilities that they had. And  
40 one of the things they had was to deliver their -- to  
41 deliver our books to us when it was ready. When our  
42 secretary got it all done, she would call them, and  
43 they would pick them up, and deliver them to us. Well,  
44 for the first time since I have been on council, it  
45 failed. It failed. I don't know what happened, but I  
46 didn't get my book until Monday morning, which left me  
47 the whole weekend and I didn't have anything in there  
48 -- I mean I didn't have anything to go over, anything  
49 to study over the weekend, as I have been doing for  
50 eleven years, before coming to, coming to council



1 meeting. I didn't have anything. So Mr. Burns, I'm  
2 requesting that you please see if we can't work  
3 something else out. If what we had is no longer  
4 working, please let's see if we can find something else  
5 that we can do so we can have our packet on Friday  
6 afternoons as we have been getting them in the past.  
7 Also, I notice that something is wrong with the clock  
8 tonight. Did you -- were you aware that -- yeah, me  
9 either. Yeah. I'm sure that you'll have that done.  
10 Okay. Good, good. And Mr. Burns, did you get the  
11 letter from a concerned citizen about the Anderson  
12 County Annex on Market Street? All right. Did you  
13 happen to go by there? Okay. Well, I went by there  
14 and I didn't see what this person saw. I could not  
15 find the trash, I could not find the overgrowth of  
16 weeds and everything else. Now, it needed cutting, the  
17 grass needed to be cut and, you know, and I'm sure we  
18 have a schedule for doing that. And I think maybe this  
19 person saw it between schedules for cutting. But we  
20 appreciate when our citizens let us know things that  
21 are happening. But I just didn't see the shape that  
22 this person described. I think we've been doing a real  
23 good job in keeping that facility up. Okay. Okay. I  
24 think that's all I had. There was a comment made  
25 tonight, but since I'm going -- since I have something  
26 very, very exciting to do this week, I'm going to let  
27 it fly. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
29 EDDIE MOORE: I hope everyone had an  
30 opportunity to come over to Belton and up to the Civic  
31 Center this past week. We had the Palmetto  
32 Championships. There was some awfully good tennis  
33 matches. I'll tell you what, it was really fun. I  
34 went out and watched all these youngsters. I tell you,  
35 to watch the movement of some of these kids, you know,  
36 it's amazing. And some of the tennis matches just  
37 absolutely outstanding. A lot of folks came in to the  
38 Anderson area from all over the state and the -- they  
39 bragged and bragged about the Civic Center, the  
40 resurfacing out there that took place at the Civic  
41 Center and they really liked the product. And it was  
42 some awful good tennis matches and a good time was had  
43 by all. And with that, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
45 Waldrep.

46 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to comment too  
47 on the opportunity to be out at the Civic Center this  
48 weekend and beginning to realize the tremendous  
49 economic impact that that Civic Center has played and  
50 can play in the future developments of our county. As

1     you know, when we get teams that are coming in from  
2     Georgia and other parts of our state, it brings in a  
3     lot of folks here. And I think that's what -- the kind  
4     of stimulation that we really need. I hope that  
5     everyone would have an opportunity to go out and take a  
6     look at the new -- two new ballfields and the  
7     landscaping and all the things that are being developed  
8     out there. And we certainly hope -- it's just a bright  
9     future. It's a jewel that we have to develop,  
10    particularly the surrounding property as well. So I  
11    just wanted to say that. And also that I think it's  
12    got a bright future, but it needs to be managed and it  
13    needs to be managed well. As you know, our books right  
14    at this point indicate that we're losing money on that  
15    facility. And I don't think there's any real reason  
16    that we should be losing money on that facility if we  
17    can bring it up to date and manage it properly. I want  
18    to say that I understand that our sister county,  
19    Greenwood, has shut down their facility, if that's  
20    correct. So they don't even have a Civic Center in  
21    Greenwood, which is, I think, kind of sad. But  
22    economic times are tough. So this is calling upon us  
23    to manage, manage, manage our money and get the most  
24    bang for the buck. The other thing I was going to ask  
25    about was the animal shelter, if I could. And I had  
26    heard that there was some problems at one time. Maybe  
27    it's not appropriate to bring it up, but I just -- it's  
28    on my mind here about any missing dogs out there and --  
29    what? Have you got any kind of information that we've  
30    got missing dogs out there.

31           TOM ALLEN:           I don't have any  
32    information. I know there was a document came out that  
33    there was some unaccounted for animals, but I'm not  
34    sure what that was. I haven't heard back on that.

35           BOB WALDREP:        There was another issue  
36    about immigration with the animal shelter. Was there  
37    anything ---

38           TOM ALLEN:           You mean illegal immigrants?

39           BOB WALDREP:        Yeah.

40           TOM ALLEN:           No. I go out there quite a  
41    bit. I've never, never seen that.

42           BOB WALDREP:        Okay.

43           TOM ALLEN:           They have a grand total of  
44    thirteen employees out there. Two of them are part  
45    time. And no, I've never seen anything like that so.

46           BOB WALDREP:        Well, I do know they've got  
47    some Chihuahuas out there so ...

48           TOM ALLEN:           Well, that could be it.

49           BOB WALDREP:        Well, that's probably it.

50    Okay.

1 TOM ALLEN: We'll have the Sheriff get  
2 right on that.  
3 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, sir. That's all  
4 I have.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. I'd  
6 just like to echo the sentiments of Mr. Moore and Mr.  
7 Waldrep. I appreciate going out to the Civic Center.  
8 And, Mr. Burns, let the staff know I think they've done  
9 a -- doing an excellent job of getting them ballfields  
10 and the whole facility up to date, and also the rec  
11 department for what they've done at Wellington and the  
12 DSS office. I think it's looking, looking real good  
13 and appreciate what all you've done there. I'd like  
14 for you if you would, Mr. Burns, get the staff and  
15 yourself to schedule a budget workshop meeting, get  
16 with the council members and see when it's convenient  
17 for them as soon as possible. And get with -- Mr.  
18 Wilson's not here or Ms. Wilson and see when they can  
19 make it too. I need to get one scheduled. At this  
20 time, I'd like for a motion to adjourn.  
21 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to adjourn.  
22 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor, get up. Thank  
24 you. I'm sorry. Yes, sir. Let me have a motion to go  
25 back into session right quick.  
26 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to go back  
27 into session.  
28 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor, show of hands.  
30 I apologize. I didn't have my note. We're having a  
31 training exercise. This is a -- for the Briar area,  
32 also with Pickens, all surrounding, Abbeville, the City  
33 of Anderson, Honea Path. It's a military thing, along  
34 with our emergency preparedness department that's been  
35 working on this. This is quite a coup to have  
36 something like this come here and to work and this will  
37 be going on for, I believe, two weeks. And it's been  
38 planning beforehand, it'll be starting tomorrow. So if  
39 you see anything out, well, that's what it is and we're  
40 in a training exercise and we'll be marking on that  
41 right there and working on it. They've got different  
42 props and different things all over the county  
43 scheduled. I know they've got some in Belton, Sandy  
44 Springs area, the City of Anderson around the fair  
45 ground and all. And so keep that in mind and keep your  
46 thoughts and prayers with them guys. Mr. Waldrep.  
47 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I thought we  
48 were going to talk -- did we talk about a budget  
49 workshop?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. He's going to

1 schedule it, going to get a schedule. Sheriff, have  
2 you got a comment you want ---

3 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And the comment about the  
4 exercise is especially around Michelin, we're going to  
5 go door-to-door and put out some flyers. But the FEMA  
6 people are actually going to set an eighteen wheeler on  
7 fire so there's going to be some smoke up there, so  
8 don't go in a panic about it.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. With that said,  
10 anything else, we'll be adjourned if we get up and  
11 leave.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Motion.  
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15 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Called Meeting – June 17, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Eddie Moore – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

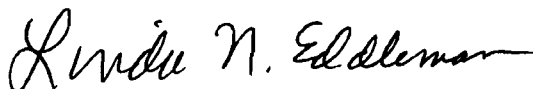
### ABSENT:

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
CALLED MEETING  
June 17, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
M. CINDY WILSON  
TOM ALLEN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call an emergency meeting, Called Meeting, Thursday,  
3 June 17th, 2010 of the Anderson County Council to  
4 order. At this time I'd like to please ask Mr. --  
5 Councilman Bob Waldrep if he would do Invocation and  
6 Pledge of Allegiance for us. We'll all rise.

7 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BOB WALDREP

8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to  
9 Item Number 3. Let me just state for the record, this  
10 is only -- this Called Meeting is just for this  
11 enactment of this local emergency declaration and  
12 nothing else. And going on to numbered Item 3, it is  
13 Enactment of a Local Emergency Declaration based on the  
14 Palmetto Shield Red Dragon Disaster Exercise. At this  
15 time, I'd like to turn it over to Mr. Pitts and Mr.  
16 Burns for y'all's comments.

17 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, what this is  
18 is a mock emergency proclamation. I'm going to let Mr.  
19 Jones fill you in on the details of the joint exercise  
20 that the county's been participating in. I understand  
21 it involves state and federal authorities. But what  
22 this is is an attempt to make the exercise as realistic  
23 as possible. If there were a true emergency, of  
24 course, there's not, but if there were one, Council  
25 would -- or Mr. Jones would come before Council with an  
26 emergency proclamation like the one you have in front  
27 of you for your consideration and passage. The main  
28 reason for doing it is it -- the document would then be  
29 transmitted to the Governor's office so that state  
30 assistance could be rendered, as well as a transmittal  
31 to the federal authorities so that federal aid could  
32 come in as well.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
34 According to some folks, last week, after last week's  
35 elections, we might be in a state of emergency. Mr.  
36 Burns.

37 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, in keeping  
38 with the spirit of the play and the exercise, what  
39 we're supposed to say now is because events that have  
40 transpired in Honea Path, Abbeville, and Greenwood, our  
41 Emergency Preparedness Director and Sheriff and the  
42 Interim County Administrator met and believe that this  
43 is the course of action to take at this time and bring  
44 it before Council for this emergency decree.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Are we ready for a motion or  
46 do they want to -- staff's going to present something?  
47 Okay. Ms. Jones.

48 JAMES MCADAMS: I'm James McAdams. I work  
49 in the Anderson County Emergency Management Division,  
50 also Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve.

1           HOWARD MURPHY:     It's an honor to be with you  
2 this morning or this afternoon. I am Lieutenant  
3 Colonel Howard Murphy with the 415th Chemical Brigade  
4 out of Greenville. I'm also an Anderson County part  
5 time employee with emergency services and emergency  
6 medical services.

7           DAN MURDOCK:       Name is Dan Murdock. I'm  
8 the weapons of mass destruction coordinator for the  
9 Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Region 4, out of  
10 Thomasville, Georgia.

11          ERNIE MOORE:       Members of the Council,  
12 first let me thank each and every one of you for taking  
13 the times out of your busy schedules to participate  
14 with us on this exercise and I'm sure Mr. Jones will  
15 express that once he has an opportunity to speak. I'm  
16 Ernie Moore, I'm with the South Carolina Emergency  
17 Management Division, and we're part of the Forward  
18 Operations Group that's here to participate with Mr.  
19 Jones on this exercise.

20          TIM MURPHY:        Also with the Emergency  
21 Management Division, Tim Murphy. Thank you.

22          BILLY GIBSON:      Good afternoon. I  
23 appreciate the opportunity to participate. Again as  
24 most of the others have spoken, I appreciate y'all  
25 taking the time out to participate in this. We're  
26 hoping it's going to be very realistic and also  
27 successful. I think you'll see a lot of the fruits of  
28 the labor that we've put into this over the past four  
29 or five years in making Anderson County such a shining  
30 star when it comes to cooperation. My name's Billy  
31 Gibson. I'm the Anderson County Fire Chief.

32          RUSTY BURNS:       Mr. Chairman. One second.

33          TOMMY DUNN:        Yes, sir.

34          RUSTY BURNS:       Just while they're waiting  
35 for that to happen. Ms. Wilson read some interesting  
36 things this week in, I believe, the New York Times and  
37 Wall Street Journal. You might want to point out what  
38 you read. It fits precisely with this.

39          CINDY WILSON:      I may not be very good on my  
40 memory reading things late at night, but there have  
41 been a number of articles in the Wall Street Journal  
42 and editorial opinion pieces that indicate that our  
43 United States is woefully unprepared for these type  
44 scenarios, particularly dealing with WMDs, those type  
45 things. So I hope we'll be well prepared at least in  
46 South Carolina and in the Upstate. Thank you.

47          TAYLOR JONES:      I'll tell you while  
48 they're pulling that up, I'd like to tell you a little  
49 bit about our involvement and how this started out.  
50 Howard Murphy that works with us part time, a



1 Lieutenant Colonel. They're with the Army Reserve,  
2 they're part of the Homeland Security Attachment that's  
3 out of Greenville and they are constantly planning  
4 emergency exercises and involved with events all over  
5 the nation. They were telling us about Red Dragon in  
6 Wisconsin last year, the planning phase of it, all the  
7 things in it.

8 And during that course they asked that myself and  
9 some of our staff come up and actually attend that  
10 event. And Duke Energy actually sponsored some of our  
11 folks going up and attending the Red Dragon event  
12 there. And we sent some folks from emergency  
13 management division and the Sheriff's office. And we  
14 come back, everybody was briefed on actually what  
15 happened.

16 At that point, Ike Brissey, our deputy director,  
17 took an interest in this and said, man, you know, this  
18 is, this is about everything we've always tried to  
19 build our emergency services. This fits in with the  
20 Western Piedmont Emergency Management Task Force, this  
21 philosophy about teamwork and regional capabilities and  
22 working together. He said, man, that would be a great  
23 thing to do. And I looked at him and smiled and I  
24 said, well, I said, well, you put together the measles  
25 on that because he had just entered into training at  
26 the Emergency Management Institute to be a exercise  
27 practitioner master practitioner which there's very few  
28 of those across the nation. And a lot of folks that  
29 were using that training was actually taking a small  
30 exercise maybe a little tabletop exercise or something  
31 that would maybe take an hour or two to do. And he  
32 actually built his around a two week national exercise.

33 And on Tuesday night prior to his death, he  
34 actually give me the final measles that he completed.  
35 Everything with this. We're two days into this  
36 exercise as far as the initial local capabilities of it  
37 and if that's any indication. I mean, you can tell all  
38 the time and effort he put into it because nobody had  
39 any down time in the last two days. Just like for  
40 everybody to remember him and his family in your  
41 prayers because he will be missed and a big part of our  
42 division.

43 We would like to bring up Colonel Murphy at this  
44 time and just kind of go through a round house briefing  
45 of exactly the history of this FEMA side, the Stadium D  
46 side, what the roles of everybody will be during the  
47 exercise to kind of give you, you know, just a little  
48 indication of that and we'll go from there.

49 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And while he's coming up,  
50 kind of what we want to do, we won't take here long,

1 but like Taylor says, I think it's important for y'all  
2 to see all these players in here and what they bring to  
3 the table. I'm going to go last and really hit the  
4 nuts and bolts of why we're here. I'm going to give  
5 you an intelligence briefing, who's been killed, who  
6 we're chasing, why we need to do this, and then we'll  
7 wrap it up with that. So it won't take too long.

8 TAYLOR JONES: One thing I think is real  
9 important, our ordinance that we passed deals with a  
10 disaster consequence management type thing which is  
11 typically hurricanes, tornados, you know, natural type  
12 disaster type events where the emergency manager takes  
13 the lead on that particular event for the county.  
14 However, in a terrorism event, the federal, the FBI  
15 comes down through and there's a law enforcement piece  
16 that runs with that where the Sheriff would be the  
17 incident commander that plugs in with the federal task  
18 force, state task force, and law enforcement. And  
19 they'll be a separate skiff and FEMA and DHS will speak  
20 to that when we get to that piece. But it's kind of  
21 important that we understand that these two levels run  
22 parallel with each other, support each other, in that  
23 fashion during this.

24 HOWARD MURPHY: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,  
25 Members of Council, Mr. Administrator, it is an honor,  
26 as I said earlier, to be with you today, to have this  
27 opportunity. I'd like to thank you and your staffs in  
28 the respective divisions and departments in Anderson  
29 County for their assistance and letting us basically  
30 partner with them with the Red Dragon exercise and  
31 their Palmetto Shield 2010 exercise.

32 On behalf of Major General Joel Dyer of 325th  
33 Signal Command Theater, our major support command --  
34 commander, and Brigadier General Lucas Polakowski, the  
35 commander of 415th Chemical Brigade out of Greenville,  
36 South Carolina, commanding, I express deep appreciation  
37 for this opportunity and I think it's going to be  
38 valuable and I think it already has been valuable. And  
39 the partnership and collaborative efforts with the  
40 county assets, as well as state and federal assets in  
41 planning and preparing.

42 Already we've had valuable lessons learned. And  
43 that's really the primary objective for us as the U.S.  
44 Army Reserves within these types of exercises. Red  
45 Dragon has been an annual exercise since 2003. We have  
46 right now on the ground twenty-nine hundred U.S. Army  
47 Reserve soldiers and the medical, chemical, biological,  
48 radiological, nuclear recon and hazardous materials,  
49 decontamination operations sector, as well as PAO,  
50 Public Affairs, and other staff that are prepared and

1 actually working right now on Red Dragon exercise  
2 activities across five states. We have two base  
3 support installations. Our closest is BSI Gordon at  
4 Fort Gordon in Augusta. They will be sending troops up  
5 at the request of civil authorities in accordance with  
6 defense support of civil authorities to South Carolina  
7 and to Upstate South Carolina specifically for  
8 assisting, augmenting local responders in emergency  
9 operations. We have roughly four to five hundred --  
10 four hundred to five hundred soldiers that will be  
11 operating in Anderson over the next two days.  
12 Greenwood, Anderson, this area, out of the twenty-nine  
13 hundred operating in five states.

14 Our two primary objectives for Red Dragon  
15 exercises, there have been these objectives since the  
16 onset of Red Dragon. And they are basically co-  
17 objectives, equal, equal priority. Objective One is to  
18 rehearse defense support of civil authorities where we  
19 do not come in to a local community and take charge.  
20 That is not our role. The locals are always in charge.  
21 Every emergency, every disaster is local. As an  
22 emergency manager myself, and twenty-seven year veteran  
23 of emergency response operations, I know and appreciate  
24 that. Our job is to come in and support local  
25 authorities at their request and with their permission.  
26 So we will be doing that and exercising that over the  
27 next thirty-six to forty-eight hours. The other  
28 objective is to train our soldiers and exercise them on  
29 their skill sets for mass casualty decontamination  
30 operations, as well as recon operations, technical  
31 rescue, casualty extraction operations, and medical  
32 operations primarily, as well as our staff and  
33 coordinating all those activities, commanding those  
34 activities. And then, of course, linking back up to  
35 the DISKA priority and objective integrating with the  
36 civilian community responder and emergency management  
37 assets to do our roles and as we matrix our operations  
38 with the civilian responder. That is basically what we  
39 have planned. We've had success in the past.

40 Last year was the largest Red Dragon we've ever  
41 had, operating in seventeen hospitals, and five  
42 communities in Wisconsin. This year's -- this year we  
43 basically spread it across two regions of the United  
44 States, so we operating in Wisconsin, Illinois, South  
45 Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, with two basically  
46 forward command posts in Fort Gordon and Fort McCoy,  
47 Wisconsin. So we want to see if we can take this up a  
48 notch with our skills and training and our leadership.  
49 I am subject to your question, sirs.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got any questions?

1 Any comments? Thanks a lot. I appreciate the job  
2 you're doing.

3 HOWARD MURPHY: Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: And we're look -- very  
5 fortunate to have y'all as close in Greenville.

6 HOWARD MURPHY: Well, it's an honor to be  
7 with you and we're here if you need us. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you so much.

9 DAN MURDOCK: The Regional Administrator  
10 from Region 4 definitely thanks you for the opportunity  
11 to have us participate in this exercise. We spend, not  
12 so much lately, quite a bit of time on natural  
13 disasters. But the opportunity to actually do  
14 something with weapons of mass destruction is a rare  
15 occurrence.

16 To give you a national overview, separate from the  
17 incidents that have been occurring in the exercise  
18 here, the national intelligence agencies have been  
19 monitoring certain groups for a long period of time.  
20 With the suspicious activity reports that have been  
21 coming in from Greenville and other places across the  
22 region, the FBI has decided that they had reason to  
23 believe there was a group who had the means, motive,  
24 and wherewithal to actually have a credible threat  
25 established. This was taken to the National  
26 Intelligence Center, the NIC, DHS unified coordination  
27 group met and decided that under the HS, the house  
28 Homeland Security presidential directive five that we  
29 could declare a credible threat.

30 As a result of that, the secretary notified DHS  
31 that the incident management team ??, which is OWMD,  
32 would be sent to Anderson, South Carolina. The Sheriff  
33 has been identified as the incident commander for this  
34 credible threat and possible event that may occur. The  
35 IMAT has -- is in route.

36 In preparation for that, Region 4 has sent forward  
37 what we call affectionately, the Green Hornet, is a  
38 unit that is self-contained, can house thirty-two work  
39 stations, it is to augment Anderson County's abilities.  
40 We also have a vehicle that will act as the JOC, a  
41 joint operations center for law enforcement. That's  
42 where the FBI, the Attorney General's group, and other  
43 members will -- and it also is a joint information  
44 center. It requires clearances to gain access. We  
45 also, at the national level, the DOD was directed to  
46 provide a defense coordinating element. They are in  
47 route. Actually they're all here, but for exercise  
48 play, they're in route at this time. We have a total  
49 of about six vehicles and forty-eight people that are  
50 participating in supporting.

1           Yesterday, to start off the exercise, we did a  
2       secure coms check which is the first time it's ever  
3       been done. From the Anderson County EOC, we went  
4       secure all the way to the White House Operation Room,  
5       the NRCC, the surrounding states, and did a test --  
6       secured check and it went great. But at this time, the  
7       exercise traffic was the Governor's and people, the  
8       SLED.

9           EMA was directed that the anticipation of the  
10      threat level to be raised to level orange and there  
11      was, indeed, the -- a credible threat will be  
12      established within the next coming hours. This was  
13      just to let people know in advance it's going to happen  
14      before it got out to the press. We're really looking  
15      forward to the exercise. It's one of the few times  
16      we've ever really got to do this. We have the real  
17      people who will be doing it for real here. There's no  
18      substitutes. So, once again, thank you very much for  
19      allowing us to participate.

20           TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you.

21           ERNIE MOORE:          Mr. Chairman, Members of  
22      Council, once again, thank you for this opportunity. I  
23      guess when I introduced myself, I didn't tell you what  
24      I, what I do day-to-day. I am the State's Chief of  
25      Response. Any time there's an incident that occurs in  
26      the State of South Carolina requiring a state level  
27      attention and coordination with the local county  
28      government that falls on my shoulders. I have a staff  
29      of seven here that is forward with me today to  
30      participate in this exercise and I'd just like to say  
31      up front that at any given time -- this is a  
32      partnership.

33           You've heard from the Department of the Defense  
34      representative, you've heard from the federal  
35      representative, now you're hearing from your very own  
36      state. You're taxpayers, just as your citizens are  
37      taxpayers, and it is incumbent upon us to do our job to  
38      the best of our ability each and every day. Every time  
39      there's something that happens, we've got to be  
40      prepared to do that.

41           And so, in this particular exercise, I am here  
42      forward to serve as that liaison. I have a state  
43      director, Mr. Charles Platt, who's currently back at  
44      the state emergency operations center. We had a two  
45      part exercise very early on in the week, we had a  
46      hurricane exercise as we are preparing for hurricane  
47      season and then we've shifted our focus to the Upstate  
48      to participate in the WMD event. So we've got to be  
49      ready to react at any part of the state on any end of  
50      the state at any given time. So that's why we rely on

1 these gentleman that you just heard from. And I  
2 certainly rely on Mr. Taylor, whose role pretty much  
3 mirrors mine in our day-to-day life. Some of the  
4 things that we'll be focusing on again is that forward  
5 operation, that forward coordination communication.  
6 We're sort of the mediator, if you will, between Mr.  
7 Jones and those DOD federal assets that you just heard  
8 these two gentlemen talk about. That is to take the  
9 stress off of him so that he can focus on the local  
10 level for you, make sure things are getting in place,  
11 make sure the resources that are required are being  
12 tasked and put into place. And that's my job, to serve  
13 on whatever capacity he needs of me and whatever he  
14 needs from the state to make that coordination work.  
15 We will have our state law enforcement division here,  
16 our SLED agent. We will have an FBI, Federal Bureau of  
17 Investigation, representative here who resides in  
18 Columbia. We talk with these folks on a day-to-day  
19 basis as well. We want to make the collaboration of  
20 information and information sharing work. It has to be  
21 done, you can't get around that. It has to go to the  
22 highest level to the lowest level and that's what we're  
23 here to try and exercise and make work. And if there  
24 are problems, we need to find out what those problems  
25 are and try and fix them before we leave your location.

26 And I think this is going to be a great  
27 opportunity. I bring to bear a lot of state resources  
28 such as communications, personnel, and other expertise  
29 that will assist Mr. Taylor here and you in any  
30 decision-making that you have. We don't own any  
31 resources, but we certainly impact the coordination of  
32 what those resources are. Subject to your questions,  
33 sir, ma'am.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have anything? Thank  
35 you so much for being here. We're very fortunate to  
36 have y'all.

37 TAYLOR JONES: One of the things that's  
38 kind of been challenging during the last few days of  
39 moving this exercise forward is the actual real events  
40 that have occurred. Pickens had a train derailment  
41 that our hazardous materials team, our unified command,  
42 Sheriff's office provided air support, our EOD team  
43 just come from there just a few minutes ago. There was  
44 a hand grenade World War II vintage found there. It  
45 was -- it doesn't have any connection to any terrorism  
46 event. It was just something that was probably dug up  
47 during the repair of the railroad.

48 So we've had a lot of live real event that's kind  
49 of paralleled in with this which has been interesting.  
50 The Shaw fire, the actual storm a couple of nights ago,

1 and the storm damage after that has kind of give us --  
2 put us operating our EOC in a little bit of a forward  
3 area. But, again, I want to thank everyone for their  
4 participation on behalf of Anderson County Emergency  
5 Services and just thank the Council for their  
6 continuing support to help us protect the citizens of  
7 Anderson County. And with that, I'll let the Sheriff  
8 go into this Intel presentation if y'all have no  
9 further questions of myself.

10 SHERIFF SKIPPER: All right. We'll try to  
11 go through this and this is kind of -- I'm going to  
12 bring you to the point of getting you here. Obviously,  
13 we are here to also protect the government, things that  
14 are happened. So let's keep in mind that if this were  
15 really to happen, we'd probably be having it somewhere  
16 else. We'd be having it at the EOC, at the Sheriff's  
17 office, some place that we know is secure because,  
18 obviously, under a terrorist attack or something like  
19 this, there may be and you'll see one of the things I'm  
20 going to read here in a little bit, one of their issues  
21 is to disrupt commerce and disrupt the government and  
22 send things into chaos. So we would have to work out  
23 logistics of, and if we're going to do this  
24 proclamation, how documented do we have to have it, do  
25 we have to have the recorder there to record it, and  
26 doc -- the minutes and all that stuff. So we've worked  
27 the logistics out. The -- this was just put together  
28 real quick, so I'm going to go ahead and jump to that  
29 right now. But let me tell you, here's what happened.  
30 We would come here, call y'all for an incident, you --  
31 we'd meet wherever we have the opportunity to do that  
32 and then I would probably request that we go into  
33 executive session to discuss sensitive material. And  
34 when we get into the executive session, I would then  
35 tell you that on June the 10th we received from the  
36 SC2C which is the information and intelligence system  
37 in our fusion center in Columbia that everybody's  
38 supposed to be feeding stuff into.

39 And what I would tell you is that they sent out a  
40 message and this is a real message that came through  
41 the Blackberries, through the computers, through  
42 everything else, and all these have started out with an  
43 exercise, an exercise, an exercise, so we don't go into  
44 real panic. Like the train derailment came in and  
45 says, this is not an exercise, this is for real. So  
46 anyway.

47 So they sent this on June the 10th at nine thirty-  
48 eight p.m. It says Georgia Law Enforcement notified  
49 SLED that a small prop plane crashed in Augusta,  
50 Georgia at four a.m. on June the 10th. The plane was

1 equipped with aerosol tanks. Inside the plane maps of  
2 facilities and key infrastructure buildings in  
3 Columbia, South Carolina were found. The pilot, who  
4 survived the incident initial crash acted irrationally  
5 and complained of flu-like symptoms. He died several  
6 hours later after the crash. Several hours later, SLED  
7 received their report from FBI Georgia that police had  
8 found a clandestine bio chemical lab in a farmhouse  
9 near Augusta. The CST team, Civil Support Team, has  
10 gone in, taken samples, and they have determined that  
11 it is Anthrax.

12 So with that they also have found a hundred and  
13 fifty gallon portable sprayer, some goggles, some other  
14 small sprayers. Also found in a backpack some maps,  
15 Google maps, maps including details of the City of  
16 Columbia, South Carolina, and the I85 corridor Upstate.  
17 All responders are advised to be on high alert, da, da,  
18 da, da. So that came out on the 10th. Our fusion  
19 center then becomes kind of proactive. Keep in mind,  
20 just like FEMA and all says, there's stuff going on in  
21 Alabama so they're funneling all this information. So  
22 we've got folks down there analyzing this, what's  
23 really going on.

24 So then with that, South Carolina puts out a  
25 bulletin, since we have Anthrax in the area, they put  
26 out a long bulletin that goes to all emergency manager  
27 on symptoms of Anthrax, what to do, how to protect it,  
28 what you need to do and all that, so it's like a little  
29 manual on symptoms and things like this. That -- we  
30 would then, emergency manner, the department would  
31 probably at some point in time publish that to the  
32 community, you know, just a little heads up type thing.  
33 June 15th, five days later, the SC2C sends out,  
34 possible terrorist activity is indicating by  
35 discovering several documents from the clandestine lab  
36 in the Upstate of Wisconsin, gives a date. Receipts  
37 found in a burn pile, receipts from Florida to Georgia,  
38 receipts found was One - Rent a Wreck, truck company  
39 Atlanta indicated three 2.5 ton panel trucks rented on  
40 June 1. Number 2 receipt indicate purchase of possible  
41 dissemination type devices. Fogging equipment, rented  
42 a heavy equipment from U.S. Atlanta on June 1. Third  
43 receipt - Home Depot. Splash type coveralls, heavy  
44 rubber gloves, type C chemical filter mask, one hundred  
45 foot of copper wire, black, red, green, four roll of  
46 copper wire. Black, red, and green the colors. And  
47 some timers. Receipt number four - high powered  
48 weapons, two thousand rounds of ammunition purchased at  
49 a gun show in the Mall of Georgia on June 2nd. Receipt  
50 number five - Buckhead, Georgia Pool Supply. Twenty



1 gallons of -- containers of power -- powdered pool  
2 materials, obviously, chlorine, that type stuff.  
3 Atlanta Farm Feed Supply - purchased eight hundred  
4 pounds of industrial farm fertilizer on June the 4th.  
5 And it goes on with that. I'll tell you several more.  
6 All receipts are paid for with credit card on the  
7 Bank of Q-a-t-r-a, Qatra, and it's in the name of a guy  
8 named John Smith and his address is in Abbeville, South  
9 Carolina. Additional information includes several maps  
10 from the Atlanta to Charlotte using I85 corridor, in  
11 addition to Route I20, Augusta to Columbia, with  
12 multiple markings in the area of surrounding malls,  
13 government buildings and schools. The dates on the  
14 maps are June 7 through 25.  
15 In red ink with a statement, quote, we will crush  
16 their, we will crush their money making cities and kill  
17 their, kill their young while they sleep, end quote.  
18 In addition, maps of small town cities are marked and  
19 it says, quote, backup targets. Indicated possible  
20 locations target Anderson, South Carolina through  
21 Greenwood, South Carolina. And contact information is  
22 possible cell phone in Abbeville, South Carolina. So  
23 that's the intelligence that's been coming in.  
24 Yesterday, Honea Path Police Department gets a --  
25 excuse me.  
26 Based on some of that information, like DHS has  
27 said, they're analyzing this through Alabama, they now  
28 have figured out to preposition the command center, we  
29 need to put it some place. And they do this all the  
30 time. They're just moving them all the time. So the  
31 command center's there, thirty-two position, secure  
32 phone, secure internet, all that good stuff. With that  
33 there's a position in there should this be a terrorist  
34 attack where my office will be, FBI, SLED, and DHS will  
35 be the controllers there.  
36 With that said, if it's a terrorist attack with  
37 your decoration, then Taylor still is the  
38 infrastructure county contact point through Rusty,  
39 through y'all, so that that's the infrastructure, just  
40 like if it was a hurricane, those things that are going  
41 away. So that's why we're all combining and working  
42 together. So with that on Wednesday, eight thirty in  
43 the morning, Chief King from Honea Path Police  
44 Department responds to a domestic dispute. You can see  
45 this on the screen. They find -- responds to domestic  
46 dispute. Got a guy in there hollering and screaming,  
47 he's got his family, a wife and child in there, they  
48 end up -- the wife gets out, he's got a gun. Chief  
49 King calls for our support from the Sheriff's office to  
50 bring a SWAT team. We respond with a SWAT team and our

1 bomb squad because we now integrate those to use the  
2 robot so if we have to go up to houses and things like  
3 this. So we respond there, negotiate all day long,  
4 we're watching what's happening, we're checking. We've  
5 got some indications, obviously, there's other stuff  
6 going on, some suspicious activity with some of the  
7 things he's bought. We laid out in the woods and I  
8 have to give my guys credit, in the hot sun all day  
9 long.

10 Around four thirty p.m., the suspect gets agitated,  
11 he comes out and you can see -- is it next picture?  
12 Suspect comes out, there he is. Suspect comes out with  
13 a little truck on the side, he's brandished his gun, he  
14 starts pointing at several people, so the sniper shoots  
15 him, he falls to the ground. You can see the robot  
16 goes up checking his vitals, get his gun out of his  
17 hands, so we don't have to put anybody in danger. So  
18 we go through that scenario.

19 Once we do that, in the law enforcement world, we  
20 have to get a search warrant because if he got -- you  
21 know, went through that process, we did get one. They  
22 go in the house. In the house they determine that they  
23 have found maps and materials, and businesses of a  
24 place in Abbeville County also having to do with trains  
25 and some bomb making material. That's some of the  
26 stuff there. The bomb making material. And it just so  
27 happens this house is sitting directly across from the  
28 rail spur that goes from Abbeville -- from Honea Path  
29 to Abbeville and the trains are sitting on the track  
30 right there. So we check all the trains and all that  
31 that goes with that.

32 So with that, we wrap up, we start pulling out, we  
33 -- Chief King, it's in his city so he is the law  
34 enforcement person we left in charge. He then takes  
35 all this information and immediately calls Abbeville  
36 City Police Chief and the Abbeville County Sheriff to  
37 inform him of, we've got this address, we've got this  
38 location, etc., etc. We've throwed these slides  
39 together, I don't want to get ahead of myself. But,  
40 okay, I'll go ahead and get there. Abbeville responds  
41 at six o'clock p.m. to this location in the middle  
42 slide there. Two officers get out, walk up to the  
43 building, and you can see the little dark spot to the  
44 left of the patrol car, they're shot immediately from  
45 the building. Two officers are down, shot.  
46 Abbeville's Chief City calls Abbeville County Sheriff,  
47 says, I need a SWAT team. They have a fairly small and  
48 young SWAT team so they go and cordon off the  
49 perimeter. They then respond back to us and says, can  
50 you come help. We then respond our SWAT team from

1 Honea Path to continue on down there. We take the  
2 command post, you can see it on the left side, it sets  
3 up at the bank and we meet at the school. The officer  
4 requests our aviation division. One -- I'll stop with  
5 the scenario for a second.

6 One of the purposes of this scenario is to exhaust  
7 our resources and who do we pull from there. So  
8 when we get there, we're there, we set up a perimeter  
9 on this building. We can't really get into there.  
10 It's kind of a wide open space. We can't check the  
11 people. According to Abbeville, they have been there  
12 almost an hour and a half now laying on the ground, so  
13 they're probably not alive, they don't see any  
14 movement, so we decide not to go up on those folks.  
15 We're in the perimeter mode. This is also a training  
16 exercise for their new negotiator. The new negotiator  
17 starts talking and at seven thirty p.m. they finally  
18 get somebody on the phone in there. He is foreign  
19 speaking. He starts talking about he's going to --  
20 people will die, they're going to make rivers of blood,  
21 or rivers will flow with blood, going to kill all the  
22 women and children, that kind of terrorist type talk.  
23 That goes on for four hours. Our SWAT teams in there.

24 Now keep in mind, our SWAT team has now been from  
25 Honea Path to here almost ten, twelve hours in the heat  
26 and everything else. We, then, in the practice of the  
27 hot swapping, we call Greenville County, Greenville  
28 County responds with their Huey and their SWAT team.  
29 They bring thirteen SWAT team people. So during the  
30 night, they're still talking, they're going on and  
31 talking on the phone with the terrorist.

32 In a real live scenario, I'd be in executive  
33 session to tell you kind of what he said. We have a --  
34 we actually tried to get a little copy of the file to  
35 play it here for you and it just didn't come through on  
36 my computer this morning. Keep in mind, we stopped  
37 this at four o'clock this morning. So with that, we  
38 get Greenville County there and we actually practiced  
39 something that nobody in the Upstate's ever done.  
40 We're on post, we're in the woods, hiding, got snipers  
41 across the street, behind buildings, in the woods. And  
42 so then, our guys are getting tired, we need to rotate  
43 them out. So our commander has now coordinated with  
44 their commander to say, okay, we have guys in the woods  
45 and trying to explain where in the woods they are.  
46 We've got some aerial photographs, we pulled up Google  
47 maps, we've got roads, all this. And so then they  
48 coordinate how to send a team in to get with our team.  
49 Now our team backs out on one corner of the house  
50 because we've got somebody on all four corners of the

1 business. So then they back out. Then they have  
2 another team come in on the other side and go in. We  
3 had observers in the building to be watching for this.  
4 Once it was all done, we took about an hour to do  
5 that, I actually had observers come out because I was  
6 on the outside as a referee and they asked me when are  
7 going to do the hot swap. And I said, we've already  
8 done it, it's just been completed. And they said they  
9 didn't see anything. And that's the purpose of  
10 practicing this so that you don't see. So with that,  
11 the scenario goes on. Greenville County's now on the  
12 perimeter, we've still got a sniper across the street,  
13 and it goes on. At two thirty in the morning, one of  
14 the ladies inside is sick. We're talking about getting  
15 her a doctor and negotiators are going on this and  
16 they're just talking about they're not going to give  
17 up.  
18 Keep in mind in a terrorist situation, there's  
19 nothing to negotiate with them. Early on, first  
20 conversation, the terrorist says -- because the  
21 negotiator says, well, what's going on there and what  
22 can we do for you. And he says, there's nothing you  
23 can do for me. We're here to kill all the Americans we  
24 can and we're going to blow up the city and I'm ready  
25 to die too. So there's nothing you can swap with them.  
26 If they're ready to die, there's nothing to swap. So  
27 with that at two thirty in the morning, they decide to  
28 send the lady out. Unbeknownst to the negotiators,  
29 they really didn't know if there was one or two ladies  
30 in there. There was actually four bad guys, two males,  
31 two females. All of these players were criminal  
32 justice academy instructors, so they really made it  
33 good. I mean if you hear the tape, the guy that was  
34 actually talking in the foreign language was spooky,  
35 I'm telling you.  
36 So with that, they decided to send the lady out.  
37 They're thinking, the team is thinking it's the lady  
38 that's sick. They actually send the second lady. She  
39 comes out, she's got a burqa on her head when she comes  
40 down the side steps there, she puts her hands up like  
41 this, and she's got an IED bomb wrapped around her and  
42 the whole test of that was to see if the Abbeville  
43 County sniper would take the shot. He did, she falls,  
44 releases the pin, she blows up. That's the scenario.  
45 Then we talk through everything else and get the  
46 other people. They decide to give up at that point in  
47 time. So they gave up. We've got them. We've  
48 interrogated them. We go in and search the building.  
49 I might be -- we go in and search the building. We  
50 find this in the building, these are det cords, or

1     blasting caps. You can see this is a Greenwood County  
2     and the Greenwood Lake. This is a map. You can see it  
3     says Oconee County on there. It's a map. If you flip  
4     this open, it's the nuclear plant. Pipe bombs.  
5     There's two pipe bombs that's still being made there.  
6     These are the end caps that you screw on there, put the  
7     powder in there. This is a receipt that shows from  
8     Lowe's a couple of days before and the receipt reads  
9     there's enough material there to make six pipe bombs.  
10    That's a clue, right? There's two on the table and the  
11    rest of them can't be found. That's a picture of a  
12    railroad car and this is how it was laid out in the  
13    building.

14    So with that, that's turned over. Abbeville County  
15    obviously was the lead on this. We're there to help  
16    them. The investigator comes in, he collects that up,  
17    we photograph it, we do all the forensics on it. He  
18    then documents that and sends that information to the  
19    fusion center. The fusion center then this morning  
20    sends out -- I haven't had a chance to print it.  
21    Exercise, exercise, exercise.

22    According to multiple reports, two unidentified  
23    shooters attacked the Laurens Academy at nine twenty-  
24    one this morning the 17th. There are no further  
25    details at this time so the Laurens Academy in  
26    Greenwood is having an exercise going right now. There  
27    are no further details at this time.

28    In addition, there are reports that two Abbeville  
29    officers were shot last night on the 16th. Due to the  
30    facts the Upstate level is -- has been upgraded to  
31    orange. There's a possibility that these are connected  
32    terrorist activities. But they cannot be determined or  
33    ruled out at this time that they're not terrorists.  
34    With that it goes on to give a little more detail about  
35    the Upstate. So with all that going on, that's why we  
36    are here because we have intelligence coming in that  
37    the targets in Anderson County for those that don't  
38    know, we do have some manufacturers in here that have  
39    government contracts. They're spread out all over the  
40    upstate. And so with that, that's where we are with  
41    the scenario.

42    So that's why, Mr. Chairman, we would then come out  
43    of executive session, and say, based on the  
44    intelligence information, and we'd have to, according  
45    to Mr. Pitts, we would have to, you know, maybe give a  
46    little background. But say, what we told you with  
47    secret information in the executive session, we now  
48    would ask for this declaration to be had. The flip  
49    side of that. Now we stop, y'all declare this so y'all  
50    know the exercise goes on tomorrow. We're going to

1 have the media briefing to let everybody kind of know  
2 what's going on. And then the -- Michelin's going to  
3 be bombed or whatever they're going to do at Michelin.  
4 And the Fairground thing will start on Saturday. Any  
5 questions?

6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 This is incredible, the amount of coordination and  
9 expertise that it requires. But this appears to be a  
10 small amount of disaster compared to what I have  
11 sitting over between Belton and Williamston and it's a  
12 very frightening potential scenario. You have huge  
13 tank farm, you have the landfill with high pressure gas  
14 lines going through it, sewer lines, water lines, power  
15 lines. Then you have the ethanol on the railroad  
16 track. I mean one explosion there could set off a  
17 series that would take out that entire end of the  
18 county.

19 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yes, ma'am.

20 CINDY WILSON: And then meanwhile, you have  
21 the nuclear plant up the road. I mean, what y'all are  
22 envisioning is very minute compared to what an  
23 enterprising, real terrorist would do and that's what  
24 scares the living daylights out of me. Do we have  
25 anything in place? I know we can't even control the  
26 ethanol coming back and forth and many homes are within  
27 a hundred feet of those tank cars.

28 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I can tell you this. The  
29 reason we picked a few of these places is obviously  
30 control. We did think about the tank farm in setting  
31 up this, but it's kind of in that road area and it'd be  
32 hard to close off the road. The reason the Michelin  
33 plant was picked is because they have one road in and  
34 the idea is that there's going to happen something  
35 going in that road and then we can kind of cordon it  
36 off.

37 You're exactly correct. We do have a plan in  
38 place, our emergency preparedness office has a plan,  
39 Howard Murphy and FEMA, we have plans for all these  
40 scenarios. And you're talking about the tank farm, the  
41 tank farm is very, very -- it's a susceptible target.  
42 In part of this, the actual nuclear plant is -- their  
43 exercise is getting ready to start off because they  
44 have their yearly one and so it's going to tail off of  
45 this. We kind of called halt on Saturday hours and  
46 they picked theirs up as if it was still part of ours.  
47 I mean that's kind of how we do when we play.

48 CINDY WILSON: And then you've got the  
49 water drinking resources. There are so unique ---

50 SHERIFF SKIPPER: We have plans in place, Ms.

1 Wilson, to take care of all this. Now with that said,  
2 one reason we're doing this exercise and it's getting  
3 so big is the purpose of the exercise is to exhaust our  
4 resources. And I'll give you a real time scenario.  
5 Last night our SWAT team started off, or yesterday, it  
6 started off at eight thirty in the morning, in the  
7 heat, they were out all day. We were trying to dehyd  
8 -- you know, hydrate them all day long, we had the EMS  
9 across the street, they could get in the air  
10 conditioning when they were swapping around. We did  
11 all that.

12 Then when we went to Abbeville County, we have  
13 learned that in this heat, our magic number is about  
14 twelve to fourteen hours. And here's what as a manager  
15 I'm looking at. And I have to teach my people this.  
16 You know, everybody wants to do their own thing,  
17 everybody wants to say, hey, you know, we got it. But  
18 in talking to the FEMA folks and talking to the  
19 military folks, you know, we have to get to the point  
20 as managers or upper managers to say, we ain't the only  
21 person in this world. So last night at the fourteenth  
22 hour, one of our SWAT guys started getting stomach  
23 cramps. He hadn't hydrated enough and we actually had  
24 to take him to the hospital. So we had to take him to  
25 the hospital, get him hydrated, and he's fine.

26 But that's what I, as a manager, and I have now  
27 taught my SWAT team commander. No matter how good we  
28 are and, you know, how good you think you are, there's  
29 a point in time when you say help. Get it there and  
30 then if nothing happens you can say, thank y'all very  
31 much, y'all go home. And that's what this whole  
32 exercise is about.

33 So you're right. And we do have plans in place.  
34 We have contingency plans if something happens at the  
35 tank farm, at the dam, all those things. I mean, you  
36 know, back in 911 when that really happened, I was with  
37 the Sheriff's office, as soon as that happened, as you  
38 know, the air space was closed down. We opened up our  
39 hangar and we posted folks, called folks in, and posted  
40 some at the dam, some at the tank farm, and various  
41 other places like I don't want to go in it, we have  
42 quite a few people that have government contracts ...

43 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE

44 SHERIFF SKIPPER: ... government. They may  
45 look at a contractor that's doing something for them  
46 and they're all over the country obviously. And that's  
47 part of what this whole exercise is about. Is just  
48 going through this process and I think you can see from  
49 the partnerships. And I mean, we're -- I personally  
50 think this county is way ahead of everybody else in

1 we've got somebody we can pick up the phone and say,  
2 you know, what can you do for us and when can you be  
3 here. Because the reality is -- you can come up and  
4 speak any time -- the reality is if it really happens,  
5 we've got about three days and we're going to be  
6 exhausted and that's what this is about. We need these  
7 folks to come help. Greenville County, Abbeville  
8 County, all those things. We started -- just interject  
9 because I don't remember all this stuff.

10 BERNIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson, there at the  
11 tank farms we actually had a full scale, a table top  
12 full scale exercise with them back around 2004 and then  
13 we billed it out over several years where we'd rehearse  
14 some things. Let me tell you how that kind of played  
15 into something that recently happened. We needed some  
16 special type of carbon to off-load and to make a filter  
17 device for one of the ken -- for the tyleno that is one  
18 of the chemicals in the train that actually derailed.

19 I got a call from the emergency manager Sunday  
20 night from Pickens County saying, tell her I need some  
21 help with some, with some of your private companies  
22 because I know you've got great partnerships with your  
23 local LEPC and your private partners. So I called -- I  
24 made calls to places like Michelin, Bosch, the tank  
25 farms. They had been trying to locate a ??, this  
26 actual filtering device and the granulars for that for  
27 about three, three or four hours without any luck.  
28 Within nine or ten minutes, I had all these agencies  
29 looking for it and I found -- or I didn't, but my  
30 partners found the tank farms, the Colonial Pipeline  
31 people called and said we've got it right here. We  
32 will put it on a truck and take it to Pickens. I then  
33 got a call from the Marathon folks that they had a  
34 supplier in Atlanta and they would have it to us within  
35 a few hours.

36 And it's those partnerships, you know, through this  
37 -- and we're actually playing and talking with their  
38 security folks in this event. Not only the players  
39 that you see in the play book here, the Michelin, the  
40 Fairgrounds, the University, but we have folks with  
41 Clemson University is involved in putting a GIS project  
42 together that's key in this. We have all of our LEPC  
43 members that help craft this and we notified them and  
44 the school districts and the hospitals this morning  
45 when we notified our critical infrastructure.  
46 Basically, kind of a similar briefing of what you've  
47 been aware of so that they can take more enhanced  
48 security efforts had this been a real event, you know,  
49 as part of the exercise.

50 CINDY WILSON: Would there not be a



1 separate protocol for dealing with ethanol. I mean,  
2 what we learned and what we dealt with this past year  
3 is it's clear and something can be consumed before they  
4 even know that there's fire because it's so clear.

5 BERNIE MOORE: If you would speak to that a  
6 little bit. I know the Fire Department's been involved  
7 ---

8 BILLY GIBSON: We actually did a drill out  
9 at the tank farm back last spring and that was our main  
10 thing was to look at exactly what -- how we would  
11 handle it because our biggest problem out that way was  
12 water supply. We found out how to overcome that and,  
13 of course, the ethanol plant's right there across from  
14 it. We actually worked with Colonial during the drill.  
15 We used about four or five of the county Fire  
16 Departments.

17 What we have done to the ethanol and the petroleum  
18 products at the tank farm, really the fire fighting  
19 effort is the same. There's no difference. It's just  
20 a difference in what type of foam concentrate that we  
21 use on them. The tactics are the same. So what we  
22 have done, we have switched over to alcohol resistant  
23 foam which will handle that. We've also upgraded the  
24 HAZMAT team. We spent -- what, Taylor, about forty-  
25 five thousand dollars upgrading the HAZMAT team  
26 capabilities, but we now have a foam unit that stays  
27 parked at county fire control that has on it about  
28 three hundred gallons of alcohol resistant foam  
29 concentrate, it has dry chemical capabilities. We're  
30 well prepared for it. And as far as the training  
31 exercises go, since I've been here, I know we've done  
32 at least three involving the tank farms there. And so  
33 hopefully that kind of eases your mind just a little  
34 bit that we are ready in the event of an incident out  
35 there. I feel like we're very well prepared.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chief. At this  
37 time, I think Mr. Vice Chairman Moore wants to make a  
38 motion.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
40 to go ahead and read this proclamation and remind you  
41 this is only an exercise drill, there is not an actual  
42 state of emergency.

43 Whereas, Section 1860 of the Anderson County  
44 Code of Laws authorizes and directs the Emergency  
45 Preparedness Director to prepare and deliver to the  
46 County Administrator and the Chairman of County Council  
47 an emergency proclamation where an emergency occurs or  
48 the threat thereof is imminent;

49 Whereas, an emergency proclamation is a  
50 prerequisite of state and federal assistance;

1               Whereas, Section 25-1-450 of the South  
2 Carolina Code, 1976, as amended, requires the state,  
3 county, and municipal governments shall cooperate in  
4 developing and maintain a plan for mutual assistance in  
5 the event of an emergency;

6               Whereas, to that end, Section 30-1 of the  
7 Anderson County Code of Laws adopts and incorporates  
8 the statewide mutual aid agreement which allows a  
9 county to request aid from the state and/or surrounding  
10 local governments and further authorizes the County  
11 Administrator to implement the MAA;

12              Whereas, Anderson County, along with other  
13 South Carolina counties, the State of South Carolina,  
14 and agencies of the United States government are  
15 conducting a joint drill or exercise called the  
16 Palmetto Shield Red Dragon Disaster Exercise;

17              Whereas, the Exercise involves simulated,  
18 credible threats of terrorists activity in Anderson  
19 County and the surrounding area which has required a  
20 response from state, local, and federal law enforcement  
21 and emergency agency which, if real, would constitute  
22 an emergency for purposes of both county and state law;

23              Whereas, as part of the exercise, Anderson  
24 County Council wishes to issue this mock emergency  
25 proclamation to ensure that all aspects of the county's  
26 emergency response is tested during the exercise;

27              Whereas, based upon the foregoing, the  
28 Anderson County Emergency Preparedness Director has  
29 prepared this mock emergency proclamation for delivery  
30 to the County Administrator and County Council.

31              And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
32 Chairman.

33              TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you, Mr. Moore. Do we  
34 have a second?

35              TOM ALLEN:            Second.

36              TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Allen seconds. Any  
37 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
38 motion, show of hands. I'm sorry. On the second page.  
39 I'm sorry. Mr. Moore, you want to take care of that?

40              EDDIE MOORE:          I'll finish the rest of it  
41 then.

42              Now, therefore, Anderson County Council, in  
43 meeting duly assembled, hereby acts as follows:

44              1. Anderson County, by and through the  
45 County Council, declares a mock emergency and hereby  
46 enacts the mock emergency proclamation as part of the  
47 exercise.

48              2. The Anderson County Emergency  
49 Preparedness Director is authorized to deliver this  
50 mock emergency proclamation to the appropriate state

1 and federal authorities and further to obtain all  
2 available state and federal assistance available to the  
3 county as part of the exercise provided the county is  
4 under no obligation to reimburse the state or federal  
5 agency rendering such assistance.

6 The County Administrator is authorized to transmit  
7 all necessary information required under the MAA to the  
8 office of the Adjutant General of the South Carolina  
9 Emergency Management Division. The mock emergency  
10 proclamation shall take effect immediately upon  
11 enactment and shall remain in effect until termination  
12 of the exercise or the expiration of seven days,  
13 whichever is sooner.

14 Approved by Anderson County Council the 17th  
15 day of June, 2010.

16 And I put that rest of it also in the form of  
17 a motion.

18 TOMMY DUNN: We have the motion and  
19 second by Mr. Allen. Motion made by Mr. Moore. Any  
20 further discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the  
21 motion, show of hands. Like sign opposed. Show the  
22 motion carries unanimously.

23 And also for the record show Ms. Floyd and Mr.  
24 Wilson was unable to attend the meeting today. Anyone  
25 have any comments before we -- I'd just like say I  
26 appreciate all y'all participating in this and it's a  
27 great thing and being a part of things like this  
28 through my career in the fire service, I know what this  
29 exercise promotes more than anything is teamwork and  
30 people working together. That's what you learn from  
31 this. And you get that whether it's a small trash can  
32 fire or all the way up to the biggest, biggest thing  
33 you can. That's what it's all about and this -- in  
34 putting your instant command system in place. As the  
35 Sheriff said also learning your resources and  
36 exhausting them. But it's also finding out what your  
37 people's capable of and how it goes back. And I'm very  
38 proud of Anderson County, being part of the emergency  
39 department for years, knowing we do have one of the  
40 best in the state and very proud of it. And I'm proud  
41 of y'all guys coming up here and helping us a lot.  
42 Sheriff, you got some closing comments?

43 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Just one, a closing  
44 comments. We do have a lot of stuff at the EOC as  
45 you're coming out to the airport, the first building on  
46 the left. All of our DHS guys are in the field kind of  
47 behind it. I'd encourage you to come look. There's  
48 all these, there's all these ESF places. Law  
49 enforcement's thirteen, there's a government in there  
50 some place. I don't know what y'all's number is, but

1 we'll have you a little badge to get you anywhere you  
2 want to go. Please come look at some of this stuff so  
3 you'll know what's going on. If we -- if you want to  
4 get to one of the scenes, let me know, I'll take you --  
5 well, I don't know, I'll be busy with Dan, but we'll  
6 find somebody to take you. And when you were talking  
7 about things -- I would like to offer -- I'm going to  
8 -- I think I can speak for Howard a little bit. You  
9 know, Howard's little thing on here says SBR, that's  
10 chemical, radiological, biological. I don't know  
11 anybody in the world that don't know what Howard knows.  
12 I know y'all can't do it in -- more than three of you,  
13 but I would offer that any time y'all want to sit down,  
14 we can get Howard to come tell you about all the bad  
15 stuff in the world and how it's handled, because he  
16 knows.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you so much. If there  
18 any -- no other comments, no objections, we'll adjourn.  
19 Hearing none, we'll adjourn.  
20  
21

22 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:00 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Called Meeting – June 21, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Bob Waldrep – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore – District #3  
Tom Allen – District #4  
Tommy Dunn – District #5  
Ron Wilson – District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator  
Michael S. Pitts – Attorney  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council  
Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
CALLED MEETING

June 21, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
BOB WALDREP  
EDDIE MOORE  
M. CINDY WILSON  
TOM ALLEN  
GRACIE FLOYD  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call Special Called Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010  
3 for the second reading of the budget to order. At this  
4 time I'd like to ask Ms. Wilson, Cindy Wilson, Council  
5 member if she would say the Invocation and lead us in  
6 the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

7 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY M. CINDY WILSON  
8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to ask  
9 Mr. Pitts, so we'll go into Citizens Comments and  
10 please state your name and district and please address  
11 the Chair, please. Mr. Pitts.

12 MIKE PITTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
13 Mark Powell.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell. I don't believe  
15 he's here.

16 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Fant.

18 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, Chairman.  
19 Elizabeth Fant, District Three. Just a few pointers.  
20 I know that at some time past, Mr. Burns had said that  
21 they might have a suggestion box. I hope that that  
22 will be in play during the year so that if employees  
23 think of other ways to save money that they can  
24 participate in that. Also, I want to mention that  
25 District One, School District One, has saved a  
26 considerable amount of money on their budget this year  
27 by switching insurance carriers. I'll look that up for  
28 you, but you might want to consider that. And the  
29 third thing is I want to thank Rita Davis, Gina, for  
30 doing something that I asked for a few months ago.  
31 It's not only what monies you have to spend, but it's  
32 how you spend them and it's what debts you have and  
33 what you have to pay for. You have to keep up with  
34 both the in and the outgoing. And just for anybody's  
35 else's information, as of yesterday, per a request that  
36 I had made back in March, the capital assets are now  
37 online with the revised link names. That includes debt  
38 information, as well as a complete listing of all  
39 county assets, including buildings, real estate,  
40 equipment, vehicles, sewer lines, roads, bridges, and  
41 so forth. And I really appreciate that and I think  
42 other people will too to look at that. And I thank you  
43 and I know you all have a difficult task ahead of you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At  
45 this time, we'd run it -- go to Item Number 4,  
46 Ordinance Second Reading. Number 2010-007, Ordinance  
47 to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson  
48 County for its fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2010 and  
49 ending June 30th, 2011, and to make appropriations for  
50 such Anderson County budgets for county ordinary

1 purposes and for other county purposes for which the  
2 county may level a tax other than for Tri-County  
3 Technical College purposes, to provide for the levy of  
4 taxes on all taxable personal and real estate  
5 properties in Anderson County, for such county purposes  
6 including significant tax to pay for principal and  
7 interest on extending the indebtedness of Anderson  
8 County maturing during said fiscal year, to adopt the  
9 operating capital budgets for Anderson County for the  
10 fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2010, and such Anderson  
11 County budgets for Tri-County Technical College, to  
12 provide for levy of tax on all personal and real  
13 properties of Anderson County on which school taxes may  
14 be levied for such Tri-County Technical College  
15 purposes, to provide for levy, assessments, and  
16 collection of certain other taxes and fees, to provide  
17 for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues  
18 coming to the County during said fiscal year, and to  
19 provide for other matters relating to Anderson County.  
20 At this time we'll enter into a public hearing. Anyone  
21 wishing to speak to matters related to the budget,  
22 please step forward and state your name, address the  
23 Council, please. Anyone at all. Have anything at all  
24 address -- public hearing. Hearing none, the public  
25 hearing be closed. Do I have a motion?

26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
27 motion that we do the amendment to the budget Section  
28 27, Transferring of Funds. Each of you have a copy  
29 inside. And I would like to put that in the form of a  
30 motion.

31 CINDY WILSON: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion -- and  
33 let's make sure -- the motion is to accept the budget  
34 with this amendment, right, Mr. Moore?

35 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, right.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and second.  
37 Do we have any discussion?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: What we're giving the County  
41 Administrator is authorized to approve transfers but --  
42 and not to exceed two thousand five hundred, but did he  
43 not have this responsibility before?

44 TOMMY DUNN: I think before he could do  
45 it, if I ain't mistaken, Ms. Floyd, I think he could do  
46 it, but he had to let us know. We didn't actually vote  
47 on it. This thing here is saying that it'd have to be  
48 voted on anything above twenty-five hundred. If I'm  
49 not mistaken. I could be -- stand corrected if I am,  
50 but I think that's right.



1 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not sure that I'm clear  
2 on the, on the whole idea of it. Now in the past, Mr.  
3 Burns, I'll direct my questions to you if it's okay  
4 with the Chairperson. Mr. Burns, in the past, we have  
5 allowed the Administrator to transfer funds, but was it  
6 two thousand dollars or was it two thousand five  
7 hundred?  
8 RUSTY BURNS: I believe from memory it's  
9 twenty-five hundred dollars.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now ---  
11 RUSTY BURNS: What we were doing before,  
12 we were reporting to Council in Council packages.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That was on that  
14 amendment that somebody made a couple of what months  
15 ago that we do this. Report to the Council instead of  
16 you, right?  
17 RUSTY BURNS: No. That we would report  
18 any transfers that had been made ---  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
20 RUSTY BURNS: -- to Council.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So now how is  
22 this different?  
23 RUSTY BURNS: That now if they are over  
24 twenty-five hundred dollars, they require County  
25 Council approval before they can go into effect. I  
26 believe it sets it back to what the language was in  
27 1996 if I'm not mistaken.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. That's  
29 where the confusions coming in. So we're going back  
30 now. Just -- okay. Thank you.  
31 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Mr. Chairman.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone -- anyone else?  
33 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
35 TOM ALLEN: Question. Does this mean  
36 that before that a transfer of funds can be made, it  
37 has to be approved by Council?  
38 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
39 TOM ALLEN: So there could be at least a  
40 two week gap ---  
41 RUSTY BURNS: Could be.  
42 TOM ALLEN: -- between that. Will that,  
43 does that in any way hinder any actions that you might  
44 need to take? What if you had ---  
45 RUSTY BURNS: It could possibly slow us  
46 down in some areas. But if it was critical, we would  
47 report to Council and request a special meeting.  
48 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Cause if you had --  
49 let's say you had a twenty-six hundred dollar emergency  
50 repair that had to be made or something.

1 RUSTY BURNS: Now we have provisions in  
2 the County Code that would allow us to override and  
3 report back at first opportunity to Council.  
4 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's what I wanted  
5 to know. Thank you.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?  
7 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, just a quick  
8 ---  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
10 BOB WALDREP: There was some issue that  
11 came up I remember two years back when we were  
12 discussing this issue and one of them was the issue of  
13 being able to transfer within a department as opposed  
14 to transferring, I would say, outside of the  
15 department. And does this -- I was looking at the  
16 language here and it appears that the Administrator is  
17 still authorized to transfer within the department. Is  
18 that a correct ---  
19 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir.  
20 RUSTY BURNS: -- understanding that I  
21 have.  
22 BOB WALDREP: Say again.  
23 RUSTY BURNS: That's the understanding  
24 that I have. What I'm looking at is just twenty-five  
25 hundred dollars, twenty-five hundred dollars, bang.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep, to clear -- the  
27 way, the way it's looked at is -- and I stand to be  
28 corrected again -- is whether it's in the department or  
29 outside the department, it's twenty-five hundred  
30 dollars period.  
31 BOB WALDREP: It has to be approved?  
32 TOMMY DUNN: It has to be approved.  
33 That's right.  
34 BOB WALDREP: Within or without.  
35 RUSTY BURNS: That's the interpretation  
36 ---  
37 TOMMY DUNN: That's right, that's right.  
38 RUSTY BURNS: -- that we're taking.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
40 BOB WALDREP: Well, I just wanted us to  
41 have a little history here about what our understanding  
42 was on that because I think that had been kind of  
43 adjusted, you know, from time to time, and that that is  
44 the case and it's -- I'm looking at the language. It  
45 says that the County Administrator is authorized to  
46 approve transfers and expenditures within a department  
47 and between departments in an amount not to exceed  
48 twenty-five hundred dollars, excluding transfers from  
49 the salary accounts which must be approved by County  
50 Council. Okay. All right. If that's the

1 interpretation, I just wanted a little bit of  
2 legislative history and comment on this. Thank you.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All ready for  
4 the vote? All in favor of adopting the budget on  
5 second reading with Mr. Moore's amendment, show of  
6 hands. All opposed, like sign. Show the motion  
7 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
8 Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson in favor of. Ms. Floyd  
9 opposed. Moving on ---  
10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Go ahead.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: I have one more, one more  
13 amendment to it. And that is the -- on the -- if you  
14 look down in our travel accounts for County Council,  
15 only thing I'm wanting to do, I would like to amend it.  
16 You'll see -- I think each of you have a copy of it.  
17 This will basically go back to dividing it up into the  
18 seven respectable districts of each having twenty-three  
19 hundred and eighty-five dollars and if any Council  
20 member goes beyond that point, he would have to come  
21 back before Council to get a approval. In other words,  
22 each Council member will have it split up. Right now  
23 it's grouped together and ---  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Going back like it used to  
25 be.  
26 EDDIE MOORE: -- it's going back like it  
27 used to be. And I put that in the form of a motion.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
29 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion,  
31 Ms. Wilson seconds the motion. Do we have any  
32 discussion?  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So are we going back  
36 again now, right?  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: You all changed this thing  
39 at one of the meetings and now we're going back to the  
40 way it was before?  
41 TOMMY DUNN: If it passes tonight. Yes,  
42 ma'am.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Another  
44 question, this concerns the budget too. A few minutes  
45 ago before Mr. Moore asked for the floor, we were about  
46 to go on to the next one, Citizens Comments.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Are we not going  
49 to discuss the budget, what's in it? Has anything  
50 changed since we received this book or ...

1 TOMMY DUNN: Nothing changed, so we ain't  
2 voted on nothing. That's what we're here tonight for.  
3 Nothing's changed. Not since first reading. This is  
4 second reading. We can't change nothing. If anything  
5 changes has to come before this Council and have to  
6 vote on it, be voted on.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. As I was saying, has  
8 anything been changed here, anything, any new  
9 discussions on ---

10 TOMMY DUNN: And as I, and as I was  
11 saying, nothing has changed, it can't change before it  
12 comes before this Council and be voted on. On the  
13 first, second or third reading. So, no, ma'am,  
14 nothing's been changed. Just what, just what we done  
15 tonight as far as the appropriations at -- of the  
16 Administrator. That's the only thing that's been  
17 changed since first reading.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, Mr. Chair, the  
19 reason why I ask is because at the last meeting when I  
20 asked that, at the last regular scheduled meeting when  
21 I asked why we couldn't do the hearing then, that  
22 Tuesday night, you told me because you weren't through  
23 -- y'all weren't through with the budget yet. And some  
24 more stuff had to be done.

25 TOMMY DUNN: You got that and you've got  
26 a time frame you have to go by too.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: If that, if that is the case  
28 then why didn't we do this part last Tuesday night to  
29 keep us from having to come ---

30 TOMMY DUNN: Well, you've got a time  
31 frame, Ms. Floyd, you have to go by on public hearings  
32 and stuff. That's one, that's one thing. And another  
33 thing is I'm not through yet, I'm still, this thing's  
34 got -- it's a moving document all the way to the third  
35 reading. We just had -- but we've got -- we're not  
36 going to get off on the subject. We've got a motion on  
37 the floor and we'll discuss this in a minute. We've  
38 got a motion. Have you got any more discussion on Mr.  
39 Moore's motion?

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, sir. I'm discussing  
41 the budget here.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead. No, this is --  
43 we're on his motion right now.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

45 TOMMY DUNN: His amendment.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Will I have time  
47 later on to ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Sure will.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: -- to ask some questions on  
50 this.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Sure will, sure will.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I'll wait  
3 until the next time. Thank you.  
4 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
6 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just for  
7 clarification purposes, I want to get this on the  
8 record. In looking at this, it shows that District  
9 Four has been reimbursed six thousand four hundred and  
10 sixty-two dollars and twenty-six cents. Now that's  
11 going to look like I got that kind of money during my  
12 year which is absolutely not true. I've been  
13 reimbursed a grand total of a hundred dollars and that  
14 was for a mandatory trip to Columbia for all new  
15 Council people. I believe that number reflects, if I  
16 could ask Ms. Davis, this comes from the prior District  
17 Four representative? That total dollar amount? Okay.  
18 That's not mine. Just one -- just wanted everybody to  
19 know that. Thank you.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anything else?  
21 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
23 CINDY WILSON: In reference to that, there  
24 have also been some comments about our Council reducing  
25 the economic development budget and I just wanted to  
26 point out that that had been padded up to reflect this  
27 use of that by the same Council member ---  
28 TOMMY DUNN: If we can, let's stay on the  
29 budget -- Mr. Moore's amendment and we'll talk about  
30 the budget here in a minute. Anything y'all want to.  
31 But right now, we've got a, we've got an amendment to  
32 his thing putting to all Council people is expenditures  
33 in each individual account. That's the motion on the  
34 floor and seconded. Are anyone speaking to that topic?  
35 Anything else? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
36 motion, show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions.  
37 Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr.  
38 Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson in favor of.  
39 And opposed none. And Ms. Floyd abstains. Now moving  
40 on, we'll take -- anyone got comments about the  
41 budget. Ms. Wilson.  
42 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Do you want, you want to say  
44 now about the economic?  
45 CINDY WILSON: Oh. I was just pointing out  
46 that and this is probably where our struggle will come  
47 in crafting a budget. The procedure in the past had  
48 been to take the previous year's budget and increase it  
49 without any real review of what was necessary and what  
50 was efficient and what was economical. And I just

1 wanted to point out that I'd had a couple of gentlemen  
2 to call me about the economic development department  
3 budget and I wanted to point out that that had been  
4 padded and used by Mr. Allen's predecessor also in  
5 addition to his -- into our -- addition to our County  
6 Council reimbursable account. And I know that we have  
7 great faith in our economic development department and  
8 they know that if they needed anything all they'd have  
9 to do is come let us know that they needed an increase.  
10 Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Ms.  
12 Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I still don't  
14 understand, Mr. Chairman, why we didn't have our public  
15 hearing at the last Tuesday regular scheduled meeting.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Because the time frame of  
17 notification is my understanding wasn't-- would not  
18 permit us to do that. I believe I'm right on that.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I still don't understand why  
20 that time frame caught us that way when we knew we had  
21 to get this budget done. Now we -- it appears to me  
22 that we're trying to squeeze everything in now. But  
23 anyway, I thank you for even, I thank you for even  
24 listening to me.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Well, let me  
26 clear something up. I want to make this statement too  
27 about their talk. It's hard to have a budget when you  
28 depend on so much on the -- when the State of South  
29 Carolina hasn't got a budget passed yet. Just this  
30 past week, we got cut another over two hundred thousand  
31 dollars just on radio license fees for eight hundred  
32 radio service. If we, if we hadn't been prepared for  
33 that, had smart people in place preparing for that,  
34 we'd sure enough be in a bad place. Columbia didn't  
35 prepare for that and Columbia passed their budget and  
36 now they've got to go back and re-do their budget. So  
37 the last time I checked, we don't have to have a budget  
38 due until July 1st and we're on time frame to get that  
39 done, I don't think with no problem. Anything,  
40 anything else on budget items? Hearing none, we'll  
41 have Citizen Comments now. Mr. Pitts.

42 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

43 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
44 As you look through this sheet you have on the back, as  
45 a citizen it's a bit confusing. It talks about last  
46 year actual current budget, six month actual, and debt  
47 request, and department request, and then the  
48 administrator request. I take it that the actual is  
49 for the whole year, but the current budget must be for  
50 a month when you look at the individual items because,

1 I mean, under health care it's like twenty-seven  
2 thousand dollars. I don't think you could cover the  
3 entire County for twenty-seven thousand dollars a year.  
4 So it's real confusing for me, a layman, to try to  
5 understand what you're trying to tell us in this  
6 budget. I do appreciate the fact that as I look over  
7 and you have the six month actual, we have to go to the  
8 trouble to do mental math and multiply it times two.  
9 It is impressive that the administrator has dropped  
10 just about everything I'm looking at either by one and  
11 half -- well, in some cases over half and in some cases  
12 into ten, twenty, thirty, forty percent. And I just  
13 want you to know that I really appreciate as a taxpayer  
14 the work that you guys have done to save me and this  
15 county tax dollars in a really bad economy. I still  
16 don't think you guys have figured out what the other  
17 counties have done. Y'all are toting this hat of not  
18 wanting to get rid of employees. I know you're having  
19 attrition by people retiring and people going other  
20 places because they're not happy with how tight you  
21 hold the budget, if that's the word we want to use.  
22 Because as I look at salaries, last year was fifty-two  
23 thousand, I guess that's per month, current is like  
24 fifty-four thousand, so we've had some loss. But under  
25 requests, we're down to fifty-three thousand so it's  
26 about the same. There again, that's full time  
27 employees and me, as a layman, looking at this thing.  
28 I just really wish you would call other counties,  
29 contact them, look at their websites. I think we're  
30 the only county who is depending on what revenues  
31 you're receiving and what revenues you're receiving  
32 from the state. Us and taxes and the state as far as  
33 money they give you to operate our budget. Y'all are  
34 depending too much on me, the taxpayer, and too much on  
35 me, the taxpayer of the state. But guess what? The  
36 state don't have money unless they get it from me, also  
37 and everybody else sitting behind me and you guys  
38 sitting up there. I know I made the statement about we  
39 need to fire half. I don't really mean we need to fire  
40 half our employees. I mean we need to get rid of some  
41 employees. I mean departments. I mean, go sit in one  
42 of the departments one day, it's really fun to watch  
43 people. I really think you need to have a fly on the  
44 wall employee who just kind of roves around and kind of  
45 does an eye study on what does and doesn't happen.  
46 We've got some very hard workers in this county and  
47 we've got some sloths. We've got some people, sloths I  
48 guess you call it. We've got people who fudge.

49 MIKE PITTS: Time, Mr. Chairman.

50 MARK POWELL: Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
2 That's it. Y'all keep in mind if you would, if I  
3 believe I've got this right. Mr. Burns, a week from  
4 tomorrow will be third reading?  
5 RUSTY BURNS: I believe that's next  
6 Tuesday.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Next Tuesday. That's right.  
8 A week from tomorrow.  
9 RUSTY BURNS: Next Tuesday.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Next will be third reading  
11 at six o'clock here. And the staff has requested us  
12 for some housekeeping things and for us to have a  
13 budget workshop some time Thursday morning. Anybody  
14 have a problem with that? What time? Y'all want to  
15 say about nine thirty? Will that work for y'all?  
16 Workshop at nine thirty Thursday morning then. Hearing  
17 no -- ten. Ten will be fine. Ten o'clock, ten o'clock  
18 Thursday morning. Hearing no objections, we'll be  
19 adjourned now.  
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23 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 P.M.



State of South Carolina        )  
County    of    Anderson        )

Anderson County Council  
Special Called Meeting  
June 29, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
BOB WALDREP  
GRACIE FLOYD  
TOM ALLEN  
RON WILSON  
M. CINDY WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... to order, Tuesday,  
2 June 29, 2010, the third reading of the Anderson County  
3 2011 Budget. At this time, I'd ask -- I'd like to ask  
4 Mr. Council Member Ron Wilson if he'll lead us in  
5 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, please.

6 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RON WILSON

7 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, I'll ask  
8 Mike Pitts to call out names for Citizens Comments. If  
9 you would, please address the Chair and state your  
10 district and please keep comments on tonight's agenda,  
11 please. Mr. Pitts.

12 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, first up  
13 tonight is Bonnie Sue West. Bennie Sue. I'm sorry.  
14 Bennie Sue West.

15 BENNIE SUE WEST: That's quite all right.  
16 I've been called a lot worse. I wanted to ask Mr.  
17 Chairman and members ---

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

19 BENNIE SUE WEST: -- of the County Council  
20 to please stick to the language in the budget that you  
21 adopted on the second reading regarding transfers. You  
22 got it just right. The other thing, since you don't  
23 have all the numbers that you need, the budget needs to  
24 be cut down some more so I hope you will not pass this  
25 budget tonight. I wanted to let you know that George  
26 Soreus, Bill Gates, Warren Buffett are putting a lot of  
27 their assets in gold and that tells me volumes. We've  
28 got to cut more out of the budget. I don't see how you  
29 can increase salaries. I understand that is one thing  
30 that is in your thoughts. You need to reduce the size  
31 of government. It has been grown outrageously by the  
32 previous administration and I don't want to be one of  
33 those I told you so, but we're in for some very bad  
34 times. My son is with a company that has seminars on  
35 the economy and they have reliable economists to come  
36 and speak to them and one of them speculated that the  
37 feathers would hit the fan around 2016. And, of  
38 course, all people can do is speculate. Nobody knows  
39 for sure. But you can't spend money like local  
40 government, state governments, and federal government  
41 and expect to come out smelling like a rose. At first  
42 I thought the President wanted to redistribute the  
43 wealth in the nation, but he wants to do it globally.  
44 And we are up a creek and I hope all of you realize  
45 that. Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

47 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

48 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District  
49 Seven. I would ask you as I have a many a times. Y'all  
50 brag on this budget highlight sheet, Item Number Seven

1 or so, no layoffs or terminated positions. I do not  
2 understand why y'all think that me the taxpayer, you  
3 the taxpayer, and all the taxpayers out there in  
4 Anderson County need to have such pride in the fact  
5 that y'all think it's so worthy, so noble, not let some  
6 heads roll. This county was fluffed from three hundred  
7 and something, four hundred employees, I think the  
8 sheet we have tonight says around nine hundred. I know  
9 we've had attrition, we've had people leave, praise God  
10 of some of them who have gone are gone. But we've got  
11 others that have to be over redundancy within  
12 departments. We have departments that had ten, twelve  
13 people and the economy and construction is down and  
14 those ten, twelve people aren't needed. Other counties  
15 have stepped up to the plate and had to let some people  
16 go. I, I know you think it's honorable and noble, but  
17 I think it's patently absurd that you have not laid off  
18 some people. I like that word patently absurd. It  
19 also says there's no change in employee payment of  
20 health insurance. I could have sworn there was  
21 something a while back where y'all were going to, you  
22 know, make the employees pay more. I, in the private  
23 sector, when the company, companies that I've worked  
24 for has a 10.3 percent increase in healthcare,  
25 generally speaking, they eat some of it and they pass  
26 some of it off that we the employees of the company.  
27 Again, I would like to say, this county produces  
28 nothing, you make nothing, you create nothing but debt,  
29 you create nothing but more jobs for family members who  
30 hopefully gets a vote for someone I guess. I don't  
31 understand why we've got so many employees. But again,  
32 it is patently absurd that we have not cut this budget.  
33 I have a sheet that I read that I got hot off the press  
34 I guess you would say. My copy was warm. And I wish  
35 that y'all would make these amendments to the agenda, I  
36 mean to the budget tonight. As I read through there's  
37 an awful lot of cuts. I wish somebody had of  
38 summarized at the end just how much money that would  
39 have been. Again, this budget doesn't cut enough  
40 therefore it's patently absurd. Let's make it better  
41 by amending the budget to some of this stuff that's in  
42 this handout tonight. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

44 MIKE PITTS: Carolyn Beyer.

45 CAROLYN BEYER: Mr. Chairman, I'm Carolyn  
46 Beyer, (?), in Anderson, South Carolina, District One.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

48 CAROLYN BEYER: I would ask that this  
49 council would not pass this budget at this time. We  
50 need to take a closer look at salaries. Anyone making

1 under fifty thousand dollars should get a cost of  
2 living increase. Anyone over seventy-five thousand  
3 dollars, the job should be re-evaluated to see if the  
4 job warrants this kind of salary or -- in the first  
5 place. My husband, who is retired from a local police  
6 department in New Jersey, paid dearly into his pension  
7 for thirty-one years. And this year, for the first  
8 time in twenty-one years, he did not receive a cost of  
9 living increase. And that's okay but that's because of  
10 the CPI for the country. Also Social Security people  
11 did not receive a cost of living increase and that's  
12 been in a number of years. We're in a double digit  
13 recession. They should not be -- there should not be  
14 across the board raises for anyone who makes over  
15 fifty-five thousand dollars a year. And I don't want  
16 anybody to tell me that I'm an outsider and I shouldn't  
17 be involved. I was born here in Anderson, South  
18 Carolina. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

20 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

21 ELIZABETH FANT: County Council District  
22 Three, Elizabeth Fant. I agree that we need to keep  
23 the transfer language in the budget as Eddie Moore  
24 mentioned at the last meeting. County Council needs to  
25 watch over the departmental transfers of money. It  
26 shouldn't be done willy nilly. I know that last year,  
27 we supposedly saved eight million dollars in the  
28 budget. I assume that it -- we would have had a tax  
29 increase of that amount and we didn't because they  
30 found the eight million in unnecessary funds and cut  
31 them. The budget still needs to be cut. There is a  
32 lot of fat in this budget. There are expenditures on  
33 here for capital purchases that should not even be here  
34 for this year. Everybody else is doing with secondhand  
35 cars, maintaining what they've got. Why is it that  
36 County Council should approve expenditures for big  
37 equipment, yard equipment, any of that that's new right  
38 now. None of that should be happening. We should be  
39 using what we've got. I notice that there are about  
40 five new New Holland lawn tractors out in the district  
41 and I want to know if those have already been paid for  
42 and if they've come across the budget because I haven't  
43 seen any expenditures for them so I'm wondering how  
44 that's happening. We are going to have a double dip  
45 recession. Probably in six months it'll be twice as  
46 bad as it is now because people who have been keeping  
47 above the water will no longer be able to do that and  
48 the recession is going to be worse rather than better.  
49 There will be no stimulus money, no money to pump us  
50 up. We need to prepare for the worse because it's

1 coming. Yes, we should have furloughs. Yes, Ms.  
2 Floyd, we should have TERI employees go. And divisions  
3 that are not doing anything like Buildings and Codes,  
4 yeah, if we don't want to lose those people, put them  
5 in the Animal Shelter and let them work there. We need  
6 about four new positions or put them somewhere where  
7 they can be used. Government should not be any more  
8 secure as far as jobs than the private sector. Cut the  
9 budget.

10 MIKE PITTS: Carol Glenn.

11 CAROL GLENN: Mr. Chairman, County  
12 Council. My name is Carol Glenn and I'm in District  
13 One. I refer you to this proposal that was brought to  
14 you tonight to consider and I, too, would say please  
15 consider these amendments to our new budget. I, too,  
16 say please postpone this budget until you see all these  
17 new proposals that was presented to you tonight.  
18 Administrative division, a motion to amend at a savings  
19 of two hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars.  
20 Upstate Alliance and Innovate Anderson, a savings of  
21 ninety thousand dollars off the budget. A finance  
22 division amendment, a savings of six thousand and forty  
23 thousand dollars off the budget. A motion to amend and  
24 freeze all salary increases for a coming year. Central  
25 Services, a motion to amend the budget at a savings of  
26 a hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars. Park,  
27 Recreation, Tourist Division, a motion to amend at a  
28 savings of twenty-seven thousand dollars. Parks and  
29 Recreation, a proposal to amend it and save forty  
30 thousand dollars. I mean this goes on and on and on  
31 the savings that could be cut from our new budget. So  
32 I would, I would please ask you to consider these  
33 amendments that was brought to you tonight by a council  
34 member and please consider this before you finalize our  
35 budget. And with that, I say thank you.

36 MIKE PITTS: Chuck Webber.

37 CHUCK WEBBER: Mr. Chairman, Members of  
38 the Council. Chuck Webber, District One. I haven't  
39 gone through the budget, I haven't seen the budget.  
40 Just seeing the highlights from the budget, there was a  
41 few things that could be cut. I see the Sheriff's  
42 budget is up six percent. I see that the health  
43 insurance, I hope you make an amendment to pay my  
44 increase in health insurance. I know that you have all  
45 worked very hard on this budget. You've gone over  
46 everything. I have attended some budget meetings in  
47 prior years. I haven't been to any this year. But I  
48 think you've done a good job and just looking at some  
49 of these proposals in this paper, I think that maybe  
50 you ought to table the budget for tonight and take up

1 some of these. I know Mr. Moore had proposed that  
2 there be a twenty-five hundred dollar limit on  
3 transfers and I think that's a good suggestion because  
4 having come to council meetings for the last four  
5 years, I can see people saying, well, where's our money  
6 gone, where's our money going. It's like we give you a  
7 -- we get a budget of so many dollars but who knows  
8 where that money's going. It could be shifted from  
9 here to there and I think it's a good idea to keep that  
10 or get that into the budget. I want to thank you all  
11 for the last couple of years that you've been in  
12 office. You've done a wonderful job in cutting the  
13 budget last time by eight and a half million dollars.  
14 Some people said I don't believe that, I don't believe  
15 that. Well, congratulations. You did a good job.  
16 Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you,  
18 Mr. Pitts. Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Moving on, I'd just  
19 like to -- we'll get started with motions. Everybody's  
20 been talking about this, a few people's talked about  
21 this tonight -- this fiscal year 2011 budget  
22 highlights. I'd just like to read over a couple --  
23 read over them for the people at home and everybody in  
24 the audience to make sure they see this. No tax  
25 increases, no increase in Solid Waste fees, no increase  
26 in sewer rates, three percent overall reduction in  
27 General Fund budget, six percent increase in the  
28 Sheriff's budget, no pay increases, no layoffs or  
29 terminated positions, no decrease in services, six  
30 furlough days except for the Sheriff's office  
31 employees, communications center, and elected  
32 employees, ten furlough days for those making over  
33 ninety thousand dollars excluding the state mandated  
34 salaries, no change in employment payment of health  
35 insurance, 10.3 increase in health insurance effective  
36 January 2011, Tri-County Technical College is fully  
37 funded, the sewer fund is budgeted to meet debt  
38 coverage ratio, revenues for General Fund excluding  
39 capital lease proceeds for the fiscal year 2009 actual  
40 - 55.9 million. These are revenues. Fiscal year 2010  
41 projected 56.6 million. Fiscal year 2011 budgeted  
42 revenue is 58.4 million. Used a conservative  
43 collection rate of 94.5 percent for the fiscal year  
44 2011 whereas a collection rate of twenty -- 96.5  
45 percent was used for the fiscal year 2010. General  
46 Fund salaries (full time, part-time, overtime,  
47 excluding the Sheriff's Office) decreased five hundred  
48 and fifteen thousand four hundred and five dollars or  
49 3.4 percent. If we subtract the fourteen part-time  
50 employees staffing the Ebenezer QRV, the County has a

1 total of nine hundred and twenty-three employees in  
2 June 2010. The County had nine hundred and twenty-five  
3 employees about this time last year. Now moving on,  
4 Ordinance Third Reading, Number 2010-07 -- 007.  
5 Ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budget of  
6 Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
7 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, to make appropriations  
8 for such Anderson County budgets for county ordinary  
9 purposes and for other county purposes for which the  
10 county may levy a tax other than the Tri-County  
11 Technical College purposes; to provide for the levy of  
12 taxes on all taxable personal and real estate  
13 properties in Anderson County for such county purposes  
14 including significant tax to pay for the principal and  
15 interest on outstanding indebtedness of Anderson County  
16 maturing during the said fiscal year; to adopt the  
17 operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for  
18 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and such  
19 Anderson County budgets for the Tri-County Technical  
20 College; to provide for the levy of tax on all personal  
21 and real properties in the Anderson County in which  
22 school taxes may be levied for such Tri-County  
23 Technical College purposes; to provide for the levy,  
24 assessment, and collection of certain other taxes and  
25 fees to provide for the expenditures and said taxes and  
26 other revenues coming to the County during said fiscal  
27 year and to provide for other matters relating to  
28 Anderson County. At this time I entertain a motion.

29 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

30 TOM ALLEN: Second.

31 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: This has been the most  
34 agonizing year I have ever looked at numbers. We had  
35 revisions coming and going. We can anticipate or  
36 project revenues, but that does not necessarily mean we  
37 will receive them. I'm going to give you a little bit  
38 of background of my philosophy here, but the bottom  
39 line is I think that we need to put money aside in a  
40 rainy day fund. Right now I don't think we have  
41 sufficient money in fund balance to cover a double dip  
42 recession. We've had to deal with revenue reductions  
43 that have come in pretty much last minute. The aid to  
44 state -- the state aid to subdivisions which is our  
45 local government's fund, has dropped almost four  
46 million dollars. We should be at right close to eleven  
47 million and they dropped us to almost 6.7 million this  
48 year. What if next year? Members of the general  
49 assembly at an ACOG meeting Friday informed county  
50 governments that there may not be aid to subdivisions

1 next year. They're looking at somewhere between a  
2 seven hundred thousand - one billion dollar shortfall  
3 in state funding. Last year's sewer budget was a  
4 little more than five million dollars. Our bluebook  
5 budget that first came to us indicated a recommended  
6 budget of six million forty-two thousand two hundred  
7 and ninety dollars. Then I had a fax yesterday that  
8 suddenly indicates that we -- we'd better budget for  
9 eight million and forty-six thousand dollars and some  
10 odd cents. This necessitates a transfer from the  
11 General Fund of somewhere between two and a half to  
12 three million dollars just to keep the sewer fund  
13 afloat. Remember we subscribed our county government  
14 in the previous administration to subscribe to  
15 obligating our county to the city to the tune of about  
16 forty-one percent of their debt obligation. That now  
17 indicates that the bonds are such that we have to repay  
18 the bond debt with a hundred and ten percent of  
19 revenue. So that means we're going to take money out  
20 of the General Fund just to keep the sewer fund going.  
21 So that's two and a half to three million dollars that  
22 we did not anticipate. We've got building permits, our  
23 growth, our revenues from various functions are way  
24 off. The Civic Center's been losing about seven  
25 hundred thousand plus or minus a year for years. The  
26 Farmer's Market. We average about a hundred thousand  
27 dollars a year loss for the past three-four years. Our  
28 debt service now is around 10.6 million dollars.  
29 Excluding our Sheriff and Enterprise funds, General  
30 Fund revenues are projected around thirty-seven million  
31 dollars. Our ad valorem taxes will be off we know of  
32 almost four hundred thousand that we won't be getting  
33 in the near future there. I won't impune our county  
34 staff. They have been working in the most difficult  
35 situations and I think that we've all had ourselves  
36 pushed to the plow in this. It is awful. I just think  
37 they are more optimistic about projections of revenue  
38 than what I believe most of us deal with on the front  
39 lines every day.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse, excuse me, Ms.  
41 Wilson. If we could, we need to take about a three  
42 minute recess. The tape's messed up and we're going to  
43 make sure we get all this on record. Is that --  
44 anybody got a problem with that?

45 CINDY WILSON: No.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We'll take about a  
47 three minute recess just to get them -- let them get it  
48 ---

49 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE - GO TO TAPE TWO

50 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, we'll be



1 back in, back in session and I'll ask -- and I  
2 apologize for the delay. Just something unforeseen,  
3 couldn't happen, and I'll ask Ms. Wilson to continue  
4 on, please.

5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
6 We can adopt these series of motions that we going to  
7 suggest tonight without any reduction in service to our  
8 public. I want our public to know that we, as a  
9 council, understand that our county citizens, many of  
10 them are hurting, they're losing their jobs, they're  
11 losing their homes. We each have our own businesses  
12 and we've, we experience it ourselves. My suggestion  
13 is that we adopt these series of motions that we'll  
14 make tonight and put money in the rainy day fund and  
15 prepare for the worst and then if the best starts  
16 happening like with First Quality coming in line and  
17 other endeavors that our good economic development  
18 department has been engaged in, then we can take a deep  
19 breath and start funding more things. So that's my  
20 philosophy and I will relinquish the floor at this  
21 moment, but I'll come back shortly. Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
23 Anyone else? Anyone else or we're ready to vote on the  
24 budget?

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. We're  
26 voting off -- on the whole budget now?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I mean, that's  
28 what's the motion that's on the floor. I'm waiting on  
29 somebody to make an amendment or do something or  
30 another else.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Are there no amendments  
32 to the budget?

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

34 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I was just going  
35 to suggest. There are, there are three changes that we  
36 had to, to the budget and I don't know if people are  
37 aware of those or if they need to be read.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I think this is, I think  
39 -- are you making this as a...

40 TOM ALLEN: As a motion, yeah.

41 TOMMY DUNN: A motion to amend.

42 TOM ALLEN: I'm making a motion to  
43 amend, yeah.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? I  
45 have a ---

46 GRACIE FLOYD: What's the motion about,  
47 what is your motion about?

48 TOM ALLEN: It's to, it's to accept  
49 this, this budget with the changes that were made at  
50 the -- in previous readings.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I need to clarify it if I  
2 can, I think.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: We have to have  
4 discussion on that, don't we?

5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. It will be  
6 discussion. We've got to get a motion first.

7 TOM ALLEN: Also we need a second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Motion.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

10 TOMMY DUNN: This is, this is the one  
11 that was at the second workshop and I second that  
12 motion. And to make it clarify it to everybody if we  
13 would, ask Ms. Rita if she would read, read where  
14 everybody's on the same page. Everybody should have a  
15 copy of this. There's three pages. We got all this in  
16 our second, in our second, second workshop. Not  
17 workshop, excuse me, second reading. All this, all  
18 this was what was discussed. I ask Ms. Davis to bring  
19 us up.

20 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. General Fund -  
21 County Council Budget 5011 adding twenty-four thousand  
22 seven hundred to part-time salaries; County Council  
23 Budget adding one thousand five thirty-five to Social  
24 Security. Stand up, I'm sorry. County Council Budget  
25 adding three hundred and sixty dollars to Medicare.  
26 Administrator Budget - part-time salaries reducing it  
27 by twenty-two hundred dollars. Administrator's Budget  
28 - retirement reducing it by two hundred and five  
29 dollars. Social Security in that department decreasing  
30 by a hundred and thirty-five dollars; Medicare thirty  
31 dollars. In the Administrator's Budget increasing the  
32 salary line item by thirty-six thousand six forty.  
33 Retirement - four thousand one seventy-five. Social  
34 Security - two thousand two seventy. Medicare - five  
35 hundred and thirty dollars. Health Insurance - forty-  
36 seven hundred dollars. In Building Maintenance  
37 reducing electricity and gas by fifty thousand. Water  
38 and sewer by four thousand in that same department. In  
39 the Finance Department reducing salaries by thirty-  
40 eight thousand nine hundred and five. Retirement -  
41 three thousand six fifty-five. Social Security - two  
42 thousand four ten. Medicare - five hundred and sixty-  
43 five. Health insurance - six thousand oh forty. Also  
44 in the Finance Department increasing salaries by forty-  
45 two thousand. Retirement - three thousand nine forty.  
46 Social Security - two thousand six oh five. Medicare -  
47 six hundred and ten dollars. Health Insurance - eight  
48 thousand nine hundred. And Health Insurance - nine  
49 hundred and seventy-five. Register of Deeds Office  
50 reducing salaries by four thousand. Retirement - three

1 hundred and seventy-five. Social Security - two  
2 hundred and forty-five. Medicare - sixty dollars. In  
3 that same department, Register of Deeds, increasing  
4 office supplies by ten thousand. Special Populations  
5 including -- increasing the part-time salaries -  
6 thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty. Retirement -  
7 one thousand two forty-five. Social Security - eight  
8 hundred and twenty. Medicare - a hundred and ninety  
9 dollars. Belton Farmer's Market, that's the Farmer's  
10 Market Budget increasing a thousand dollars.  
11 Purchasing increasing salaries thirteen thousand four  
12 hundred. Retirement - one thousand two sixty. Social  
13 Security - eight hundred and thirty. Medicare - a  
14 hundred and ninety-five. Health Insurance - eight  
15 thousand nine hundred. And the Sheriff's support  
16 services in 5181 compliance reducing small hand tools  
17 seventeen hundred dollars. In Emergency Preparedness  
18 increasing rental of land three thousand seven hundred  
19 and fifty dollars. Emergency Preparedness 001  
20 decreasing the telephone house account by twenty  
21 thousand. And Communications decreasing salaries  
22 twenty-nine thousand seven fifteen. Retirement - two  
23 thousand seven ninety. Social Security - one thousand  
24 eight forty. Medicare - four hundred and thirty  
25 dollars. Health Insurance - four thousand six seventy.  
26 Salaries - twenty-three thousand seven seven five.  
27 Retirement - two thousand two thirty. Social Security  
28 - one thousand four seventy-five. Medicare - three  
29 hundred and forty-five dollars. Health Insurance -  
30 four thousand six seventy. Also in Communications  
31 reducing the telephone account thirty-five hundred  
32 dollars. In Technical Services decreasing training  
33 five thousand dollars. In Roads and Bridges decreasing  
34 asphalt seventy-five thousand. Supplies - pipe  
35 reducing it by twenty-five thousand. Increasing  
36 capital by a hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.  
37 And in Building Codes increasing salaries twenty-three  
38 thousand seven seven five. Retirement - two thousand  
39 two thirty. Social Security - one thousand four  
40 seventy-five. Medicare - three hundred and forty-five.  
41 Health Insurance - four thousand six seventy. In the  
42 Storm Water department that -- this is the total  
43 expenditures in that department decreasing it from the  
44 General Fund four hundred and forty-three thousand  
45 eight hundred and sixty dollars. Reducing the -- this  
46 is providing -- the next line item in Capital Lease  
47 increasing it by a hundred and thirty-five thousand to  
48 provide for the Roads and Bridges up above.  
49 Transportation grant providing for funding a hundred  
50 and six thousand four forty-five. And this is the

1 sewer fund transfer out four hundred and forty-three  
2 eight sixty. And in Capital Projects it's a transfer  
3 into the General Fund twelve thousand seven fifty-five.  
4 And these -- well, the changes were there. I didn't  
5 make enough copies. But they're available if anybody  
6 wants those. The ones I just read that are not in  
7 yellow, we discussed at Thursday's budget workshop.  
8 These following ones in -- highlighted in yellow are  
9 the ones that have -- recommended by the Administrator  
10 since Thursday's workshop. So we'll go over them  
11 briefly. I've been advised by the County Attorney that  
12 the legislature just said this last session that  
13 there's a maximum of ten furlough days. We had  
14 contemplated twelve so this is, if you will, providing  
15 that those making over ninety thousand dollars would  
16 just have to furlough the ten days per state law. So  
17 we'll read these right quickly. Adding back to the  
18 salary counted in Administration one thousand and ten.  
19 Retirement - ninety-five dollars. Social Security -  
20 sixty dollars. Medicare - fifteen dollars. In the  
21 Purchasing Department adding eight hundred and fifty-  
22 five to salaries. Eighty dollars to Retirement. Social  
23 Security - fifty dollars. Medicare - ten dollars. In  
24 the Transportation Division adding eight hundred and  
25 thirty dollars to salary. Eighty dollars to  
26 Retirement. Fifty dollars - Social Security. And ten  
27 dollars to Medicare. In Department 5046, the Finance  
28 Division, adding nine hundred and twenty-five dollars  
29 to salaries. Eighty-five dollars to Retirement. Sixty  
30 dollars - Social Security. Fifteen to Medicare. In  
31 the Emergency Preparedness Department adding seven  
32 hundred and fifty dollars to salaries. Seventy dollars  
33 to Retirement. Forty-five dollars to Social Security.  
34 Ten dollars to Medicare. And the way we're going to --  
35 I think that totaled like fifty-one hundred dollars the  
36 way we're proposing to pay for that so that it balances  
37 out to zero is taking two thousand from part-time  
38 salaries in the Magistrate's Office, fifteen hundred in  
39 part-time salaries in IT Department, and one thousand  
40 six oh five health insurance in Communications. The  
41 next items are -- is a reduction of capital in certain  
42 Anderson County departments. Building Maintenance  
43 proposing a thirty thousand dollar reduction in  
44 capital. Assessor - thirty-five thousand one hundred  
45 and seventy reduction in capital. Registration and  
46 Election - forty thousand six one five reduction in  
47 capital. Roads and Bridges - two hundred and twenty-  
48 three thousand one hundred and fifteen reduction. And  
49 that's a reduction in capital so consequently we would  
50 be using projected three hundred and twenty-eight

1 thousand nine hundred less in our lease proceeds so  
2 that's how that nets out to zero. The next line item  
3 is giving the Solicitor's Office the fifty thousand  
4 dollars that was originally decreased and that will be  
5 coming from the County Attorney's budget legal  
6 settlement - fifty thousand. That's the total changes  
7 in the General Fund. Now we'll move on to a few in the  
8 Special Revenue Fund. We're proposing a forty-nine  
9 thousand five hundred reduction in capital in the EMS  
10 fund and that will result in less usage of fund balance  
11 in the EMS fund of forty-nine thousand five hundred.  
12 We've talked about this next line item at last  
13 Thursday's budget workshop. The transportation grant,  
14 increasing salaries thirty-eight thousand nine oh five.  
15 Retirement - three thousand six fifty-five. Social  
16 Security - two thousand four ten. Medicare - five  
17 hundred and sixty-five. Worker's Comp - a thousand and  
18 seventy-five. Health Insurance - six thousand and  
19 forty. And Professional Services - four thousand one  
20 sixty-five. And then we show the additional transfer  
21 in revenue from the General Fund - a thousand and six  
22 four forty-five and we reduce the federal grant  
23 accordingly, forty-nine thousand six thirty. Well, we  
24 moved to Interest seventy-five thousand to provide for  
25 interest on debt service and we're taking it out of  
26 Program Expenditures two -- Account 241 and Fund 177.  
27 That's the total net changes to the Special Revenue  
28 Fund and, as you see, it nets to zero. Now talking  
29 about the Capital Projects. The 3.5 million in Account  
30 -- Fund 332, sub object 401 Construction in Progress,  
31 an additional increase of 3.5 revenue to pay for those  
32 anticipated capital projects. The next line items are  
33 the First Quality Enterprises - seventeen million eight  
34 hundred and fifty inflow of anticipated revenue from  
35 the company in federal and state sources and then a  
36 spending of that money for site acquisition and  
37 infrastructure improvements of seventeen million eight  
38 hundred and fifty-thousand. And we are increasing the  
39 transfer out from Capital Projects - twelve thousand  
40 seven fifty-five to the General Fund and then there's a  
41 subsequent and corresponding twelve thousand seven  
42 fifty-five reduction in repairs to building in Fund  
43 360. The next is a reduction of capital in the Airport  
44 Fund of twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question on, on  
48 this which she just read. May I ask?

49  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Davis.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Rita, the  
2 Capital Projects Fund 332 - three million five hundred  
3 thousand and you have a Capital Projects Revenue -  
4 three million five hundred to pay for capital projects.  
5 What capital projects are we going to pay for?

6 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, there's no  
7 capital project that has been approved by County  
8 Council.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

10 RUSTY BURNS: There's several ---

11 GRACIE FLOYD: May I finish, please?

12 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. I've  
14 reviewed the proposed changes to the budget that I  
15 received on June 23 and I noticed the 3.5 million  
16 dollars. I looked into this thing further and I became  
17 concerned that there was something wrong here that we  
18 did not know about. I am now informed and I believe  
19 that there is apparently a new water park planned in  
20 addition some additional funding for Ms. Wilson's  
21 desired equestrian park. Now the money is in the  
22 budget for those things, all right. My, my concern is  
23 why are we, why are we even entertaining the thought of  
24 putting a water park in Anderson County when we cannot  
25 afford it. Now I know that it has been said it's going  
26 to come from the accommodations tax dollars, okay. But  
27 even our accommodations tax dollars will be stretched  
28 this year as we've had no other money to give to these  
29 entities. I'm talking about the people who usually  
30 receive money out of that accommodations tax. But to  
31 take it all, or even a portion of it, for a water park  
32 when we are furloughing people, when we have to cut  
33 back on maintenance of the buildings. There is no  
34 money for roads and paving but yet we are going to fund  
35 a water park? Now I know there's one in Greenville and  
36 they're getting ready to build another one. When I  
37 talked to Greenville today they told me that they spent  
38 thirteen years planning and saving for this water park.  
39 I don't think that this has been on the, on the board  
40 for about, on the counter for about three or four  
41 months. Anderson County doesn't have that kind of  
42 money. If we did, why don't we fix the parks we  
43 already have. I think the Dolly Cooper Park is not  
44 finished, that the park down in the Starr-Iva that  
45 needs some attention, the Civic, the Civic Center's  
46 need repair. Broadway Lake is a countywide park and it  
47 needs a swimming area as well as it needs a siren down  
48 there for the boaters to hear when we open those flood  
49 gates. If we have three and a half million dollars  
50 that we can use for a water park, why can't we allocate

1 the money for other things? As I said for paving. I'm  
2 glad to see that we have replaced the money that the  
3 Solicitor lost, that you took out of the Solicitor's  
4 account for battered women. I'm glad to see that went  
5 back. So there are some other things that we could be  
6 using our three and a half million dollars for. I know  
7 it has not been, I know that you said you have to go to  
8 -- it has to come before County Council. But to have  
9 it in the budget, to have it already earmarked in the  
10 budget concerns me. And I'm surprised, I'm surprised  
11 that no one else has said anything about this. Maybe  
12 there's just no understanding, maybe you don't realize.  
13 Three and a half million dollars for a water park for  
14 Anderson, South Carolina. I think that we need to look  
15 at that again. I'd like to have some answers to my  
16 questions. Why are we building it? Why are we  
17 investing new money into parks when we have parks that  
18 have failed we haven't even completed? And why are we  
19 not allowing money for, for paving? And where are we  
20 going to get the funding from to pay for these 3.5  
21 million dollars other than the accommodations tax?  
22 Folks, that's my concern. Maybe you didn't know it,  
23 but there's three and a half million dollars in this  
24 budget set aside for a water park. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, now can the  
26 Administrator answer your questions?

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, thank you.

28 RUSTY BURNS: First thing, Mr.  
29 Chairman, that we were told by our auditor to put that  
30 in there. It has to go before County Council. Yes,  
31 some members of Council have visited water parks, we  
32 have looked at water parks. There is no money  
33 earmarked in that in any way for the Equine Effort. It  
34 is wide open if County Council decides to do any number  
35 of things that is there and that is holding that. But  
36 one of the reasons is the water park is attractive  
37 because all three water parks are open in Greenville  
38 County right now and the last year or this year and  
39 previous history, they've generated a half million  
40 dollars. The one that was in the distance and the two  
41 that are built by this year. That's a half million  
42 dollars after you've done everything. The three in  
43 Charleston generate approximately a million dollars  
44 each. One of the ideas was to possibly see if that  
45 money could be used to support the deficit at the Civic  
46 Center. Also serve as a tourism draw. But it has not  
47 been funded or secretly done or talked about. It's  
48 just been -- just an idea and the auditor said you need  
49 to a place to hold it for whatever y'all decide to do  
50 in recreation if it is fixing up all the parks in the

1 county -- whatever.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: And whatever too, I  
3 believe, Mr. Burns, that money couldn't be used to pave  
4 roads.  
5 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir. It can't be  
6 used to pave roads.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Can't be used to pay  
8 salaries. Okay.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
10 CINDY WILSON: Is this the remainder of  
11 the 2009 General Obligation of three and a half million  
12 left over?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: This is, this is ---  
14 RUSTY BURNS: This is money that  
15 doesn't even ---  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Exist.  
17 RUSTY BURNS: There's no bond involved  
18 in it or anything like that. This is just in essence a  
19 holding pattern. We are not proposing to spend three  
20 and a half million dollars in this budget. Unless  
21 Council decides to spend three and a half million  
22 dollars on whatever project that can be legally funded  
23 with the accommodations tax.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: We'd have to have it to  
25 spend it.  
26 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. (?)  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd's got the  
29 floor.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I understand  
31 that the idea could be to use the rest of the bond on  
32 that sports complex that's going to come off soon to  
33 use that and maybe to float another bond. But there  
34 are other questions about the water park. For example,  
35 whose going to keep it up? What about the personnel?  
36 Are you're talking about hiring more people? How long  
37 will it take to build? And what about all the other  
38 parks? I understand that we went through an outside  
39 company to come down to Anderson County from up North  
40 to work on one of our parks that we have here when we  
41 could have put those people to work ourselves. All  
42 right. Greenville said they had no furloughs this  
43 year, they had no tax cost this year, and no layoffs.  
44 And also there's another little thing that's going  
45 around in the air is food on taxes. We have a council  
46 member up here who has actually mentioned putting a tax  
47 on food. What about that? What's going on there? I've  
48 asked for a boat that you promised, you promised me and  
49 the people at Broadway Lake that you would provide us a  
50 boat before the year -- before the season starts out



1       there. As of today, we don't have a boat. You told me  
2       that Holt Hopkins would be in charge of it. I asked  
3       Holt about where is the boat and then I was told that  
4       you were waiting on the Sheriff to hire somebody. The  
5       Sheriff said he had no knowledge of that. Well, we  
6       have hired somebody now.

7               RUSTY BURNS:               That is a fact.

8               GRACIE FLOYD:              Broadway Lake needs the  
9       boat that you promised us that we could have.

10              RUSTY BURNS:              And that boat has come  
11      before County Council for a vote just as everything  
12      that comes out that we purchase.

13              GRACIE FLOYD:              I think you told me that  
14      you didn't think that it had to come out of there  
15      because you were ---

16              RUSTY BURNS:              No.

17              GRACIE FLOYD:              -- I'm telling you that,  
18      that we were replacing one boat that you and this other  
19      guy gave to the city. The boat that we had at Broadway  
20      Lake. An operable boat was given to the city without  
21      any kind of vote -- we didn't vote on that. We didn't  
22      vote. I think it was a -- you signed your name to the  
23      letter along with Trady Gummons (?) and the boat was  
24      gone to the city. So does this have to come back now  
25      to replace what you gave away?

26              RUSTY BURNS:              That boat, with all due  
27      respect, Ms. Floyd, was in a horrible state of repair.  
28      Nobody was taking care of it. Working out a joint  
29      effort with the City Fire Department primarily we were  
30      able, using a lot of their funds, to restore that boat  
31      and it's part of our rescue operation that serves  
32      everybody in Anderson County.

33              GRACIE FLOYD:              I appreciate that, but  
34      the boat that we had could have been repaired as well.  
35      The same boat that's now serving the city could have  
36      been repaired to serve Broadway Lake. That boat was  
37      given -- we got the boat through a grant. It was  
38      Broadway Lake's boat. They need a boat. You have to  
39      realize that Broadway Lake not only serves District  
40      Two, it serves every district in Anderson County and it  
41      also serves people from elsewhere out of the County and  
42      out of the state. So it was a -- it's a lifesaving  
43      tool that needed to be down there. But anyway, these  
44      are my budget concerns. There is three and a half  
45      million dollars in that budget and it was discussed or  
46      earmarked for a water park. Thank you.

47              TOM ALLEN:                Mr. Chairman.

48              TOMMY DUNN:               Mr. Allen.

49              TOM ALLEN:                Yeah. I just wanted to  
50      ask. Rita, when you read through this, what's the, the

1 total savings on this? Wasn't it around two million  
2 that had been cut in the budget?

3 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. With these  
4 changes to the General Fund, there'll be a 2.1 million  
5 dollar savings or three percent reduction.

6 TOM ALLEN: And what do we have in  
7 our fund balance right now?

8 RITA DAVIS: Approximately fifteen  
9 million dollars.

10 TOM ALLEN: About fifteen million?  
11 Is that within the range of what's normally accepted  
12 for a fund balance? Are we low? High?

13 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. That is  
14 approximately two month's worth of expenditures.  
15 Seventeen percent and that's usually the benchmark that  
16 the GOFA recommends.

17 TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. Okay.  
18 There's been some much discussion on -- and all of this  
19 is projection. You know, gloom and doom up here and  
20 then gloom and doom to this point and we don't know  
21 exactly how much gloom and doom we may be facing in the  
22 future. And I know the paper that was just handed to  
23 me, the amendments that were mentioned, which I think  
24 are all some pretty good ideas. But nobody knows for  
25 certain where we're going to be in the economy.  
26 There's a -- it does seem to be a good bit of darkness  
27 out there but we don't know how much. We don't know  
28 where the target it, we don't know what we're shooting  
29 for. What we have here is a balanced budget that I  
30 think we need to put into place and with the amendments  
31 and I haven't even really had a chance to go through  
32 them carefully and find out what effect there may be.  
33 Is there a domino effect, or what's it going to do to  
34 other departments? I think these are things that if we  
35 have to amend the budget later on, we could certainly  
36 do that. But as it stands right now, there's so much  
37 information floating around and it is all projected  
38 information that I think we might want to go with a  
39 budget that is balanced. Then if we have to amend it  
40 next month or three months or six months down the road,  
41 we could do that. And that's all I had, Mr. Chairman.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

45 EDDIE MOORE: I think we need to put  
46 more money in the contingency fund or reserves and then  
47 if we have to come back on some of these projects that  
48 we're wanting to do, do it at a later point. But it  
49 doesn't make any sense to try to operate just on a  
50 balanced budget. We need to save some money and put it

1 in a reserve and build a reserve up just a little bit  
2 more than is required by law. And then if times get  
3 better then we can look at some of these projects as  
4 going on. But you know, I've got a novel idea, if  
5 you've got three and half million dollars, why not give  
6 it back to the taxpayers and let them do what they want  
7 to with their own money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

9 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

11 CINDY WILSON: I'd like to begin making  
12 a series of motions and ---

13 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion on the  
14 floor we're going to need to take care of first, I  
15 believe.

16 CINDY WILSON: Which motion?

17 TOMMY DUNN: The one Mr. Allen made  
18 and Ms. Davis just read off. Those amendments -- those  
19 three pages of amendments. That was a motion -- not on  
20 the whole budget but these things right here.

21 CINDY WILSON: Who seconded it?

22 TOMMY DUNN: I did. That's why we're  
23 discussing all this thing. Couldn't -- we never could  
24 discuss this if we hadn't had a second or what not.  
25 We, we've got to dispose of this first.

26 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

28 BOB WALDREP: I'd like to hopefully  
29 address the proper topic here which is Mr. Allen's  
30 motion. I had not seen it until tonight. I don't  
31 know. When was it prepared? I don't know when it was  
32 prepared.

33 TOMMY DUNN: It was at our last  
34 workshop I know Thursday.

35 BOB WALDREP: Was it? Okay. I just  
36 note that it has provisions for additional personnel  
37 and, you know, one of the things we've been working  
38 toward is freezing personnel as we have it at this time  
39 and that just concerned me that there were additional  
40 jobs that were apparently created in this. And then I  
41 suppose they would be paid for by cutting something  
42 somewhere else but I see -- the question that Mr. Allen  
43 asked about the savings to Ms. Davis was 2.1 million  
44 dollars, is that what Ms. Davis said that would be  
45 saved out of this amendment that you have, Tom? I  
46 think one, one other thing. The way that this is  
47 prepared it's in -- the red letters, are those the red  
48 letters money that's going to be taken away?

49 TOM ALLEN: Cut.

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

1 BOB WALDREP: Deducted? And so it's  
2 kind of like -- well, I appreciate all the effort on  
3 this. It looks like it was a lot of work, but you're  
4 kind of giving with one hand and taking away with the  
5 other. And my, my big concern is additional personnel  
6 that I see in here. You know, we're moving people up  
7 from part-time to full time and I'm trying to figure  
8 out how many different employees are we adding. How  
9 many are we adding from this, this document here? Ms.  
10 Davis, do you know how many new employees would be  
11 added in this budget?

12 RITA DAVIS: Sir, the proposed  
13 amendment before you would add no new positions to the  
14 General Fund or any other fund. These are currently  
15 positions that are provided for in the county. This  
16 would just fund those positions.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me. How about, a  
18 little -- I don't he explained that real -- Ms. Davis.  
19 Where some of these positions are coming from they're  
20 transferring out of one department into another and  
21 that's what these line items is. There's no more new  
22 departments -- no more new personnel I don't believe.  
23 Is that correct?

24 RITA DAVIS: Well, two of the  
25 positions were actually not funded in the first  
26 reading.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

28 RITA DAVIS: And the Administrator is  
29 proposing that they be funded on third reading. And  
30 you are correct, Mr. Dunn, there are two positions  
31 coming from Communications back to Building and Codes.

32 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: What about the part-time  
34 salaries for County Council members?

35 TOMMY DUNN: Hang on. I still have  
36 the floor right quick. I've still got it. If you  
37 would and Mr. Waldrep's got it. I'm just answering it.  
38 Mr. Waldrep.

39 BOB WALDREP: Just one moment. I just  
40 wanted like for example, like Purchasing, I see vacant  
41 administrative assistant position needs to be filled.  
42 I was not aware that there was something that needed to  
43 be filled in that. Mr. Burns.

44 RUSTY BURNS: We have been operating  
45 with one person down in the Purchasing Department for  
46 the past year. We had a provision for a part-time  
47 salary if I'm not mistaken. Rita, Rita? In  
48 Purchasing, we had a provision last year for part-time  
49 I think in Purchasing?

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

1                   RUSTY BURNS:           This would be making that  
2   a full time position -- not a full time position but  
3   allowing us to create another position in Purchasing  
4   which we had had previously, but we held off last year  
5   for budgetary reasons.  
6                   BOB WALDREP:           Okay.  
7                   CINDY WILSON:          Mr. Chairman.  
8                   BOB WALDREP:          While I have the floor,  
9   please. Just a moment.  
10                  CINDY WILSON:          Oh, I'm sorry. Excuse  
11   me.  
12                  BOB WALDREP:          Waldrep's (?). I'll let  
13   you talk.  
14                  CINDY WILSON:          Sorry.  
15                  BOB WALDREP:          There was some matters  
16   that were brought up I think that maybe Representative  
17   from District Two brought up about a water park in  
18   here. Is there anything in this document here related  
19   to?  
20                  RUSTY BURNS:          What there is is 3.5  
21   million dollars allocated for capital expenditures ---  
22                  BOB WALDREP:          Expenditures.  
23                  RUSTY BURNS:          -- to be funded out of  
24   the accommodations tax. But it would have to go before  
25   Council and Council would have to do it. We are not  
26   actually spending any money in any way, shape, or form.  
27                  BOB WALDREP:          All right. Now that  
28   capital fund would come from accommodations tax?  
29                  RUSTY BURNS:          Yes, sir.  
30                  BOB WALDREP:          So it's not like we're  
31   raising taxes on anybody, but it would come purely  
32   through the accommodations tax that we turn.  
33                  RUSTY BURNS:          Yes, sir.  
34                  BOB WALDREP:          We have a revenue stream  
35   at this time?  
36                  RUSTY BURNS:          Yes.  
37                  BOB WALDREP:          I did think that it would  
38   be appropriate to say that this water park concept is  
39   one in which the City of Anderson and Anderson County  
40   have been talking about for just a couple of months.  
41   The city is faced with a situation where they have a --  
42   they're going to have to give up the Shepherd Swim  
43   Center. I believe that's what's happening at this  
44   point. The school is not going to allow that any more  
45   and the city is withdrawing from that so there's been  
46   some discussions about joining with the city in joint  
47   effort out there to put something at the Civic Center  
48   which would actually make money for a change. We have  
49   a Civic Center right now that's losing seven hundred  
50   thousand dollars a year. They have water parks and

1 facilities in other parts of the State namely,  
2 Greenville and Charleston. Some of them make, as Mr.  
3 Burns said, as much as a half million dollars a year  
4 net. We're not talking about gross, we're talking about  
5 net. That's after taking care of the people that are  
6 operating the park. This is an idea, of course,  
7 council is going to be looking at it after I've left  
8 this position but I would just ask people to be open  
9 minded and the opportunity that you might have to have  
10 a facility that would actually make money, actually  
11 generate -- well, accommodations taxes and put heads in  
12 beds as they say around here. So I -- just having said  
13 that, I just didn't want to throw cold water on a water  
14 park, you know, at this point. So -- thank you.  
15 That, that's really all I have to say.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. Thank you.  
18 I'd like to make a motion to the motion. Under Central  
19 Services Division, Building and Grounds 5021, and  
20 Purchasing 5091, I make the motion to amend the overall  
21 budget proposal for that division at -- which is  
22 proposed at two million three hundred and fifty-five  
23 thousand five hundred and five dollars to two million  
24 two hundred thousand dollars. I further make an  
25 addition to that motion under the Planning Division,  
26 Building and Codes Department 5411, the proposed budget  
27 for that department is eight hundred and thirty-seven  
28 thousand three hundred and five dollars. I make a  
29 motion to amend that to, excuse me, to six hundred and  
30 thirty-seven thousand three hundred and five dollars  
31 due to an almost two hundred thousand dollars drop in  
32 revenue. Under Public Safety Division, Emergency  
33 Services, this is not EMS but Emergency Services 5212.  
34 It is currently funded at seven hundred and eighty-four  
35 thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars.  
36 Proposed budget eight hundred and eighty-one thousand  
37 four hundred and fifteen dollars. Motion to amend to  
38 seven hundred thousand. Communications 5213. It's  
39 currently budgeted at two million nine hundred and  
40 fifty-one thousand five hundred and eighty dollars and  
41 eighty-nine cents. Proposed budget three million one  
42 hundred and thirty-one thousand six twenty. I make a  
43 motion to amend that three million fifty-six thousand  
44 and a hundred and eighty dollars. Technical Services  
45 which is 5213-01. Currently budgeted at five hundred  
46 and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and eighty-one  
47 dollars and thirty-four cents. The proposed budget is  
48 four -- four hundred and twelve thousand nine hundred  
49 and fifty-five. A revision that came to me last night  
50 was for, and I make a motion to amend it to, four

1 hundred and seven thousand nine hundred and fifty-five  
2 dollars. And then under this same heading to return to  
3 the Public Safety Division from Finance the GIS  
4 Addressing which is the E911 tariff, Fund 174,  
5 Department 5063. The proposed budget was one million  
6 eight hundred and twenty-one thousand eight hundred and  
7 eighty dollars and it was currently a little more than  
8 a million. It appears to factor in a new calling  
9 center at four hundred and fifty-five thousand which  
10 was discussed and denied last year and also  
11 accommodates the transfer out of approximately three  
12 hundred and fifty thousand. My motion to amend will  
13 retain the transfer out but the motion to amend is to  
14 fund it for one million three hundred and sixty-six  
15 thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars. The  
16 Transportation Division which is Road Maintenance,  
17 Department 5221, currently budgeted at slightly more  
18 than five million eight hundred thousand and the  
19 Director 5225, currently four hundred and twenty  
20 thousand and five hundred and some odd cents.  
21 Consolidate this into one division, one department,  
22 with a proposed -- the motion to amend is seven million  
23 three hundred thousand dollars from the proposed budget  
24 of seven million three hundred and sixty-seven thousand  
25 one hundred and forty dollars and three hundred and  
26 eleven five eighty-five. Fleet Services to remain as  
27 budgeted. The Airport Enterprise Fund which is 5775,  
28 I'm proposing that we retain the budget as it is this  
29 year which is one million five hundred and seventeen  
30 thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine dollars rather  
31 than the proposed one million seven hundred and  
32 seventy-three thousand seven hundred and fifteen.  
33 Under Special Appropriations, which is 5851, all the  
34 items would remain the same with the following  
35 exceptions: 074 Item Solicitor reduce from one million  
36 three hundred and ninety-five thousand six eighty to  
37 one million three hundred and fifty thousand. The  
38 additional funding provided by Oconee County and South  
39 Carolina combined is one million one hundred and  
40 seventy-eight thousand one hundred and eighty-nine  
41 dollars and seventy-nine -- seventy cents. And it also  
42 retains and remains unchanged the Solicitor's Case  
43 Facilitator, Number 76, unchanged at a hundred and five  
44 thousand. This is the facilitator who works with the  
45 domestic violence cases. And also Number 035, which is  
46 Fire Service to reinstate that at sixty-four thousand.  
47 And I put all this in the motion to amend the current  
48 motion on the floor.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
50 second?

1 TOM ALLEN: Second.

2 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. Now  
3 discussion. On Ms. -- this will be Ms. Wilson's --  
4 discussion on Ms. Wilson's motion. Any discussion?  
5 Ms. Floyd.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Ms. Wilson, when  
7 you went through this budget and you had the time to  
8 sit down and go through this budget and pick out all  
9 these little things, did you get -- did you involve the  
10 department heads to see how this would impact their  
11 departments if all these cuts were made as you suggest?

12 CINDY WILSON: I used a number of  
13 resources including our County Administrator, different  
14 financial people, and I talked with various department  
15 people through that -- those offices. I also mostly  
16 referred to the blue budget book, to the last year's  
17 (?), and the current year's budget and what it appears  
18 is a lot of -- in a lot of cases we've just increased  
19 the budget rather than really addressing it. And I  
20 feel like my proposals will in no way harm the level of  
21 services but will retain some savings for the rainy day  
22 fund.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: And the Transportation  
24 Division, your proposal, are you proposing that we cut  
25 the maintenance as well as the Director, the  
26 Maintenance Department or -- please explain this.

27 CINDY WILSON: Okay. If you will look  
28 Road Maintenance which is Department 5221, and the  
29 Director is 5225, Road Maintenance was budgeted at five  
30 million eight hundred and two thousand five hundred and  
31 twenty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents currently and  
32 doesn't really have a lot of paving involved. The  
33 Director is currently budgeted at four hundred and  
34 twenty thousand five hundred and sixty-three dollars  
35 and eighty-one cents. We have subbed out a driveway  
36 apron contract and there's not that much building. My  
37 motion to amend is greater than that combination of  
38 numbers at seven million three hundred thousand. The  
39 proposed budget is higher, but I'm recommending that we  
40 consolidate 5225 and 5221. We can realize some economy  
41 by not having two different sets of operating expenses.  
42 They can all work together and any savings and I would  
43 project a savings of about three hundred and seventy-  
44 eight thousand. I would respectfully request that we  
45 try to apply that to more paving in the county.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Also I don't understand  
47 your Financial Division amendment.

48 CINDY WILSON: I didn't make that one  
49 yet. These are the ones I'm making at the moment.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Ms. Wilson, all of



1 this was put at my place, ma'am. So you're not doing  
2 the financial revisions amendment?

3 CINDY WILSON: No, ma'am. I'm, I'm  
4 making the essential services, Planning, Public Safety  
5 Division, which includes Emergency Services,  
6 Communications, and Technical Services and returning  
7 the GIS Addressing E911 Tariff to Public Safety.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And what about  
9 these others -- Financial, are you going to make those  
10 at another time?

11 CINDY WILSON: I may or maybe someone  
12 else might want to but these are the ones I'm making  
13 right now.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Uh huh. Getting  
15 back to the Transportation. Have you talked with the  
16 director of that department to see how it would work if  
17 they did combine the two?

18 CINDY WILSON: Well, obviously, this is  
19 a greater number than what they've had before and we're  
20 currently subbing out driveway apron and if you'll look  
21 ---

22 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought we quit doing  
23 driveway aprons. Are you sure?

24 CINDY WILSON: We haven't stopped. The  
25 amendment to the amendment. Okay. You're reducing  
26 seventy-five thousand for driveway aprons according to  
27 the other proposal and you're decreasing twenty-five  
28 thousand from pipe supplies. So mine basically will  
29 put more money towards paving.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you talk with the --  
31 did you talk with the director of that department to  
32 see?

33 CINDY WILSON: I've talked with  
34 everybody and then I've made my own conclusions.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, before we can vote  
36 on something like this -- is the director here tonight?  
37 Is that Holt, Holt Hopkins too?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Is he -- is Holt here  
40 tonight?

41 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. I don't think.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know why people  
43 don't come to these. Okay. Thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Any more  
45 discussion on this motion?

46 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

48 TOM ALLEN: This just -- I think a  
49 lot of these amendments are, are something that -- I  
50 mean I just got this when I sat down here and haven't

1 really had a good chance to go through it all and  
2 figure out how it all fits in. I think there's some  
3 good ideas in here, but like I said I think this might  
4 be something we could use as amendments down the road  
5 when we have a better handle on. You know, what is aid  
6 to local subdivisions going to be? I've heard we're  
7 going to have it, I've heard we're not going to have  
8 it. I've heard it was going to be cut some, I've heard  
9 it was going to be cut a lot. I don't know what we may  
10 get. It's kind of like we're shooting at an unknown  
11 target. And I think if we waited, you know, approved  
12 this budget and then waited a couple months or so, we  
13 might have a better idea where we're at and these  
14 amendments could very well fit in.

15 CINDY WILSON: Well, if you subscribe to  
16 the notion that you want to balance the budget and your  
17 budget is predicated on projected revenues that you may  
18 not have. I am proposing that we trim back and  
19 anticipating further reductions of revenue and  
20 hopefully in six months we have better than what I  
21 believe we'll have, then we can go back and fund more  
22 things. But what I see reading the Wall Street Journal  
23 and in real life day-to-day, it looks very grim. Mr.  
24 Wilson can tell you, he, he probably knows that old  
25 George Soreose and all that crowds been bulking up on  
26 gold. So that to me indicates that they know that  
27 there's a bad time coming, a worse time. Do you think  
28 that, Mr. Wilson?

29 RON WILSON: I don't.

30 CINDY WILSON: No.

31 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson's still got  
33 the floor, I'm sorry.

34 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to ask her  
35 something.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.

37 BOB WALDREP: And that is, the total  
38 savings out of that is how much?

39 CINDY WILSON: Well, you know, savings  
40 are always a subjective figure here, but you're going  
41 from a budget that is about 6.2 million up to 7.3  
42 million. So I'm actually increasing what the current  
43 budget is but slight -- and I'm consolidating two  
44 departments to two savings by sharing office supplies  
45 and copiers and so forth, whatever they can to share.  
46 And then still trimming a little bit from what's  
47 proposed but requesting that we focus whatever we can  
48 in that particular area and more towards paving. You  
49 see paving in Anderson County really greatly diminished  
50 from 2003 and we, we did practically nothing last ---

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2                   CINDY WILSON:           -- serious economy issues  
3 but we do have to put some focus on our roads and this  
4 is what I hope this will do and plus fund the rainy day  
5 fund.

6                   TOMMY DUNN:            Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

7                   EDDIE MOORE:          Mr. Chairman.

8                   TOMMY DUNN:          Mr. Moore.

9                   EDDIE MOORE:          I have a little bit of  
10 different take on this than Mr. Allen. You know, I  
11 look at it this way. I had rather make some very minor  
12 changes that we're doing tonight and put the money in  
13 the bank and then if things don't get worse, we can  
14 restore some of them with amendment. But if you spend  
15 the money then that means you're going to have a blood  
16 bath in the county and I don't think anybody wants  
17 that. And I think if we go ahead and make some  
18 necessary cuts now and put the money in the bank and  
19 leave it there, I think that would be the wise thing to  
20 do. And then you can always come back and restore, but  
21 you can't keep going like we are and if everything does  
22 fall out -- the bottom falls out like everybody seems  
23 to think it's going to do and you know what's going on.  
24 I was up at that ACOG meeting last week and Senator  
25 Thomas Alexander which -- he is on the finance  
26 committee, he said the aid to subdivision -- we're  
27 getting all kinds of conflicting stories, but there was  
28 two Senators there and there were three House members  
29 there and every one of them -- when Joe Newton gave the  
30 presentation, he said that aid to subdivision was going  
31 to go down drastically if not disappear. And we're  
32 getting all kind of conflicting stories. I would just  
33 like to see us be conservative. These are conservative  
34 cuts that we're making here. There's nothing that's  
35 going to hurt anybody, it's just tightening the belt is  
36 all we're doing. Putting a little money in the bank  
37 and then if things don't get bad, we can always restore  
38 them with an amended budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

39                   TOMMY DUNN:          Thank you. Anyone else?  
40 I'd just like to say. Go ahead Ms. Floyd.

41                   GRACIE FLOYD:        Thank you. The thing  
42 about a budget though is you, you sit down and you do a  
43 budget that you feel like that's going to get you from  
44 one time to another time. If my light bill is forty  
45 dollars and I'm going to budget that, what sense does  
46 it make for me to put in thirty-five dollars and put  
47 the rest of it in savings knowing I have to go back to  
48 that savings account to get the money out anyway. Or I  
49 have to go before a board to see if they would give me  
50 enough money to finish the, the budget. I think that,

1 I think that what we need to do is to insure that the  
2 department has not what they need -- not what they  
3 want, but what they need in order to function for the  
4 upcoming year.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Any, anything else, Ms.  
6 Floyd?

7 GRACIE FLOYD: No, thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr.  
9 Waldrep.

10 BOB WALDREP: I was just going to say  
11 what has just been said is the hardest part of our  
12 budget is what is wanted and what is needed. And I  
13 think that's really the difficult job we have and  
14 that's what we've got to determine is what is needed  
15 and again not what is wanted.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd just like  
17 to say on my perspective this is a lot of information  
18 to get in a short period of time and try to digest.  
19 And I'm all for just like we've got two council members  
20 tonight and I appreciate them both dearly and what  
21 they've done and continue to do. But we're talking  
22 about saving money in one hand and spending money on  
23 roads and yes, try to do them both. And we need to.  
24 But we need to try to get a grip. I think we need to -  
25 - and consolidation, I think that's a great idea. But  
26 I want to know what these effects are going to have. I  
27 heard communications tonight and I know that's a very  
28 important thing to me. I want to make none of these  
29 things we do to my satisfactory because District Five  
30 elected a council person, they didn't elect a puppet  
31 and I want to make sure that I make -- I've got the  
32 facts to make sure that we can make the right  
33 decisions. I'm still from the thing we ought to have  
34 study done and make our recommendations about  
35 consolidation and what we should do about savings. And  
36 I think we are going to have to do some.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Sure.

38 TOMMY DUNN: And tighten some things  
39 up and putting some. But I want some more facts and  
40 better facts myself. And hearing that, we're ready to  
41 vote on Ms. Wilson's amendments. These will be Ms.  
42 Wilson's amendments. All in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
43 amendments, please show of hands. All opposed like  
44 sign. All abstained.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I oppose.

46 TOMMY DUNN: You oppose. Okay, I'm  
47 sorry. Oppose. Show the motion does not carry.  
48 Voting in favor of Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Ms. Wilson.  
49 Voting opposed Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, and Ms.  
50 Floyd. Go back to Mr. Allen's second original

1 amendment to the budget.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Could we have that  
3 repeated, please?  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. That will be  
5 these three sheets here.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: And I'd just like when  
8 Ms. gave her thing is to keep our eye on the thing.  
9 None of these things in this budget is going to -- is  
10 voting on tonight, this purchase no equipment, that has  
11 to come back before us to buy equipment, and that rec  
12 money, you know, can't be give back to the people. I  
13 wish it could. That's accommodation tax, that's state  
14 law. I wish we could give that money back. And  
15 hopefully we can do some studies and get -- give some  
16 people back some money. But what we can do -- there's  
17 no money in here for no water park. Anything the water  
18 park, or fixing any parks up, or the Broadway Lake  
19 thing, any of that will have to be -- will be coming  
20 before Council and we'll vote on it. That money is  
21 just earmarked there. It is my understanding our  
22 auditor requested that money be put in there and just  
23 not for that thing. Is that, is that...?  
24 RUSTY BURNS: Just to hold that  
25 position.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: That money.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: It does what?  
28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: What did he say?  
30 TOMMY DUNN: To hold that position, to  
31 hold that money in the, in the account, say it's  
32 earmarked for accommodation tax. So much is there, not  
33 earmarked, you know, for nothing directly. Anything it  
34 has to come from any council member can go to that and  
35 only if we've got the money that draws that will be  
36 spent.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. But Mr. ---  
38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd's got the, got  
40 the floor.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, I mean Mr.  
42 Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Burns. Yes, ma'am.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman and Mr.  
45 Burns.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: What I don't understand  
48 is that this money is contingent upon the  
49 accommodations tax, right? So if the accommodation  
50 money goes here, what about the other entities that

1 uses that money? For example, Germac or the tennis,  
2 tennis program over in, over in Belton, Cancer Society,  
3 the Easter Seal, it was a whole lot of folks that used  
4 that money. What about them?

5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And that,  
6 that's in the budget. Let Ms. Davis address that for  
7 you, Ms. Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Can, can Rita, not Rita,  
9 Ms. Humphrey, can you do it? Can you explain that?

10 GINA HUMPHREY: Well, I'll try.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

12 GINA HUMPHREY: It's my understanding  
13 that this three and a half million dollars would be  
14 bond proceeds and the bond would be paid for by the  
15 accommodations fee. The three percent accommodations  
16 fee that the county has put on. Right now or up until  
17 this point, that fee stream has been used to pay for  
18 the sports complex back in 1997-'98 when we built the  
19 sports complex.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh.

21 GINA HUMPHREY: We issued a general  
22 obligation bond and the pledge of revenues to pay for  
23 that came from that three percent accommodations fee.  
24 So what, what the thinking is now, that bond will be  
25 paid off very soon. I don't know the exact date.

26 RITA DAVIS: 2012.

27 GINA HUMPHREY: 2012, April 2012. So the  
28 thinking is when that sports complex bond is paid then  
29 we will issue another bond and, Rusty, stop me if I'm  
30 wrong because I haven't been in on a hundred percent of  
31 the conversation.

32 RUSTY BURNS: But I would add, I would  
33 add one other thing in that. On that sports complex  
34 bond, I believe that Mr. Waldrep, and Mr. Waldrep, you  
35 know this much better than I did, made a special  
36 accommodation when you were in the Senate to allow the  
37 city and county to participate in that bond. If my  
38 memory serves correct. But you did that to allow that  
39 to happen and that's the money we're talking about.  
40 Which is in essence a blend of city and county money.

41 GINA HUMPHREY: There -- that, that's  
42 true. There was special legislation that the General  
43 Assembly allowed Anderson County to have to create that  
44 three percent accommodations fee. That's why it's  
45 called a fee and not a tax. But that, that fee stream  
46 is, I'm thinking about three hundred and sixty or four  
47 hundred thousand dollars a year or is it more than that  
48 now?

49 RITA DAVIS: It's gotten up to about  
50 four hundred and fifty thousand average.

1                   GINA HUMPHREY:        Okay. It's increased to  
2    about four hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year.  
3                   GRACIE FLOYD:        And that comes from the  
4    accommodations ---  
5                   GINA HUMPHREY:        Fee.  
6                   GRACIE FLOYD:        Yeah. Okay.  
7                   GINA HUMPHREY:        Okay. Okay.  
8                   GRACIE FLOYD:        All right, all right. So  
9    none of the people who depend on that accommodations  
10   tax ---  
11                  GINA HUMPHREY:        This is totally  
12   different.  
13                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Okay. They would not be  
14   hit.  
15                  RUSTY BURNS:         No, ma'am.  
16                  GINA HUMPHREY:        No, ma'am.  
17                  GRACIE FLOYD:        At all.  
18                  GINA HUMPHREY:        It, it's a different  
19   source of revenue all together.  
20                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Okay. Other than using  
21   that money let's say for a water park, what else can it  
22   be used for?  
23                  GINA HUMPHREY:        Well, if, Rusty, go  
24   ahead, I don't want to steal your thunder.  
25                  RUSTY BURNS:         It can be used for  
26   anything that meets the law requirement of an  
27   accommodations tax. And it's primarily things that  
28   bring in tourism and visitors to Anderson County. But  
29   I would point out one thing that Mr. Waldrep touched  
30   on. Because part of the city's fee stream is involved  
31   in that money and the city is looking at alternatives  
32   for Shepherds Swim Center because they're going to be  
33   doing something and we already jointly are funding that  
34   together. This is something that may have an appeal to  
35   the city. I know that it has the appeal of certain  
36   members of the city about them possibly having their  
37   swimming pool there so there would be one Anderson  
38   County swimming pool that all the residents could use  
39   when they have to close the other one.  
40                  GRACIE FLOYD:        And what about all the  
41   other parks that we have in Anderson County that you're  
42   not, that's not being ---  
43                  RUSTY BURNS:         And, Ms. Floyd, and I  
44   totally agree with you a hundred and ten percent.  
45   We've made a great effort this year to do this, we've  
46   made a great effort to fix up and refurbish the Civic  
47   Center because it is old.  
48                  GRACIE FLOYD:        No. I'm not talking  
49   about the Civic Center, I'm talking about parks.  
50                  RUSTY BURNS:         But, but what I'm talking

1 about right now is because of this special legislation  
2 and I'm going from memory here and it involves the city  
3 and the county, I would imagine that the city would  
4 want it to be somewhere in the city which the Civic  
5 Center is.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The city got us  
7 one time, the city got us once. Their fault. Get us  
8 twice, our fault. But this thing is going to come  
9 back. I just, I just wish we could just take it out of  
10 the budget. I wish we could just put whatever that is  
11 since we don't have the money now and this is 2012 and  
12 this budget's for 2011, I wish we could just take it  
13 out. Can we?

14 RUSTY BURNS: It was placed in there  
15 because if anything was going to take place, the  
16 auditor recommended that that spot be holding it would  
17 be good accounting practice. It's Council's discretion  
18 to take it completely out if they so desire.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, council members, I  
20 make a motion that we take out the what they call it,  
21 the Capital Projects 5945 and let's save it for next  
22 year's budget which would be the 2011-2012 budget when  
23 it may come to fruition then. But I just think, I just  
24 make a motion that we not burden ourselves with this  
25 being in that, in this budget at this time. That's in  
26 the form of a motion.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

28 TOM ALLEN: I'll second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds it.

30 Any discussion?

31 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.

33 BOB WALDREP: I think what we'll be  
34 doing if we do that perhaps, maybe not, maybe it won't  
35 matter too much, but this is probably a unique  
36 opportunity the city and the county have to work  
37 together in recreation funds. You probably won't see  
38 it too much. I realize that there's some suspicion  
39 whenever we get together with the city but we are  
40 working very hard. We feel like we're going to be very  
41 alert and very careful when we deal with the city  
42 because some times they can get the upper hand on us.  
43 We understand that. But this is such a, I think such a  
44 unique opportunity for Anderson County to actually have  
45 something that makes money for a change and also not  
46 only makes money for the county itself but stimulates  
47 the economy. You know, we're talking about stimulation  
48 and one of the things that we did, or that I did, was  
49 go over and talk with some of the people in Greenville  
50 and got some looks at some of the water plans and



1 things of that nature and it's quite true that some of  
2 these water plans really came from up North of all  
3 things. You know, every now and then people up North  
4 come up with a good idea. It's kind of frightening,  
5 but it happened. So they came up with this good idea  
6 that actually made money and stimulated people. We've,  
7 we have people that are traveling great distances now  
8 to swim, just for competitive swimming in the area.  
9 They're having to go to Greenville and the other  
10 instance too is that we feel like that because of the  
11 draw area that we have in the city of Anderson where  
12 there's already parking, there's already land there  
13 that we're going to have a lot of people coming over  
14 from Georgia. And we always welcome those Georgia  
15 people to come over here because they bring their  
16 children, their families, they eat over here, they  
17 sleep over here, just as indicated in some degree. And  
18 one reason I got kind of interested in this was going  
19 out and looking at the ballparks the other day that we  
20 had finished up and seeing those teams come in and  
21 start and they were Georgia teams of all things.  
22 Incidentally, I guess if you've been watching  
23 television, you'll note that the Gamecocks are playing  
24 out in Omaha, Nebraska and they're building a new  
25 ballfield out there. So they're coming from all over  
26 the United States just to play ball up there in of all  
27 places Omaha, Nebraska. So it's an idea of stimulation  
28 and the statistics are there if the county would care  
29 to really take a look at it. So I -- before you do  
30 this I'd hope you would, would think about that because  
31 it's no axe money off anybody's hip at this point, it's  
32 purely accommodations money, it's money the, the city  
33 will be sharing, it's an opportunity for a joint  
34 enterprise. And of all the things I've seen in  
35 government, please believe you me, I like to think that  
36 I'm a conservative guy, but every now and then you have  
37 to step out and do something that's going to build and  
38 something's going to be progressive. And I, I hope  
39 that Council will consider that. Thank you.

40 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Allen.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

42 TOM ALLEN: The Shepherd Swim Center  
43 is closing? Is that? Okay. What -- the other swim  
44 center, didn't it close too? Hudgens? It's already.  
45 So -- yeah. So we're basically going to have no public  
46 swimming areas other than the Y, but that's a  
47 membership affair. So there would be no public  
48 swimming for, for anybody if, if we don't have.

49 BOB WALDREP: Tom, what we wanted --  
50 what the idea was to have an Olympic size pool that

1 would be suitable for training young people in this  
2 area for competitive swimming where they have to go,  
3 you know, to Greenville.  
4 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Well, I certainly  
5 ---  
6 BOB WALDREP: I don't know, they might  
7 have to go to Powdersville.  
8 TOM ALLEN: I certainly like your  
9 concept, I like the idea. And let me ask too. On  
10 this, on this line item in the budget, that 3.5  
11 million. That, that's just kind of ghost number to  
12 hold a spot, isn't it? There's really no money ---  
13 RUSTY BURNS: That is precisely what  
14 that is, Mr. Allen.  
15 TOM ALLEN: -- in there. So...  
16 RUSTY BURNS: It is a ghost number, it  
17 is not real money.  
18 TOM ALLEN: Yeah.  
19 RUSTY BURNS: We don't have three and a  
20 half million dollars.  
21 TOM ALLEN: Right.  
22 RUSTY BURNS: The revenue stream that  
23 we have could possibly generate a three and a half  
24 million dollar bond but again, you have the situation  
25 with the city. And what the city's looking for and I  
26 don't mean to speak for the city, I'm not qualified to  
27 speak for the city. But what they're worried about and  
28 what they specialize in is teaching people how to swim.  
29 That's their main focus is teaching people how to swim,  
30 water safety, and things like that and that's where  
31 they're coming from. And they also have the competitive  
32 swim idea involved in that situation too. And, again,  
33 this idea because they do generate money and the money  
34 is net that could be used to balance out the losses at  
35 the Civic Center. It all just kind of wrapped up into  
36 a nice little bow.  
37 TOM ALLEN: And so basically, it's  
38 kind of like a bookmark, if we get the money, we may  
39 use it for that, we may not. We may not get any money  
40 in.  
41 RUSTY BURNS: That's all it is, Mr.  
42 Allen.  
43 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr., Mr. Chairman.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Going in with the  
47 city. It was said tonight that the county paid for  
48 part of the swimming pool that the city had installed.  
49 That some of that money came from the county. But  
50 don't forget the county paid more than a regular city

1 person had to pay for that -- to go swimming in that,  
2 in that facility. This park will be in the city, it  
3 will not be in the county. All right. Who will have  
4 control over -- wait a minute, I'm not through. Who  
5 will have control over this? I'm not saying let's cut  
6 it out. Mr. Waldrep stated that he had a chance to go  
7 over to look at the park, to talk with the, with the  
8 people over in Greenville. I didn't have that chance  
9 because I wasn't told about this. I stumbled on it  
10 like you were hiding it. Uh huh. You've already got -  
11 - you've -- y'all have been discussing this for some  
12 time with your park and rec person. He's got plans for  
13 it. All right. Y'all have seen plans and ideas for  
14 it. This didn't just happen all of sudden when I got  
15 here. Y'all have known about this for a while. The  
16 only thing I'm saying, the only thing I'm saying is  
17 that -- let's do -- let's be transparent about it.  
18 Let's take it out of this budget and after it's been  
19 discussed and after people have gotten a chance to see  
20 the plans and people have gotten a chance to go over to  
21 Greenville to do some research on their own, if this is  
22 what we think we ought to do, we can always put it back  
23 in. No such thing as holding a spot in a, in a budget.  
24 Because if that was the case, we've been holding spots.  
25 I've got a couple of spots I would like to hold in the  
26 budget. You don't hold spots in a budget for  
27 something. That account number will always be there -  
28 5945 Capital Projects will always be there. It's just  
29 a matter of inserting it in the next budget. Why is it  
30 important to hold a spot? I appreciate what you're  
31 going to say, Mr. Burns, but I'm going to be, I'm going  
32 to be forthright and I'm just going to have to say it.  
33 I don't trust you. Not you, not you, Rusty Burns. I  
34 don't trust the concept. You know, you fooled me one  
35 time. I don't see why we have to entertain this whole  
36 thing at this particular meeting right now to get it in  
37 this year's budget. Why? Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wilson.

39 RON WILSON: A couple of things, why  
40 did the auditors say that they wanted this left in  
41 there? What was the reason?

42 RUSTY BURNS: They didn't say leave it  
43 in there. They suggested if this was a possibility,  
44 that you should place it in there. Correct me when I'm  
45 wrong, Rita. Go ahead, address that.

46 RITA DAVIS: Actually, Mr. Burns, I  
47 believe it was the County Attorney conferred with the  
48 Bond Attorney and the Bond Attorney recommended to put  
49 it in there in case that a general obligation bond was  
50 issued next fiscal year.

1 RUSTY BURNS: I misspoke.  
2 RON WILSON: So there's a revenue  
3 stream now for that item?  
4 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
5 RON WILSON: And that revenue stream  
6 is used for what?  
7 RUSTY BURNS: Civic Center -- not the  
8 Civic Center, but the sports complex.  
9 RON WILSON: So this revenue stream  
10 that continues when that bond is paid off then it will  
11 go to whatever it is the city and county decides to do  
12 along this line?  
13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
14 RON WILSON: Which would be -- what  
15 would be the time frame? I mean roughly.  
16 RUSTY BURNS: Well, it won't be paid  
17 off. To build this whole thing out, it could probably  
18 be built out within a year.  
19 RON WILSON: But then, but it wouldn't  
20 be started until this other bond is paid for, right?  
21 Or would it be started earlier?  
22 RUSTY BURNS: No. But you could begin  
23 to do some preliminary work, bring it before Council.  
24 There is conceptual ideas, but there are no actual  
25 buildable plans.  
26 RON WILSON: But none of this would be  
27 done unless it was brought before Council.  
28 RUSTY BURNS: Cannot be done unless  
29 it's brought before Council.  
30 RON WILSON: Okay. Thank you.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
32 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
34 CINDY WILSON: I'm beginning to  
35 understand about this. I'd heard a little bit about it  
36 from Mayor Roberts and I know in year's past like when  
37 we did the Broadway Lake Pavilion, this is the way it  
38 was put into the budget. It was, you know, the item in  
39 the budget ordinance for a general obligation bond, but  
40 then it had to come back before Council to actually set  
41 up a general obligation bond for all of that. So it  
42 would have to come back before Council. Now that I  
43 have a better understanding of this, I will say that I  
44 would support it because if our income and revenue is  
45 down, we can't do it. It's basically sketched into the  
46 budget, but it's not put in black ink until it comes  
47 back as a separate item. The general obligation bond  
48 and it sets the appropriation language for this  
49 specific purpose which is what we did on the Broadway  
50 Lake Pavilion and the other things in that 10.3 million

1 dollar 2009 general obligation bond. It was actually  
2 set up in 2008. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Doing our procurement  
4 thing, policy now, anything would have to come before  
5 us anyway regardless of that. But the thing is, we're  
6 missing -- you know we're getting off here. We've done  
7 built a water park tonight and whose going to run the  
8 water park and who ain't. None of that -- we're voting  
9 on none of that tonight. All that's come up -- all  
10 that is is that bond money right there. It's not  
11 building a water park. That money if it were to come  
12 to fruition could be used for other ballparks, fixing  
13 up the ballparks that's there. Anything the  
14 accommodations tax is. This is not voting. The  
15 ballpark, I mean the water park, whatever this money is  
16 used for would have to come before Council and voted on  
17 and be researched thoroughly and everybody's had --  
18 would have a chance to comment on it.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: We are discussing this  
22 because there's an amendment on the floor for it.  
23 We're not just discussing it.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Not, not an amendment  
25 from the water park. This is an amendment for bond,  
26 bond money, for that money only accommodation tax money  
27 to be placed in the budget. Not no ballpark, or  
28 anything else, that's all -- a place for it.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr., Mr. Dunn, I made a  
30 motion, I made an amendment that we take the water  
31 park, that ---

32 TOMMY DUNN: That section out.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: We, we -- I made that  
34 motion that we take it out. It was seconded.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: So we are in a way  
37 discussing the water ---

38 TOMMY DUNN: No, not the water park  
39 because it -- the water park ain't in this budget. You  
40 can't take something out that's not in there. What  
41 we're taking -- what we're discussing, Ms. Floyd, is  
42 taking out that line item of the accommodation tax, but  
43 it's not. And that's what I'm trying to get explained -  
44 - make everybody perfectly clear. We're not voting on  
45 the water park one way or the other tonight. We're  
46 voting on this money to be -- and your amendment is to  
47 take this line out but it's not if we take this out  
48 that won't mean the water park will be built or won't  
49 be built because it's not even being discussed. It's  
50 just this money, this certain revenue stream money

1 which is being paid at the Civic Center complex right  
2 now would not roll over. But it's not -- I'm just  
3 trying to clear up the thing. And getting people -- I  
4 don't want people to get out here in the front page of  
5 the paper tomorrow, we're building a water park because  
6 that -- it's not there.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right, Mr.  
8 Dunn. But the fact is, I asked a question tonight was  
9 it for a water park. And it was answered yes that we  
10 do have a water park on the table for this money. Mr.  
11 Burns, do we also have an equestrian trail on there?

12 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: That's not in there?

14 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Never has  
15 been discussed.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Well, I'm  
17 glad to know that. But, but that's what the amendment  
18 is about. Let's take this out now. We can put it back  
19 in in 20, in 2012. But like you said, we could get  
20 started on this facility before 2012 get here.

21 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I call for  
22 the question.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Me, too. I second it.

24 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of calling  
25 for the question, show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
26 Show the motion carries unanimously. We're voting on  
27 Ms. Floyd's amendment to take out, take out Item Number  
28 ---

29 GRACIE FLOYD: 5945.

30 TOMMY DUNN: 5945. Take -- remove  
31 that out of the, out of the amendments of Mr. Allen's  
32 on the budget. All in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion,  
33 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
34 does not carry. Ms. Floyd voting in favor of. Mr.  
35 Wilson votes against, Mr. Allen votes against, Mr. Dunn  
36 votes against, Mr. Moore votes against, Mr. Waldrep  
37 votes against, and Ms. Wilson votes against.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

39 CINDY WILSON: Mr.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

41 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to make  
42 another amendment.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, go ahead.

44 EDDIE MOORE: This will be the rest of  
45 the cuts that we would like for a rainy day. In the  
46 Administrative Division, 5013 Administrator, 5014 Human  
47 Resources, 5015 County Attorney, 5016 Memberships. The  
48 budget proposal states for one million six hundred and  
49 thirty-three thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars.  
50 Motion to amend would be one million four hundred

1 thousand. This would be a savings of two hundred and  
2 thirty-three thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars.  
3 Parks and Recreation Tourism Division, Department 5064.  
4 Proposal in the budget is two hundred and sixteen  
5 thousand two hundred and eighty dollars. Motion to  
6 amend would be one hundred and ninety thousand dollars.  
7 It would be a savings of twenty-six thousand two  
8 hundred and eighty dollars. Department 5065, proposed  
9 budget is one hundred and forty thousand eight hundred  
10 and ten dollars. The motion to amend is one hundred  
11 thousand dollars. It would be a savings of forty  
12 thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. Department  
13 5068 - a hundred and seven thousand seven hundred and  
14 thirty-five dollars. It would be going to fifty-seven  
15 thousand dollars. It would be a savings of fifty  
16 thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars. This  
17 department has averaged losses approximately a hundred  
18 thousand dollars a year. Go down to Department 5955,  
19 the Civic Center is six hundred and seventy-four  
20 thousand six hundred dollars. I make the motion to  
21 amend to six hundred thousand dollars. That would be a  
22 savings of seventy-four thousand six hundred dollars.  
23 5955-01 in the budget is two hundred and sixty-eight  
24 thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars. I make a  
25 motion to drop it to two hundred and sixty thousand.  
26 That would be a savings of eight thousand five hundred  
27 and fifteen dollars. In the Department 5043, 5044,  
28 5045, 5046, 5059, 5092, the budget states six million  
29 three hundred and sixty-one thousand three hundred and  
30 thirty-five dollars. Motion to amend proposal three  
31 million nine hundred thousand and that will be to move  
32 one million eight hundred twenty-one thousand eight  
33 hundred and eighty budgeted for the GIS Addressing the  
34 E911 tariff 174-5063 back to Public Safety where it's  
35 always been. This is a savings of six hundred and  
36 thirty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-five  
37 dollars. This will be after returning the 174-5063  
38 back to Public Safety. And I put that in the form of a  
39 motion.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me just a minute  
41 before we -- point of order. And I just want to make  
42 sure I'm doing things. On the MIS putting it back, Mr.  
43 Moore -- GIS, I'm sorry. Is that GIS Addressing, I  
44 want to make sure I've got it right.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, GIS Addressing.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ain't that the one we  
47 just voted on with Ms. Wilson?

48 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not sure.

49 CINDY WILSON: We, we voted partially on  
50 that.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms., Ms. Wilson. We just  
2 voted -- vote partially. Okay. I got -- I stand  
3 correct then. Okay. And Mr. Waldrep seconds the  
4 motion. Any discussion?

5 CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: I want to make sure I am  
8 interpreting this correctly. In that GIS Addressing  
9 which is the E911 Tariff 174 fund and Department 5063,  
10 it looks to me like that includes four hundred and  
11 fifty-five thousand dollars for a new calling center  
12 which we referred to last year as the 211 calling  
13 center. We discussed it and decided it was not a good  
14 time to do that but we haven't had any discussion about  
15 that this year. So is that what I'm reading and then  
16 also there was the transfer out, I think it was  
17 somewhere around three hundred and fifty thousand back  
18 into the General Fund. I know we're a little short of  
19 money. Is that?

20 RUSTY BURNS: Rita, will you please  
21 address that?

22 RITA DAVIS: No, Ms. Wilson, there is  
23 no money dedicated to the 211 center and there is no  
24 transfer out to or from the General Fund like it was  
25 this current year. There was a slight -- about four  
26 thousand dollars transferred from the General Fund to  
27 the tariff and that, that's it and there is no 211  
28 center money.

29 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I've got a spread  
30 sheet on new -- on E911 and see our current budget on  
31 that is a million seventy-one thousand seven hundred  
32 and sixty-five dollars. So what is the difference  
33 between that and a million eight hundred and twenty-one  
34 thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars going to.

35 RITA DAVIS: Ma'am, the current budget  
36 fiscal year '10 that we're in is 1.8 million dollars,  
37 one million eight hundred and fourteen thousand. Next  
38 year we're proposing one million eight hundred and  
39 twenty-one thousand. I think it's about a seven  
40 thousand dollar increase total for the E911 tariff  
41 fund.

42 CINDY WILSON: I'm going to go back and  
43 rephrase it. In looking at this Fund 174-5063,  
44 projected total combined expenses for this year was  
45 budgeted at a million seventy-one thousand seven  
46 hundred and sixty-five dollars. At the first reading  
47 of the budget for 2011, it increased to one million  
48 eight hundred and twenty-one thousand eight hundred and  
49 eighty dollars. Now I'm, I'm, I don't -- I'm, I'm just  
50 not understanding this.



1                   RITA DAVIS:               I'll be glad to provide  
2     you a copy, you know, of this. Is it coming from your  
3     blue budget book that you were provided.

4                   CINDY WILSON:           No. I referred to that  
5     but I also got a public -- I got a spread sheet and I  
6     didn't understand why we're pulling E911 -- putting  
7     E911 under Finance because it's always been under  
8     Public Safety so I would love to ---

9                   RITA DAVIS:               I'm not certain, ma'am.  
10    I don't think -- I didn't prepare that spread sheet I  
11    don't think.

12                  CINDY WILSON:           But you see in what's  
13    been proposed here tonight we're moving this fund and  
14    department under Finance Division and taking it out of  
15    Public Safety. The 2000 - okay, let me read -- there  
16    was some training. For example, under this old budget  
17    we spent, for example, on training the actual for 2009  
18    was a little more than twenty-three thousand but the  
19    budget for this year is fifty thousand. And actual for  
20    2009, we spent a little more than eleven thousand for  
21    meals, travel, lodging, and registration. And it's  
22    being bumped up to twenty thousand seven hundred and  
23    thirty dollars. There's just a wide range difference  
24    here and that also came from what we were given. Okay,  
25    that's not the sheet, it's on the other one.

26                  RITA DAVIS:               Ma'am, the only thing  
27    that I can think of that might confuse the issue is  
28    there are two employees that are, are housed in the  
29    Assessor's office that are paid out of the tariff that  
30    report to Mr. Mike Freeman, our Assessor, who is, of  
31    course, a part of the Finance Division. That would be  
32    the only employees that I'm aware of that report to the  
33    Finance Division that are paid from the tariff money.  
34    All the rest of the individuals are communications, CAD  
35    related and do not report to the Finance Division  
36    director.

37                  CINDY WILSON:           Well, this came, I found  
38    my -- the other thing that I was looking at and this  
39    was given to me, I think, through the Finance  
40    Department. It was dated May 14, 2010 and on page one  
41    of four under Finance Division, you've got the Finance  
42    Department 5043, Assessor 5044, Board of Tax  
43    Assessments and Appeals 5045, Finance Director 5046,  
44    Register of Deeds 5059, and then you have in addition  
45    to MIS which is 5092, it -- the new addition is GIS  
46    Addressing which is the old E911 tariff Fund 174,  
47    Department 5063. And projected for 2010 was a million  
48    seventy-one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five  
49    dollars and the proposed first reading it goes to one  
50    million eight hundred and twenty-one thousand eight

1 hundred and eighty dollars. So I asked for further  
2 detail and it, it was concluded and I don't remember  
3 where all this came from but there was four hundred and  
4 fifty-five thousand dollars budgeted for a call center.  
5 And it says currently we have seven employees in  
6 Department 5063 which is E911 and it says the salary is  
7 approximately two hundred and eighty thousand dollars  
8 in 2010 so why is the 2011 budget increasing to three  
9 hundred and fifty-five thousand. And then I pointed  
10 out the training increase. It, it's just, you know, I  
11 don't understand this big jump and then moving it from  
12 where it's been in Public Safety historically. I think  
13 if we can't get any better understanding that it does  
14 need to go back to Public Safety.

15 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, point of  
16 information, if I might. Mr. Burns might know the  
17 answer as to what was the rationale for this switch.  
18 What was the basis for the change from one division?

19 RUSTY BURNS: And this is off the top  
20 of my head, Mr. Waldrep. But they're paid with 911 and  
21 those employees are there to do the addresses and do  
22 all the property parcels, it's a natural fit with what  
23 Mr. Freeman does and it's a natural fit with E911 to  
24 keep the numbers working together. It also assisted us  
25 greatly in our Census preparation and they report to  
26 Mr. Mike Freeman and, I don't know, we get more bang  
27 for the buck that way.

28 BOB WALDREP: So there's no problem  
29 with the Sheriff's Office. I mean, was that under the  
30 Sheriff's Department at one time or something? It was  
31 not.

32 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir. Not that phone.

33 BOB WALDREP: Emergency?

34 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.

35 BOB WALDREP: Okay, okay.

36 CINDY WILSON: Public Safety.

37 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Any more  
39 discussion Mr. Moore's motion? His amendments?  
40 Hearing none, we vote on Mr. Moore's amendments now.  
41 All in favor of Mr. Moore's amendment, show of hands.  
42 All opposed like sign. Show the motion ---

43 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order, Mr., Mr.  
44 Chairman, for point of information. Mr. Wilson, my  
45 esteemed colleague from District Six, I want to remind  
46 you that you just voted on something that included a  
47 contract for your daughter. I think you should have  
48 recused yourself. You might want to consider your  
49 vote.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Do you, Mr. Wilson?

1 EDDIE MOORE: Further more I think it  
2 would be in your best to consider not even voting on  
3 the budget tonight since that is part of the budget  
4 tonight. I think it will be a conflict of interest.  
5 RON WILSON: Show it as abstained.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Show the motion  
7 fails for lack of majority. That'll be Mr. Moore  
8 voting in favor of, Mr. Waldrep voting in favor of, Ms.  
9 Wilson voting in favor of. Mr. Dunn opposes, Mr. Floyd  
10 opposes, Mr. Allen opposes. And Mr. Wilson abstains.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
13 BOB WALDREP: I have a small amendment  
14 here. Do you have -- everybody have copies of it, it  
15 has to do with Upstate Alliance and Innovate Anderson.  
16 On the first page, my proposal is that we withdraw from  
17 those organizations and save ninety thousand dollars.  
18 My -- on the second page, I amend the budget to require  
19 Council approval for all solid waste fee increases  
20 rather than the automatic basis that we have now. I  
21 think it's currently it just goes with the CPI consumer  
22 price index. You never know what that is but I think  
23 Council needs to reflect on any kind of increases that  
24 affect taxes. And the third portion would be -- my  
25 motion would be to amend the budget ordinance to freeze  
26 all salary increases for fiscal year 2010-2011 and from  
27 2009-2010 to create no new employee positions. I would  
28 recommend opportunity for employees in departments  
29 requiring staff reductions to apply for open positions  
30 in other departments, in other departments. And I  
31 would ask consideration and a second to that.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?  
33 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Any  
35 discussion?  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr., Mr. Waldrep, would  
37 you please tell us again which ones you are pushing  
38 here? You said Upstate Alliance and what's the other  
39 one?  
40 BOB WALDREP: The first page I think  
41 you have it said Upstate, Upstate Alliance and Innovate  
42 Anderson, that page?  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: That one. Uh huh.  
44 BOB WALDREP: Ninety thousand. We're a  
45 member of that.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: I just need to know your  
47 titles here. Is it -- what did you say? Upstate  
48 Alliance, I have that one. What's the other one?  
49 BOB WALDREP: Innovate ---  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Anderson.

1 BOB WALDREP: -- Anderson.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you say Innovate  
3 Anderson? And what's your other one?  
4 BOB WALDREP: Okay. The other one is  
5 Solid Waste Budget Ordinance.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Solid Waste. Okay.  
7 BOB WALDREP: And the third one would  
8 be motion to amend budget ordinance.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.  
10 BOB WALDREP: And that's to freeze the  
11 salary increases.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand. Thank you.  
13  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? Mr.  
15 Allen.  
16 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman. Yes, if I  
17 might. On the -- whoop, let me find it here --  
18 Upstate Alliance and Innovate Anderson. How's that  
19 money divided up? Who, who gets how much out of that?  
20 Upstate gets how much a year of the ninety and Innovate  
21 gets how much?  
22 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Allen, we have ninety  
23 thousand dollars that we pay to those organizations.  
24 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I was just  
25 wondering how it was broken out.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Forty.  
27 TOM ALLEN: Forty.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Fifty-forty, I'm pretty  
29 sure.  
30 TOM ALLEN: Okay, okay. That's what  
31 I was wondering. What will that do to, what will that  
32 do to Innovate Anderson?  
33 BOB WALDREP: Cause them to have a  
34 reduction in their agency and it will do nothing to  
35 Anderson County.  
36 TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. Thank  
37 you.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we pay more than other  
39 entities? Excuse me, Mr. Dunn.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Go, go ahead, Ms. Floyd.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we pay, do we pay more  
42 than anyone else? I know the city pays.  
43 BOB WALDREP: I don't know.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Can you answer that, Mr.  
45 Burns?  
46 RUSTY BURNS: I don't know how much the  
47 city knows -- I know they make a contribution. As well  
48 as private individuals and companies also fund that  
49 organization.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But do we pay more

1       than the others or you don't know that?  
2               RUSTY BURNS:           Ms. Floyd, that is a  
3       separate entity that we send money to and I really am  
4       not privy to what the other people give.  
5               GRACIE FLOYD:          Okay. Let's ask Rita.  
6               RUSTY BURNS:           Good idea.  
7               GRACIE FLOYD:          Okay. Rita?  
8               RITA DAVIS:            Yes, ma'am.  
9               GRACIE FLOYD:          Do we pay more than the  
10      other entities that's involved in this Upstate Alliance  
11      and Innovate Anderson?  
12              RITA DAVIS:            To be honest with you,  
13      Ms. Floyd, I haven't looked at those numbers in a few  
14      years and as my old brain recollects now I think that  
15      we pay a little bit more than the city to Upstate but I  
16      can be glad to get you those numbers.  
17              GRACIE FLOYD:          It'll be too late then.  
18              RITA DAVIS:            Uh huh.  
19              GRACIE FLOYD:          Yeah. Thank you.  
20              RITA DAVIS:            Yes, ma'am.  
21              TOMMY DUNN:            Anyone else?  
22              TOM ALLEN:             I -- Mr Chairman.  
23              TOMMY DUNN:            Mr. Allen.  
24              TOM ALLEN:             Just another question  
25      too. On the salary freeze and no new positions. To me  
26      that, that'd be common sense under the current --  
27              BOB WALDREP:          Well, we don't want to  
28      get involved in that.  
29              TOM ALLEN:             We don't want to deal  
30      with that. But in the next line they recommend first  
31      opportunity for employees and departments requiring  
32      staff reductions to apply for open positions in other  
33      departments. We're not saying there's going to be any  
34      staff reductions, you're just saying that if there  
35      should be ---  
36              BOB WALDREP:          In the event that that  
37      should happen that they would have some place to go.  
38      And the point of that is that we have several positions  
39      that are not really needed. For example, Building and  
40      Codes people and inspectors and that, that's another  
41      area I hope Council would be looking at to combine some  
42      of these areas with the city of Anderson so that we  
43      would have some consolidation of these services and  
44      save the taxpayers some money.  
45              TOM ALLEN:             Something, but not  
46      necessarily that they'd have first option. Uh huh.  
47              BOB WALDREP:          So, I mean, that's just  
48      something hopefully down the road.  
49              TOM ALLEN:             Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
50              TOMMY DUNN:            Thank you. Any, anyone

1 else? All in favor of Mr. Waldrep's motion, show of  
2 hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Ms.  
3 Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen,  
4 and Mr. Wilson. Opposed Ms. Floyd. Anyone else have  
5 anything -- any more amendments or anything? Back to  
6 Mr Allen's. If anybody doesn't have any objections,  
7 I'd like to take a ten minute recess. I need to take a  
8 ten minute recess. Anybody got any objections to it.  
9 Thank you.

10 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE TWO

11 TOMMY DUNN: Back into session. At  
12 this time do we have any more motions or amendments?

13 RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

15 RON WILSON: I'm going to request that  
16 the Farmer's Market part of the budget be stripped out  
17 and voted on separately and which I will recuse myself  
18 on that issue.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion?

22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: If we do that, shall we  
25 make the motion that it be a line item and then we  
26 indicate the proposed budget and what my amendment was  
27 originally?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I mean, you've got  
29 every right ---

30 CINDY WILSON: But see that included his  
31 daughter's contract.

32 TOMMY DUNN: It will, the motion will  
33 come back up. I mean, I mean, that will be a separate  
34 line item and there can be amendments made to it or  
35 motions made to it, I mean amendments made to it. Yes.

36 CINDY WILSON: So we need to vote on  
37 this and then separate it out and then come back with  
38 that motion.

39 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

40 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.

41 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
43 have a legal opinion on that. Where's our attorney at?  
44 Because I want to see if that's legal because I think  
45 we're supposed to vote on the whole entire budget.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts, Mr. Moore's  
47 got a question for you.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Is it legal to pull out  
49 the Farmer's Market and vote on that separate on the  
50 whole budget instead of the whole budget?

1                   MIKE PITTS:               Mr. Moore ---  
2                   EDDIE MOORE:            We can't believe, we need  
3 to know. Yes or no.  
4                   MIKE PITTS:            Yes, sir. It is.  
5 There's a, I believe there's an Attorney General's  
6 opinion that addresses that. This comes up all the  
7 time when Council members serve on boards, like a non-  
8 profit board and they may be also voting on an  
9 appropriation to their particular board and the AG's  
10 opinion, I'm sorry it's an ethics opinion. I  
11 apologize. But it just recommends that you carve that  
12 out, recuse yourself, and then you can vote on the  
13 rest.  
14                  TOMMY DUNN:            Any more questions or  
15 comments? All in favor of Mr. Wilson's motion, show of  
16 hands. All opposed. Do you abstain?  
17                  EDDIE MOORE:            I don't think he can vote  
18 on it.  
19                  GRACIE FLOYD:           It's his motion.  
20                  EDDIE MOORE:            It's a conflict of  
21 interest.  
22                  MIKE PITTS:            Well, I think Mr. Wilson  
23 is trying to address the conflict of interest and make  
24 sure that he doesn't vote on something that he might  
25 have a conflict of interest on so he's doing this in  
26 the interest of closure.  
27                  EDDIE MOORE:            He was voting on the  
28 Farmer's Market the other night.  
29                  MIKE PITTS:            So I don't see why he  
30 can't vote on it.  
31                  TOMMY DUNN:            Well, I just think --  
32 he's not voting on nobody making no money on this right  
33 here voting to cut it out. But we'll do this again.  
34 All in favor of Mr. Wilson's motion, show of hands.  
35 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Mr.  
36 Wilson in favor. Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn.  
37 Opposed Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, and Ms. Wilson. Go  
38 back to Mr. Allen's amendment to the budget.  
39                  CINDY WILSON:           Well, wait a minute.  
40 Excuse me. Doesn't this mean that if you voted to do  
41 that then we need to take the Farmer's Market budget  
42 out because fifty thousand of the hundred and seven  
43 thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars dealt  
44 with a consulting or professional service type line  
45 item. So I think we need to vote on that separate from  
46 the budget.  
47                  TOMMY DUNN:            It will be voted on.  
48 We're voting on Mr. Allen's -- it's been pulled out.  
49 Now we're voting on -- we're not voting on the whole  
50 budget, we're voting on Mr. Allen's amendments. His

1 three page amendments, Ms., Ms. ...  
2 CINDY WILSON: So will our Farmer's  
3 Market budget go ---  
4 TOMMY DUNN: It's out. It's going to  
5 be voted on separately, Ms. Wilson. It's going to have  
6 to come back off the floor separate. The Farmer's  
7 Market will be.  
8 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
9 MIKE PITTS: Rita, is the Farmer's  
10 Market touched on in any way with the amendments you  
11 read out earlier in the meeting?  
12 RITA DAVIS: No, sir.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody clear. We're  
14 voting, we're voting on the three pages that Ms., Ms.  
15 Davis touched on earlier Mr. Allen's amendment, his  
16 amendment, the original amendment to the original -- to  
17 the budget document. All in favor of Mr. Allen's  
18 amendments, show of hands. All opposed. Show the  
19 motion does not carry. Voting in favor Mr. Wilson, Mr.  
20 Allen, Mr. Dunn. Opposed Ms. Floyd, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
21 Waldrep ---  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Excuse  
23 me. I need to do something here. Mr. Dunn, excuse me.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I need to reconsider my  
26 vote.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We were voting on  
29 Mr. Allen's ---  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Amendment.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: -- amendment. His  
32 amendment was the information that Rita Davis read out.  
33 Am I correct?  
34 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Yes,  
35 ma'am.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Was that also the  
37 one where I had attached to it the amendment to take  
38 out that -- okay. All right. I think I voted for it.  
39 I voted against it the first time. Now we're voting  
40 this time -- we have taken out the Farmer's Market.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Well, the Farmer's Market  
42 -- we're voting to do the Farmer's Market separately.  
43 The Farmer's Market's not in this, these amendments.  
44 I, I don't believe their in this at all.  
45 MIKE PITTS: That's right.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: So we're not -- that's  
47 not coming into play.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.  
49 MIKE PITTS: This is Mr. Allen's  
50 proposed amendments that, that Ms. Davis read out.



1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
2 MIKE PITTS: Which were amended by way  
3 of Mr. Waldrep's motion which, which was adopted.  
4 Every other motion to amend Mr. Allen's motion failed.  
5 So you're voting on Mr. Allen's -- the items that Rita  
6 read as modified by Mr. Waldrep's motion.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.  
8 Chair, I would like to reconsider my motion on that.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And I would  
11 like to vote yeah -- thank you. I would like to vote  
12 in favor.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: We'll do it again. All  
14 in favor of Mr. Allen's motion, show of hands. All  
15 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries Mr. Wilson,  
16 Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, and Ms. Floyd. And all opposed,  
17 Mr. Moore, Ms. Wilson, and Mr. Waldrep.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Now we'll be voting on  
20 the budget.  
21 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, if I might.  
22  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Uh huh.  
24 MIKE PITTS: We'll need to address the  
25 Farmer's Market separately.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: I, I was. I was going to  
27 -- just do it next.  
28 MIKE PITTS: Oh. Okay. I'm sorry. I  
29 didn't mean jump.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: The Farmer's Market's not  
31 in this.  
32 MIKE PITTS: I got you.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: We've took it out. There  
34 ain't no Farmer's Market until somebody puts it back  
35 in.  
36 CINDY WILSON: So am I to understand  
37 that Department 5068 goes away completely?  
38 TOMMY DUNN: It does if it's got to be  
39 put back in. Nothing there for the Farmer's Market.  
40 All in favor of the, of the budget. And we need a ---  
41 MIKE PITTS: And Mr. Chairman, I'm  
42 sorry to interrupt you but there is some -- there is a  
43 slight change to the language in the furlough section  
44 that needs to be, needs to be addressed.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Do you want to take care  
46 of that and clean that up then, Mr. Pitts?  
47 MIKE PITTS: Well, I think you need to  
48 go ahead and handle all the amendments first and then  
49 when you're done with everything, then you have one  
50 last omnibus motion to accept it on third reading.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Well, the amendments -- I  
2 think we're through with the amendments.

3 MIKE PITTS: Well there is that, that  
4 one change to the language in the furlough agreement  
5 that I believe ---

6 TOMMY DUNN: That's okay. That's what  
7 I'm asking. Do we need to take care of that now?

8 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Do you want to tell them  
10 what it is then?

11 MIKE PITTS: I'll be happy to.  
12 There's a slight change in the furlough verbiage. It's  
13 reflected on the redline version of the ordinance that  
14 has already been distributed to council. It addresses  
15 the state law that was just recently the Governor's  
16 veto was overridden on it and it's a state law that's  
17 now gone into effect. It allows for furloughs of ten  
18 days instead of -- that's the main difference.  
19 Originally we had twelve days in there for highly  
20 compensated individuals. That drops down to ten.  
21 We've also just tweaked the language a little bit about  
22 working overtime and things of that nature.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody going to put that  
24 in the form of a motion?

25 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

27 RON WILSON: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Wilson.

29 Any discussion? All in favor, show of hands.

30 TOM ALLEN: State law.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: State law. Yeah.

32 TOM ALLEN: It's state law. What?

33 TOMMY DUNN: All, all opposed. Show  
34 the motion carries Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd,  
35 Mr. Dunn. Opposed, Mr. Moore, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson.

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37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I'd like to  
39 make a motion to amend that we re -- that we further  
40 reduce the General Fund budget by two million dollars  
41 to -- and that would go into the fund balance or rainy  
42 day fund.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Any specifics? Just  
44 reduce it by two million?

45 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

46 CINDY WILSON: No.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Just reduce it by two  
48 million in general.

49 CINDY WILSON: It's just reduce it by  
50 two million.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Second by --  
2 additional two million -- second by Mr. Moore. Any  
3 further discussion? Any discussion? Mr. Waldrep.

4 BOB WALDREP: I know this sounds kind  
5 of drastic but these are drastic times, Mr. Chairman,  
6 and we need to think long and hard about the difficulty  
7 that we have with our -- the money, the revenues coming  
8 in. I think that we are overly optimistic in this  
9 county when other counties, other cities, other  
10 entities are really taking a hard hit. And we would be  
11 way ahead of the game if we would really scrutinize  
12 different ways to come back and find that we could save  
13 a lot of money by consolidating services and by taking  
14 a real hard look at the duplication that's been going  
15 on in various departments. One of the things that has  
16 disturbed me and I've just got to say this is that the  
17 inequity of salaries in this county has been egregious.  
18 One reason that I hope and I pray that this Council  
19 will take upon a study of the salary structure of this  
20 county. We've got people over in the Clerk's office,  
21 the Probate Judge's office, the ladies that handle the  
22 domestic relations over there that are barely making a  
23 living wage while we've had others that have lived what  
24 I would call a sumptuous life of splendor with  
25 automobiles and other amenities and things of that  
26 nature. It just doesn't work and when I tried to look  
27 at this situation, I found that there was in place or  
28 supposed to be in place and hopefully will be in place  
29 a salaries review committee in which there is a process  
30 that these salaries look at -- are looked at and  
31 studied. So having said that, I just hope that in the  
32 future that the Administrator and the Council will  
33 start looking at these -- the salary structure because  
34 it's been completely arbitrary and capricious depending  
35 upon how close you can get to certain people in some  
36 way. And I think it, it's been demoralizing to people  
37 in the county who are good employees that work very  
38 hard and make very little. So I think that by really  
39 looking at what we're trying to save here in support of  
40 Ms. Wilson's motion, we can, we can do that. And you  
41 can always come back with a supplemental budget. But  
42 we've just, we've got to do something to not only save  
43 money but to be fair to those people who've worked so  
44 hard in the county, the ones that really work.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

47 EDDIE MOORE: I've been very  
48 disappointed tonight by a bunch of conservative  
49 Republicans up here, at least they say they're  
50 conservative Republicans and not vote to put some money

1 away in a savings account because of what the economy's  
2 going on. I'm extremely disturbed because you look,  
3 according to the National Association of Counties in  
4 South Carolina, the average county has cut over twenty  
5 something percent out of their budget and they are  
6 putting more money into a contingency, a savings  
7 account, as you say, because they feel like that the  
8 economy's going to go down again because the stimulus  
9 money has run out. You see what's happened in the  
10 state and we're sitting here -- y'all are sitting here  
11 on your duffs and not doing your job. I'm sorry. But  
12 I've just got to say -- make the statement. I'm sorry  
13 if I make any of you mad, but it'll come to pass this  
14 fall and later on in this budget year. There's going  
15 to be some tough times coming in this county and all  
16 across this state. I wish it wasn't so but all the  
17 forecasts are saying that. And I think we need to  
18 really put some money away in a savings account. Thank  
19 you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore.  
21 And I'd just like to add. There's been a whole lot  
22 said here tonight and I agree with a lot of stuff. But  
23 there's a right way to do things and wrong way. And  
24 give me a thick package five minutes before the meeting  
25 come here tonight ain't the way to do it. And let me  
26 just reiterate, I don't like to throw numbers around, I  
27 like to deal in facts. Now out of fifteen counties in  
28 the upstate of South Carolina, there's two -- or across  
29 the state was able to get information from. There's  
30 two counties that's cut their budget more than Anderson  
31 County. Pickens County by a few percentage points and  
32 Charleston. And that's facts. Look that up yourself.

33 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

34 TOMMY DUNN: I don't like -- wait a  
35 minute, I've still got the floor. I'm sorry. But  
36 that's what I want to do, I want to deal in facts. Now  
37 all this stuff needs to come back. Instead of just  
38 looking at things, I want to make sure we ain't  
39 upholding the county and when these people come about  
40 consolidation. I think besides Ms. Wilson this year,  
41 I've been one of the first ones to be hollering about  
42 consolidation and trying to get up stuff about Building  
43 and Codes and a few other things. But just to come in  
44 and to say this is doing this, do this right here. I'm  
45 all for you, I just think it ought to be done right.  
46 And need to be cut. And like I said I hope everybody  
47 will just deal in facts and not just throw out figures  
48 and stuff. That's what's happening in this Council too  
49 much in the past year, people just throw out numbers  
50 and just think it'll make them stick. And we need to

1 make sure we can do it, we do it and do it right and do  
2 it one time and make sure it's done right. Ms. Wilson.

3 CINDY WILSON: I don't know where to  
4 begin but I can start by saying that first of all we  
5 inherited a mess, we had a former administration that  
6 doubled expenses in Anderson County in 1999 with no  
7 correlation to population or extraordinary event.  
8 Historically since that time, every budget year it just  
9 increased. And we all entered together in trying to  
10 reorganize our government and reinvent our government  
11 to perform the functions that were necessary to provide  
12 the necessary services for the citizens. I remember we  
13 were all given a book. I can't remember the guy's  
14 name. I read little bits and pieces of it. I totally  
15 concurred. I'm concerned because the budget that we  
16 have before us right now does not reflect what we  
17 agreed in philosophy in reading that book and that  
18 bothers me. And as far as the numbers go, I did not  
19 get -- I got a revision -- a set of revision, revised  
20 numbers after ten o'clock last night when I got in. I  
21 don't know who sent them to me, but there were revised  
22 numbers and they reflect more of this. So, I mean, we  
23 can certainly point fingers at one another. It's been  
24 an extraordinary year with a terrible economy. The  
25 sewer fund, the sewer enterprise fund is a prime  
26 example. Last year slightly more than five million  
27 dollar budget and now we're finding each, each set of  
28 numbers I got for the sewer fund went up by half a  
29 million, a million dollars. So will the real set of  
30 numbers stand up. I just find it hard to comprehend  
31 that it's so hard to get real numbers. But I can tell  
32 you that when we have projected revenues of thirty-  
33 seven million and projected expenditures of thirty-nine  
34 million in the general fund excluding the Sheriff and  
35 excluding the enterprise fund, I think we're going to  
36 have to take me up on my motion. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd just like  
38 to say as far as numbers go, this past, this past year  
39 we're in right now, we're going to come in as the new  
40 administration, new Council, we're coming in below our,  
41 our thing. And who knows, I -- but I've got confidence  
42 we can do the job to get this right here. And this,  
43 it's like we ain't cut nothing. We're two million  
44 dollars less in this budget than there was last year. I  
45 know we cut ten million dollars since we've been on.  
46 And there may be some more cuts and I fully believe  
47 there are. But I think we need to go about it in the  
48 right kind of way. Are there any more comments on the  
49 budget? Ms. Wilson's motion is to cut two million  
50 dollars out of the, out of the general fund, out of the

1 budget.

2 MR. ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might.  
3 I just wanted to say, I think regardless of what's  
4 voted on tonight, this budget's kind of going to be a  
5 living document because we know we're going to have to  
6 do some things whether we have to add on or take away,  
7 we don't know. But we do have a balanced budget given  
8 to us tonight and then the additional work or  
9 information that was presented right before we got  
10 here. It's an awful lot to try and digest. I think  
11 there's some good things in there but that's something  
12 that we may have to do shortly down the road, I don't  
13 know.

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr Chairman, may I?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: I always remember my  
17 Daddy saying it's too late to shut the barn down when  
18 the horse is out. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Any more questions, any,  
20 any more comments? All in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
21 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show  
22 the motion fails with Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Waldrep  
23 in favor. Mr. Moore in favor. Mr. Dunn opposes. Ms.  
24 Floyd opposes. Mr. Allen opposes. And Mr. Wilson  
25 opposes. Now we go back to the original motion on the  
26 floor about the budget. All in favor of the, of the  
27 budget, please, show of hands. All opposed.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait. If they're not in  
29 favor of it, I vote for it.

30 MIKE PITTS: And, Mr. Chairman, I  
31 would just make sure that we stay to the question as to  
32 all in favor as amended.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. All in favor as  
34 amended for the budget. That'll be Mr. -- and all  
35 opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Wilson in  
36 favor, Mr. Allen in favor, Ms. Floyd in favor, Mr. Dunn  
37 in favor. Mr. Moore opposed, Mr. Waldrep opposed, and  
38 Ms. Wilson opposed.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

40 TOMMY DUNN: And we go back to the  
41 Farmer's Market separate line item. Entertain any  
42 motions? I make the motion we restore the Farmer's  
43 Market.

44 TOM ALLEN: I'll second.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Restore it?

46 TOMMY DUNN: We've got to -- we took  
47 it out. We had to take it out.

48 TOM ALLEN: We have to put it back.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. Thank you. I  
50 apologize.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Motion is on the floor to  
2 restore the Farmer's Market to the budget. Mr. Dunn  
3 and Mr. Allen seconded it. Any discussion?  
4 CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
6 CINDY WILSON: I move to amend the  
7 Farmer's Market budget from a hundred and seven  
8 thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars to  
9 fifty-seven thousand.  
10 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and a  
12 second. Any, any further discussion?  
13 TOM ALLEN: Just what, Mr. Chairman,  
14 if I might? Just what, what would that do? I mean,  
15 what are we cutting there?  
16 CINDY WILSON: Look at page -- the page  
17 in the General Fund of 5068 Farmer's Market. You'll  
18 see that there's a base salary and base operating  
19 expenses and there's a fifty thousand dollar contract.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: You're willing to tear  
21 the contract up.  
22 CINDY WILSON: I certainly don't think  
23 we need to pay fifty thousand. Perhaps we could cut  
24 that down to one hour a month. There's no guaranteed  
25 minimum on that contract and it's questionable whether  
26 that contract and the service supposedly rendered is  
27 not already available through free state and federal  
28 sources.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: I agree wholeheartedly,  
30 Ms. Wilson, but if we've got a con, if we've got a con,  
31 I want to make sure we ain't, I don't get sued again  
32 and it cost us more than the fifty thousand dollars  
33 we're trying to save.  
34 CINDY WILSON: Read the contract.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: I -- that's what we've  
36 got this attorney for. Mr. Pitts.  
37 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, that'd be  
38 the kind of thing I'd want to talk to y'all about in  
39 Executive Session about a contractual matter rather  
40 than give legal advice in the open like that.  
41 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I make a motion  
42 that we go into Executive Session.  
43 EDDIE MOORE: I second it.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of going  
45 into Executive Session, show of hands. All opposed  
46 like sign. Show the motion carries with Ms. Wilson, Mr.  
47 Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilson.  
48 Ms., Ms. Floyd opposing. Be right back as soon as we  
49 can.

50 EXECUTIVE SESSION

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I have a  
2 motion to come out of Executive Session.

3 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second? All  
5 in favor of coming out of Executive Session, show of  
6 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
7 unanimously. There was no action in Executive Session.  
8 There will be no vote. We took just information on the  
9 contract on matters at the Farmer's Market. At this  
10 time, any more discussion on Ms. Wilson, Ms. Wilson's  
11 motion to put fifty-seven thousand dollars back in the  
12 Farmer's Market fund.

13 BOB WALDREP: I call for the question.

14 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the  
15 question, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
16 motion carries. All in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion of  
17 putting fifty-seven thousand dollars back in favor of  
18 the Farmer's Market, show of hands. All opposed like  
19 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously with Ms.  
20 Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Floyd,  
21 Mr. Allen. With Mr., Mr. Wilson abstaining. That  
22 concludes -- next on the agenda will be -- do y'all  
23 want to meet next week or not? The week of the Fourth?  
24 I think we've got some people on vacation or we can put  
25 it off. Mr Burns, do we have anything pressing? What,  
26 what's the Council's pleasure?

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, if we are  
30 not going to be meeting next week, is it going to be a  
31 thing that I make my plans again and I travel out of  
32 town and I get a call that we're going to have a  
33 meeting and I've got to come back to town for a twenty  
34 minute meeting. Is it going to be a vacation with no  
35 meetings? Or do -- will we might have a meeting?

36 TOMMY DUNN: I hope we don't have it.  
37 Only way I know we'll have a meeting, Ms. Floyd, if an  
38 emergency comes up, the Russians were to hit us, or  
39 we've got an economic development announcement or  
40 something we have to vote on, you know, an emergency  
41 situation. I mean, that's the way I, that's the way I  
42 would look at it. Now I don't have a crystal ball but  
43 it wouldn't be no business or nothing before like that  
44 right there.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Dunn, I know  
46 there's no crystal ball. I know that none of us has  
47 one but if, if y'all are getting ready to go on  
48 vacation then maybe I can go ahead and plan one too  
49 now.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Well, we've got a



1 -- anybody want to make a motion not to meet in July --  
2 Fourth? I mean, I'm sorry, July the 6th?  
3 TOM ALLEN: So moved.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Do I have a second?  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
7 favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
8 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
9 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, Chairman.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waldrep.  
11 BOB WALDREP: Just a moment of personal  
12 privilege, I wanted to tell everybody that I've got  
13 eight thousand dollars left in my recreation account.  
14 And so I'm just -- I'm pretty much on the way out but I  
15 just wanted everybody to know that.  
16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Crowder's smiling  
17 back there.  
18 BOB WALDREP: And that money would be  
19 transferred over to ---  
20 TOMMY DUNN: District Five.  
21 BOB WALDREP: -- the successor to this  
22 office. And I should be giving you an announcement  
23 soon, but before I go I wanted to tell everyone that it  
24 has been a pleasure. It's been interesting times and  
25 I'll miss a lot of this and I want to thank all the  
26 people that have supported me throughout the years in  
27 political office. I really owe them a great deal. You  
28 know there's an old saying about the farmer goes out  
29 and finds a turtle on a fence post. Now why would you  
30 say something like that, somebody put him up there, you  
31 know. And so, I mean, somebody put me up here and it's  
32 the voters out there and I just thank them very much.  
33 I'm deeply indebted to the opportunity that I've had to  
34 be with you and to go through this and my fellow  
35 council members although we don't -- we're not as close  
36 sometimes as we should be but there's a certain bond  
37 that you have. Even on County Council when you don't  
38 necessarily agree on everything. But with that I did  
39 not want to get maudlin about it but to tell you thank  
40 you very much for allowing me to serve you.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
42 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms., Ms. Wilson had the  
45 floor next. Then we'll go.  
46 CINDY WILSON: Well, the first thing I  
47 have to ask Mr. Waldrep is that the here or the  
48 hereafter?  
49 BOB WALDREP: You always know what I'm  
50 here after.

1 CINDY WILSON: And I do want to say  
2 thank you. You've been just a wonderful colleague to  
3 work with and you've brought so much to the table and  
4 you're many years of public service are greatly  
5 appreciated. And would you so kindly, be so kind as to  
6 give me your little book of jokes so I can keep them up  
7 here?

8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd. Yes, ma'am.  
9 Okay. Mr. Moore, do you have something?

10 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, I'd just like to  
11 thank Mr. Waldrep for -- it's been fun serving with you  
12 and sitting beside you here and I'm like Ms. Wilson, I  
13 want some of your jokes. We're going to miss those.  
14 You're going to have to come up and do Citizens  
15 Comments and do some jokes for us sometimes. Anyway,  
16 we appreciate your service very much and you've been a  
17 friend and a good ally for this Council and we really  
18 appreciate your service and everything you've done for  
19 this county.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anybody else?

21  
22 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I would, I  
23 forgot I would like to echo those sentiments. Mr.  
24 Waldrep has been fantastic. He's given us a lot of,  
25 lot of guidance, a lot of help, and he's really, really  
26 been great to work with. We don't always agree on  
27 everything, but a super individual. Thank you, sir.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wilson.

29 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
30 I would say that with Bob it's been enjoyable to serve  
31 with you. We haven't always agreed, but I've enjoyed  
32 the time here.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Again, Mr. Waldrep, I'd  
34 just like to say, I appreciate it. I'm going to miss  
35 you. I don't know how much. I've done told you,  
36 election night brought me great happiness on one end  
37 and sadness on the other knowing that you was leaving  
38 and I don't know what I'd have done on this this year  
39 if it hadn't been for you. People don't realize on a  
40 serious note what you've done to hold this Council  
41 together and I'm greatly appreciative of it and I'm  
42 going to miss you very, very much. And I hope you stay  
43 in touch and enjoy your time coming out there in the  
44 pulpit and getting to zing us. And at this time, I'd  
45 like to ask Mr., Mr. Pitts for Citizens Comments.

46 MIKE PITTS: First up is Mark Powell.

47 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District  
48 Seven. I do appreciate the fact that in the budget  
49 that you guys have presented and voted on tonight cuts  
50 some two million out of it that was in it for last

1 year. I would on a very personal note have appreciated  
2 if you could have cut the additional 3.6 million that  
3 was in the sheet that was presented to you tonight. I  
4 don't think you guys have accepted that not only the  
5 world has an economic crisis right now, but Anderson  
6 County does as well. It's saddening that you guys seem  
7 to think that we Anderson can weather the storm and,  
8 and we'll make it through it. Yes, we will. Our taxes  
9 stay where they are, but they've been raised  
10 tremendously over the last twelve years before you guys  
11 came into office. Thank you for not raising our taxes  
12 any this year and hopefully that stands true for some  
13 of the waste fees. I'm not sure if that is or isn't  
14 going to be increased. When you own multiple  
15 properties going from forty bucks to sixty bucks  
16 becomes a few hundred dollars. That's not no fun. I  
17 do think that it's honorable and I know I say this over  
18 and over. It's honorable that you guys don't want to  
19 do anything and I don't want to pick on Rusty here, but  
20 I honestly think it kind of comes from him because he  
21 deals with so many other cities and municipal  
22 governments. If he can weather us as our interim  
23 administrator without having to let any heads roll, he  
24 can go out and these other municipalities are going to  
25 like him, love him, and want him to do work for them.  
26 But you know what, our dollars, our tax dollars, we've  
27 got way too many employees. You can't tell me that we  
28 went from three hundred and something to we've got nine  
29 hundred and whatever y'all said tonight in the  
30 information you gave us. You can't tell me that you  
31 honest to God think every last one of them, a lot of  
32 them work hard, they do, okay. But you can't tell me  
33 all nine hundred and something people we've got working  
34 for us spend eight hours a day working for my money,  
35 for your money, for the people behind me's money, for  
36 the people listening to this program's money. You  
37 can't tell me that we don't have too many employees.  
38 You can't -- surely you can't claim that to be true.  
39 Other counties have done it, we should have done it as  
40 well. Fortunately, people have retired, fortunately,  
41 people have left. But we have missed the boat on  
42 millions of dollars in savings over and above what  
43 Eddie and Cindy was asking for, and Bob, tonight. If  
44 an employee makes fifty thousand by the time a package  
45 -- let's say it's seventy-five thousand. But let's  
46 just pretend it's a thirty thousand dollar employee.  
47 That's about a fifty thousand dollar cost per employee  
48 and if you get rid of ten of them that's a half a  
49 million dollars off of my tax load and your tax load,  
50 every taxpayer's tax load. Ten of them is a half a

1 million if they only make thirty thousand with our  
2 county.

3 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.  
4 Chairman.

5 MARK POWELL: Thank you.

6 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

7 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr.

8 Chairman. You know you want to talk about patently  
9 absurd. You know I've seen a lot of budgets come and  
10 go through this chamber. You had a public hearing on  
11 this budget just a little while ago and not one person  
12 in this gallery was provided anything from which they  
13 could look at and speak intelligently from. And you  
14 have the nerve to sit there and say you provided a  
15 public hearing on budget input. Input on what? I'm not  
16 sure that any of you even had a solid budget proposal  
17 to work from. You know we're headed for a double dip  
18 recession so they say. I believe the warm and fuzzy  
19 crowd is sugar coating that trying to protect us from  
20 the real reality that's coming our way. The Democratic  
21 party in Washington has lost it's filibuster proof  
22 majority. They just lost a major vote last week.  
23 People like our representatives over in the state house  
24 here who were counting on more make believe, pretend  
25 money coming from Uncle Barack aren't going to get it.  
26 They're going to be contacting you folks and telling  
27 you that even more cuts are on the way. You folks,  
28 some of you, a couple of you especially, are not  
29 looking at the world picture. You know, as the great  
30 Margaret Thatcher said, don't go wobbling on us now boys.  
31 You said you're conservatives, you ran as  
32 conservatives, you had a nice majority. If you want to  
33 go wobbling on us now, as sure as I'm standing here, we  
34 can see about maybe having some write in candidates  
35 this fall. I know I'll work my tail off for them if  
36 y'all can't seem to pull your act together. If you're  
37 conservatives, then stop counting on money that may  
38 come in, especially in this economic picture. It ain't  
39 coming, we're in trouble.

40 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

41 ELIZABETH FANT: We're going to miss you,  
42 Bob. We're going to miss you talking about getting rid  
43 of the janitorial service and we'll be Bud Light and  
44 some of those other memorable things that you've said.  
45 And I'm a come lately person. Didn't get involved in  
46 this until the last two years, but I have a big  
47 appreciation for those of you that work so hard. And  
48 I'll tell you, the people who are coming on or the one  
49 that's going to replace Ron Wilson, I hope they realize  
50 how much time it takes to do a good job with this. And

1 I think back to November the 18th, 2008, and you can  
2 read a lot from people's expressions and I think about  
3 how, or maybe it was the next meeting where Bill McAbee  
4 took over because Michael Thompson left. And I think  
5 about Michael Thompson's behavior and instead of  
6 listening to Citizens Comments, he was reading the  
7 newspaper, getting up and doing anything else. He  
8 would not direct his eyes to the Citizens Comments. You  
9 can tell a lot by a man or a woman that won't look you  
10 in the eye and won't admit their mistakes and there are  
11 several of you up there that we're not proud of  
12 tonight. You're not listening to the constituents,  
13 you're living in a rosy colored world and thinking  
14 things are going to be all right and they ain't. The  
15 recession is coming wide and clear. That train is  
16 coming down the mountain and there ain't going to be  
17 nothing stopping it. The stimulus money will be gone,  
18 the domino effect is coming, and you're not paying  
19 attention, nor listening to your constituents, and  
20 we're very upset about that. Thank you.

21 MIKE PITTS: Last is Sheriff John  
22 Skipper.

23 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Thank y'all. As an  
24 elected official, I thought I ought to bring something  
25 out. I was asked and like to fell out of my chair like  
26 several people in this room when they were going down  
27 this list and said a six percent increase in the  
28 Sheriff's budget. Actually what happened in talking to  
29 Rita is when she was doing this is it's an overall  
30 department decrease of six percent which went to the  
31 line above and the three percent should have went on  
32 the line where it says Sheriff's office increase. It's  
33 not an increase I asked for, it's an increase by the  
34 milage times the formula gives me an additional five  
35 hundred and fifty-five thousand seven hundred and ten  
36 dollars for this coming year. So I didn't ask for six  
37 percent like some of y'all asked me. I just want to  
38 make sure that's clear. Unfortunately, there's a few  
39 people that's left that I wish would have heard this  
40 because I know we'll hear it again tomorrow. But with  
41 that, that's kind of what it is. You know, I have my  
42 milage, it's the CPI times the formula and that's what  
43 it comes out to be and I only got a three percent  
44 increase which is the five hundred and fifty-five  
45 thousand. I'd like to take the rest of my time that Mr.  
46 Waldrep, it has been enjoyable. If you look around  
47 this room here, I was here when he was here early on as  
48 a captain and he was a council member. Then a Senator  
49 and we worked long and hard on different laws over the  
50 years and so I think I probably the only one in the

1 room, maybe, that's been here as long as you have or  
2 not as long but been here through several different  
3 things. We've enjoyed it, I've enjoyed it and you're  
4 not, I guess you're still going to be right over here,  
5 right? So, you'll still be in the neighborhood so  
6 we'll be able to see each other. Thank you.

7 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

8 TOMMY DUNN: If there's no objection.

9 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

11 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just very quickly.

12 We have an animal shelter committee -- myself, you and  
13 Mr. Moore and I'd like to set up a meeting for 1:00  
14 p.m. Friday in the conference room over here with the  
15 Animal Shelter Council folks, if that's okay with  
16 everybody.

17 TOMMY DUNN: I'll just let Mr. Moore  
18 know and I told you I can be there any time if you just  
19 let me know when. If that's settled with Mr. Moore and  
20 the citizens staff, that's fine. Mr. Wilson.

21 RON WILSON: I just have a question,  
22 the amendment that we passed that Bob offered. Did  
23 that, did that eliminate the three janitors that we  
24 were going to hire in house to save us money because we  
25 were going to do away with the contract? That's just a  
26 question.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all sure about that.

28 TOM ALLEN: Yes. If I might, I like  
29 your amendment and I voted for that too and I didn't, I  
30 thought that was a done deal when that happened. The  
31 same with the animal shelter folks.

32 RON WILSON: I'd like to reconsider my  
33 vote on that.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's too late  
35 now, we're going to have to do something or another and  
36 come back to another thing. Is that right, Mr. Pitts?

37 MIKE PITTS: Well, until there's an  
38 adjournment, someone that was on the prevailing side of  
39 that would have to make a motion to reconsider. So I  
40 believe so.

41 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, with the  
42 option of Council, we can figure that out and come to  
43 you for the next meeting if that's acceptable.

44 BOB WALDREP: Just a point of  
45 information on that. I certainly don't want to do  
46 anything that would be detrimental to the process, but  
47 my amendment, I've got to figure out which one it was.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Item three.

49 BOB WALDREP: Let's look at that.

50 TOMMY DUNN: No new positions.

1 BOB WALDREP: Look at it right quick.  
2 CINDY WILSON: While we're finding that,  
3 we have a lot of employees in other departments so.  
4 BOB WALDREP: Oh, you're talking about  
5 the no new employees. Is that what you?  
6 RON WILSON: Yeah.  
7 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
8 BOB WALDREP: Now, I certainly  
9 understand that the, the problem here. I think that  
10 under that situation where we did away with the Bud  
11 contract, is that what we're talking about?  
12 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
13 BOB WALDREP: And we need three  
14 employees to replace for that. I would just amend that  
15 motion and say except for these three employees and if  
16 we could do that.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Amend the motion to  
18 accept those three employees that's going to replace  
19 that janitorial thing.  
20 BOB WALDREP: Replace the Bud Light.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Have you got something  
22 you want to say?  
23 MIKE PITTS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I  
24 think probably the way to do it would be for Mr. Wilson  
25 to make a motion that the body reconsider that  
26 particular motion to amend, vote on that, and then take  
27 it up and then vote one last time on the, on the  
28 ordinance, budget ordinance as it ---  
29 RON WILSON: I make that motion.  
30 BOB WALDREP: Second.  
31 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson makes the  
33 motion. Mr. Waldrep seconds. Any further discussion?  
34 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, yeah. This  
35 is for the three janitorial?  
36 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.  
37 TOM ALLEN: Staff. Only.  
38 BOB WALDREP: That, that's correct.  
39 Just the three guys.  
40 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
41 BOB WALDREP: And on that note, this  
42 is, Mr. Burns has given me some information on that and  
43 I guess I should have thought about that but it's about  
44 three hundred thousand dollars that we're going ---  
45 RUSTY BURNS: Three hundred and  
46 fifteen, Mr. Waldrep.  
47 BOB WALREP: Three hundred and fifty  
48 thousand we'll be saving.  
49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
50 BOB WALDREP: So we'll have three

1 employees at how much?

2 RITA DAVIS: A total of ninety  
3 thousand, sir.

4 BOB WALDREP: Ninety thousand. So  
5 we're saving a pot of money by doing our own cleaning  
6 and people are supposed to keep their offices clean,  
7 too.

8 TOM ALLEN: The other question too,  
9 is that -- what about the animal shelter folks or is  
10 that something worked out?

11 RUSTY BURNS: That's four.

12 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be, that'll be  
13 separate.

14 RUSTY BURNS: But, but, let me, let me  
15 suggest something on the four employees at the animal  
16 shelter. They were not scheduled to begin work July 1,  
17 they are scheduled to go when the animal shelter is a  
18 little bit before up and running. Because of the  
19 serious storm damage we've had out there, we're  
20 probably two, three, or four weeks behind schedule  
21 right now because of that storm damage so if Council  
22 wanted to revisit this at a later time, this is  
23 something that's not pressing right this second.

24 EDDIE MOORE: That would also give us a  
25 chance to do that wage and price study and see exactly.

26  
27 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. It would.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Because there's eleven  
29 people out there now. I'd like to know what they're  
30 doing.

31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the  
32 motion, show of hands.

33 CINDY WILSON: I had one more question.  
34 You went to the question to vote. We have x number of  
35 employees in that department, a good many, I can't  
36 remember quite how many in that particular department.

37 TOMMY DUNN: What department, Ms.  
38 Wilson, excuse me?

39 CINDY WILSON: That would be Building  
40 and Grounds.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, okay. Go ahead.

42 CINDY WILSON: And we're talking about  
43 needing to hire three more people. I'm all for doing  
44 away with Bud Light but we still have not done a wage  
45 and compensation study and I just think we need to hold  
46 off and maybe start with that department. Surely we  
47 have enough people in that department to perform that  
48 function.

49 TOMMY DUNN: That's a good point. I  
50 think somebody, it might go lacking. I just think this



1 is something that needs to be took care of. You can  
2 save money this way right here. If it comes up, we'll  
3 -- we can cut then. Any other, any other comments?

4 RON WILSON: We did the motion on the  
5 reconsider ---

6 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE THREE

7 TOMMY DUNN: -- That's all we're doing  
8 is Ms. Wilson's vote to reconsider and that was all in  
9 favor of. Again, all this is is for the vote to  
10 reconsider. All in favor of the vote to reconsider.  
11 All opposed. All abstentions. Okay. Vote in favor of  
12 reconsidering Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen, Mr.  
13 Wilson, Mr. Waldrep. And no opposed. And Ms. Wilson's  
14 abstaining. And let the record show that Ms. Floyd  
15 left. So now it will be a motion -- Mr. Waldrep's  
16 motion to amend.

17 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Waldrep's motion to  
18 amend.

19 BOB WALDREP: Well, my motion would be  
20 to make an exception to no new employees to provide  
21 three employees for the cleaning of the buildings to  
22 replace the Bud Company.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
24 second? Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Now Ms.  
25 Wilson, do you want to?

26 CINDY WILSON: My observation regarding  
27 that is I'm all for cutting the contract. It was a  
28 ridiculously high contract and I think there -- this is  
29 a good approach except that I believe that we don't  
30 hire anyone until we've done an economy and efficiency  
31 study in that department. It may be that we assign  
32 existing employees in there to that function and I, I  
33 just -- I will abstain on this vote because I just  
34 believe from the bottom of my heart that we have failed  
35 to fully scrutinize this budget and, and do it the way  
36 it looks like we ought to be doing.

37 TOMMY DUNN: All, all I would add to  
38 that is you've got some people, employees in that  
39 department that's making x amount of dollars. I  
40 wouldn't want them pushing a broom paying them that  
41 kind of money. You have to be very careful of that  
42 right there.

43 CINDY WILSON: No. You've got all  
44 levels of employees in that department, Mr. Dunn. They  
45 start at a certain figure.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Certain things.

47 CINDY WILSON: In fact, I've got a  
48 schedule here.

49 TOMMY DUNN: I've got a copy of it  
50 too.

1 CINDY WILSON: But maybe some of them  
2 would be better for them and for the county for them to  
3 push the broom instead of the lawnmower. Who knows?  
4 We haven't done that homework.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, anything?

6 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to make an  
7 amendment to Mr. Waldrep's motion. And I'd like to  
8 make an amendment that Mr. Burns do an assessment of  
9 the personnel that we have in Building and Grounds and  
10 see if those positions are actually necessary and maybe  
11 provide some information back to the Council and I  
12 think everybody would be happy with that. I put that  
13 in the form of a motion.

14 TOMMY DUNN: I second it. Any  
15 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
16 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
17 unanimously. Now back to the original motion. Any  
18 more discussion?

19 CINDY WILSON: Question.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms.

21 CINDY WILSON: If this amendment has  
22 carried then that means that the study will be  
23 completed before and information provided to us before  
24 the need to hire would be addressed.

25 TOMMY DUNN: If that's what you --  
26 that wasn't the motion, but that can be -- if Mr.  
27 Wilson, I mean Mr. Burns agrees, that's fine and this  
28 is just, just this one department for him to -- it's  
29 not hiring, not confirmed or what not.

30 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? All in  
33 favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
34 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously without any  
35 objections. Mr. Pitts.

36 MIKE PITTS: From just a belts and  
37 suspenders standpoint, I would, I would go ahead and  
38 move to accept the budget as amended one last time  
39 since we've had last year.

40 TOMMY DUNN: One last time. We want  
41 to make sure we've got that -- we make the lawyers  
42 happy. Make a motion to accept the budget one last  
43 time as amended.

44 TOM ALLEN: Second.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor -- any  
47 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
48 All opposed. Well, what you say to that Mr. Pitts.

49 MIKE PITTS: The ordinance -- the  
50 budget hasn't passed because you don't have the

1 requisite number of votes. I'm sorry.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: We voted on this a while  
3 ago. Why we have to do it again?  
4 MIKE PITTS: We went back and amended  
5 it.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: And we voted on the  
7 amendment I thought.  
8 MIKE PITTS: Correct. But once you've  
9 amended it, then you've got to go ahead and pass it  
10 past third reading as amended.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: I thought we done that.  
12 That was the motion a while ago passed as a --  
13 MIKE PITTS: Reconsidered a previous  
14 amendment.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, okay. Well, we  
16 won't have no budget then to what you call it. You got  
17 any suggestions?  
18 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. I believe we  
19 probably need to pass a continuing resolution tonight  
20 to go ahead and just leave the 2009 or, excuse me, yeah  
21 the 2009-10 appropriations in place until the budget  
22 can be enacted.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: I make that in the form  
24 of a motion.  
25 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Second. Any discussion?  
27 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
28 opposed. Now this is a motion -- we've got a motion on  
29 the floor and we've got a second.  
30 CINDY WILSON: A question.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
32 CINDY WILSON: All right. We have the  
33 continuing resolution before us so the -- all  
34 departments and funds, enterprise funds, etc. are  
35 continued to be funded at the same rate as is in the  
36 current budget. Is that correct? Am I correct? Okay.  
37 So this means that the second meeting in July with a  
38 new Council member we have to readdress the budget. Is  
39 that correct? I would like to make a motion that we  
40 begin right away having public workshops in preparation  
41 for that because I'm still concerned about what we're  
42 dealing with. And I put that in a motion that we have  
43 at least two workshops between now and we come back for  
44 the, I guess it would be the July 20th meeting.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
46 CINDY WILSON: Okay. That's, that's ---  
47 TOMMY DUNN: And that ain't got to be  
48 -- we ain't got to vote on a budget then. It's just,  
49 just whenever. You've got a motion on the floor.  
50 Anybody want to second it?

1 CINDY WILSON: That's my motion.  
2 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
3 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
5 favor of Ms. Wilson's motion, show of hands. Opposed  
6 like sign. Show the motion carries. Now we get back  
7 to the original motion. All in favor of the motion,  
8 show of hands. This is the appropriations to carry on  
9 as we have been. All in favor of the motion, show of  
10 hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries  
11 unanimously. Are there any objections? We'll adjourn  
12 now.

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15 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Called Meeting – July 13, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding, District #5  
Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District #1  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chairman, District #3  
Tom Allen - District #4  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator  
Chase Heatherly - Intern  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

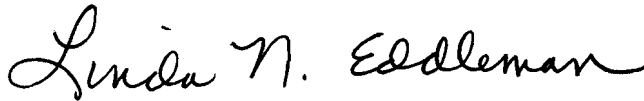
**ABSENT**

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Ron Wilson - District #6  
Mike Pitts, County Attorney

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING

July 13, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER, SR.  
M. CINDY WILSON

PRESENT:

RUSTY BURNS  
LINDA M. EDDLEMAN  
CHASE HEATHERLY

1 TOMMY DUNN: -- the Innovate Anderson --  
2 the Innovate -- I'm sorry. The Upstate Alliance  
3 presentation. At this time, I asked Mr. Moore if he  
4 would lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of  
5 Allegiance.

6 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY EDDIE MOORE

7 TOMMY DUNN: Since this group has a Power  
8 Point presentation, we'll stay, we'll stay in the  
9 Council chambers here and at this time, I'd just like  
10 to ask the Administrator if he has any comments or any  
11 opening words he'd like to say or anything. Mr. Burns.

12 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have Mr.  
13 Hal Johnson with Upstate Alliance and I believe Mr.  
14 Acker with Duke Energy has just entered the building  
15 and I believe we're waiting on Mr. Bobby Hitt to join  
16 us in just a few seconds.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'd like -- Mr.  
18 Johnson, you and your group, however you want to do it,  
19 present it, y'all go ahead and if you want to say a few  
20 words and Mr. Acker whatever. It'll be fine. Yeah.  
21 Yes, sir. That'll be fine.

22 GEORGE ACKER: Hello. Let me lean over a  
23 little bit. Maybe that'll help some. Better?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

25 GEORGE ACKER: Let me do this, if that's --  
26 that way I don't have to lean over all the time.

27 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Just make  
28 yourself comfortable.

29 GEORGE ACKER: My heart's still, my heart's  
30 still beating from driving down here from Spartanburg.  
31 The police are probably still looking for me out here  
32 on the interstate. Quickly, thanks for letting us  
33 come. There are a couple of different things that  
34 we're going to try to show you today. Most of these  
35 involve us just explaining what we do. Make sure you  
36 understand, we didn't come down here to tell you all  
37 what to do because nobody elected any of us to anything  
38 in Anderson County. It's up to you to determine what  
39 is the best way to invest the money that the taxpayers  
40 have in this county for things like economic  
41 development and economic development marketing.  
42 Briefly about myself, I've worked for Duke Energy for  
43 almost thirty years. I spent three and a half of those  
44 working in Anderson County. I worked in Anderson from  
45 2003 to a little bit after 2007 and I tell my friends  
46 at Duke, both in North Carolina and around South  
47 Carolina, best job I ever had was working in Anderson,  
48 Pickens, Oconee, and Abbeville. The most beautiful  
49 part of our system. Duke Energy likes to participate  
50 in economic development activity. We understand, I

1 think, really well that how economically healthy our  
2 communities are really will determine how successful  
3 they are. People who don't have jobs or are scared  
4 they're not going to have employment do weird things to  
5 each other. This recent downturn over the last couple  
6 of years has caused all sorts of problems in the ten  
7 county area that, that Duke serves in the upstate of  
8 South Carolina. I live in Pickens County. I'm a  
9 member of the Tri-County Tech commission, I'm one of  
10 the three representatives from there. I'm also on the  
11 Clemson University Research Foundation which has a lot  
12 to do with the research park in northern Anderson  
13 County. We've got several staff members here that  
14 Hal's going to introduce when he comes up. We've got a  
15 relatively brief presentation. I think it'll take  
16 about fifteen minutes to talk about what the Upstate  
17 Alliance does and also what we don't do. And then we'd  
18 like to have the opportunity for you all to ask, ask  
19 any questions that you might have of either Hal,  
20 myself, Bobby, who's just now walking in, Jennifer,  
21 Eric. We certainly appreciate the opportunity for you  
22 all to have us today. We know that, that times are  
23 tough and that you all need to make sure you understand  
24 what you're getting for your investment so that you can  
25 make a decision on what you want to do. And with that,  
26 Hal, I'm going to turn it over to you for the  
27 presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 HAL JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and  
30 Mr. Chairman, members of Council, I'm going to -- on  
31 behalf of the Upstate Alliance, my team, we really want  
32 to thank you for the opportunity (?) what we are, what  
33 we do, and how we do it. I think the best, the best  
34 relationship to have is (?) so we're educating (?) what  
35 we are and what we do so that we can work together.  
36 Okay. Can you hear me? Okay. There we go. So, I'm  
37 going to -- and I practiced this presentation several  
38 times, George, so it's actually going to take me a  
39 little over twenty-one minutes to do this and I --  
40 maybe I can speed through it a little quicker, but ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: Take your time -- all you  
42 need.

43 HAL JOHNSON: Thank you, sir. We cover  
44 three things really. The Alliance overview, target  
45 industries and regional initiatives that the Upstate  
46 Alliance is involved in and then our activity report.  
47 Where, where does the rubber meet the road, what are we  
48 doing for the upstate in Anderson County specifically?  
49 All right. So in every meeting since our inception,  
50 the Upstate Alliance has always started with our



1 vision, mission, and focus and the reason for this is  
2 so that it's very clear that everyone understands what  
3 is our role in the economic development process. Our  
4 role is not to take over what counties do. Our role is  
5 very specific on a regional basis. Vision is to  
6 position this region so we can compete for business  
7 global. Our mission is three parts. Market and brand  
8 the upstate to attract business, support the economic  
9 development activities of our ten county investors, and  
10 build cohesive relationships between the public and the  
11 private sector. In these tough times, that's extremely  
12 important leveraging those resources further than we  
13 ever have before. With a very specific focus and  
14 that's generating leads and prospects whether that's  
15 talent and/or companies. Okay. And I'll explain how  
16 we do that. First, our officers, George Acker is our  
17 Chairman, Bobby Hitt's here, our Vice Chairman, with  
18 BMW, Ingo Ingameyer with Spartanburg Regional is our  
19 Treasurer, Nancy Spencer is our Secretary. At Large  
20 seats, and we expanded our executive committee last  
21 year to have two At Large seats. John Miller from  
22 AnMed Health is a past Chair of our organization. He  
23 spent five years on the executive committee and was  
24 asked to spend several more in this At Large seat. Jim  
25 Thomas, AT&T Regional Director. We also added two  
26 members of the public sector last year by virtue of  
27 position and that's chairmans of county council.  
28 Chairman Butch Kirven from Greenville County Council  
29 and also, Chairman Neal Smith from Pickens County  
30 Council are in these public sector seats which rotate  
31 on several year basis, based on the number of years of  
32 each chair. And our immediate past Chair of the  
33 organization is Mr. Leon Patterson. I think we've got  
34 a great leadership. The UA staff. This is the team  
35 that's out there and really what I want you to know  
36 about this staff is that it's an extension of your  
37 economic development office. I want you to think about  
38 the number of people that you have doing economic  
39 development and then for the funding that you have,  
40 this is the staff that you're funding over and above  
41 what you have on your current staff to go out and help  
42 to do economic development. So our experience is out  
43 there, not just in regional economic development.  
44 Jennifer Noel, Eric Miller, and myself all spent years  
45 with the South Carolina Department of Commerce so we  
46 understand what the State Department of Commerce is  
47 looking at and how it works. But several of us have  
48 spent time on local economic development groups. I've  
49 run a local economic development group for six years, I  
50 understand what it takes to do that. So we're, we're

1     able to leverage our resources, our experience to help  
2     go out and not only support the economic development  
3     efforts but go out and do the other two parts market  
4     and brand the region and build relationships. I do  
5     want to point out that we have four interns this  
6     summer, one of them happens to be with Anderson,  
7     Anderson University, and I'll talk a little bit about  
8     their roles what specifically they're doing this year.  
9     All right. So what do we do and who are we? We are a  
10    501(c)(6) and a (c)(3) organization. So we're a not  
11    for profit. We are funded both from the public and the  
12    private sector and I'll talk about those funding levels  
13    at, at other times. We are specifically a group that  
14    works in partnership with our local economic  
15    developers. When we were formed in 2000, the idea of  
16    the Upstate was there's not one community in the region  
17    that reaches a million in population and there's got to  
18    have -- you've got to have this density of population  
19    in order to start showing up on road maps. And you can  
20    talk to any site consultant firm out there if, if you  
21    think that you can go out and do it with a, a five  
22    thousand town or a ten thousand population town, it's  
23    not going to happen. You have to merge those resources  
24    of regions to get over a million people. You've got to  
25    combine more than four counties in order to get to a  
26    million people in the upstate. So ten years ago when  
27    the Upstate Alliance was originated, we needed to know  
28    what those ten counties were when we came out of that.  
29    At the end of the day, we're all about celebrating the  
30    successes. The Upstate Alliance is not about taking  
31    credit for any deal that's done. We're celebrating  
32    those successes. We're a member of teams and extension  
33    of teams, not taking away from the teams that are  
34    there. So how does this regional collaboration work?  
35    The Upstate Alliance along with the local and state  
36    economic developers, local Chambers of Commerce, our  
37    public sector, elected officials, and anyone else who  
38    has a role in economic development, all have specific  
39    roles in which they work in. The Upstate Alliance  
40    happens to be the leading edge in the marketing and  
41    branding site and I'll show you where that fits in in a  
42    few minutes. So here's the economic development  
43    process. Someone has to go out and talk about the  
44    assets of a region. Okay. That group in the upstate  
45    happens to be the Upstate South Carolina Alliance. We  
46    take all the assets that are here, the universities,  
47    the companies that are here, the skill sets within the  
48    regions that are here, and we go out and tell the world  
49    about those. In our process of doing that, we generate  
50    suspects and leads. Those suspects and leads through

1 mining data bases end up becoming projects. And when  
2 they become a project, we start forming teams with  
3 local and state economic developers. Matter of fact,  
4 it is our standard operating procedure when it gets to  
5 a point where there is a request for information, there  
6 is a local economic development teams, and the state is  
7 brought involved to make sure that they're handling the  
8 deal making side. The Upstate Alliance does not work  
9 deals. We are simply a feeder of the pipeline. We're  
10 the ones that are telling the companies, the law firms,  
11 the banks, the engineering firms, the construction  
12 companies, anyone out there who can influence a  
13 decision with the company, we're the ones informing  
14 them that there are opportunities within the region.  
15 And hopefully, through these efforts, a community and  
16 the state will be able to come together and win. And  
17 I'll show you some examples of, of how that works. So  
18 the Upstate Alliance is not the only regional alliance  
19 in this state. We're one of eight and all but three  
20 counties in South Carolina, there's forty-six counties.  
21 All but three counties belong to regional alliances.  
22 Okay. All the rest are part of regional alliances in  
23 the state. So the reason for that is because  
24 commerce's budget over time has come down dramatically  
25 and I'll show you a little -- a graph of that in just  
26 a, a few minutes. So each of these groups really gel  
27 together in their ability to sell and leverage their  
28 assets. Okay. And each one operates a little bit  
29 differently from each other. So target industry study  
30 -- our group really needs to understand what it is that  
31 we're marketing. So after a regional strategic plan,  
32 the Upstate Alliance focused it's efforts on creating a  
33 target industry study in which we hired one of the best  
34 site consulting firms out there and we asked them to  
35 work with us to map the assets of this region, to help  
36 us really focus on the four areas in which we had the  
37 best chance in recruiting industry. And out of this  
38 funnel of regional presence, industry trends,  
39 specialized assets, and local goals came out four  
40 industry sectors, automotive, advance materials, bio  
41 sciences, and energy. And we're going to take that a  
42 step further in order to reach into those niche areas  
43 and you see those niche areas defined. And I literally  
44 can spend a whole hour talking about this marketing  
45 strategy, but we don't have time to do that today. All  
46 right. So where does Anderson County fit within this  
47 model. Well, quite honestly Anderson County's targets  
48 happen to be what the Upstate Alliance's previous  
49 targets were. Matter of fact, they fit hand in glove  
50 and that was on purpose because we work with the

1 economic development office to make sure that what  
2 Anderson County was looking for was also what Upstate  
3 Alliance was looking for. Now every county doesn't  
4 always do it this way. Anderson County at this  
5 particular time decided that was the path that it  
6 wished to go in and it was good for us because it fit  
7 the marketing strategy in which we wanted to go in.  
8 The red indicates the shared targets that we have now  
9 so please feel comfortable that Anderson County is well  
10 covered in the marketing efforts that we're going  
11 after. So when we create a marketing strategy and we  
12 understand the business sectors we're going after, we  
13 have to create a portfolio of tools that not only the  
14 local economic developers can use, but also companies,  
15 site selection entities, centers of influence. Again,  
16 anyone who's developing or charging that information or  
17 decision making process for a company needs to be able  
18 to tap into a set of tools. The Upstate Alliance has  
19 created a tool box for this in the region. We just  
20 launched a brand new web, web site. This is our fourth  
21 web site since inception. We're always going out and  
22 tweaking the site so it has the latest and greatest  
23 search engine optimization tools, as well as the  
24 information for the region. We're focused on our new  
25 target industries and these industry sectors are led by  
26 industry leaders, not by economic developers. The  
27 reason for that is business leaders understand what  
28 they need in recruiting new business. We ought to be  
29 listening to what their needs are. An expanded data  
30 and mapping centers, these are the tools in which are  
31 being used and I'll talk to you very specifically about  
32 one that Anderson County's benefitting from right now.  
33 And also a new media center's been added and this is  
34 really to help the internal and the external PR portion  
35 of what the Alliance does for the region. So let's  
36 talk about our property navigator, this is our GIS  
37 mapping system. Total cost of the project is just  
38 under three hundred thousand. Anderson County was  
39 absolutely the first county in our region that  
40 leveraged this source and utilizes it as it's own  
41 mapping system. So when you go to Anderson County's  
42 economic development web site and you search for a  
43 site, building, or park, you're literally using our  
44 mapping system. Now we've worked with them to make  
45 sure it's the same colors as Anderson's web site, it  
46 looks like it's their web site, and we don't want  
47 anyone to have any clue that it's going any where else  
48 because it belongs to a county that belongs to our  
49 region. This is important because when a site location  
50 consultant's looking at you in the middle of the night,

1     you need to be able to have the latest and greatest  
2     tools. You have this. In four, excuse me, in the  
3     eight years that Anderson County's been an investor of  
4     our region, you've spent four hundred thousand dollars,  
5     four hundred thousand. Two hundred and ninety-one  
6     thousand of this is a great tool that you're utilizing  
7     today. And this is just a good example of leverage.  
8     So other foundational tools -- spin-a-tours. What is a  
9     spin-a-tour, it's a three d tour of one of our research  
10    capabilities that is a true asset to the region. In  
11    partnership with other economic development  
12    organizations as well as the advance materials research  
13    lab, the Upstate Alliance has helped fund this spin-a-  
14    tour in conjunction with Dr. John Balotto. So if you  
15    go on that tour, it's Dr. John Balotto giving you a  
16    three dimensional tour of that research lab. Someone  
17    can access that at any time. This web site, this link,  
18    lives on multiple web sites, including your own in  
19    Anderson County and ours. Other foundational tools are  
20    target industry sheets, there's multiple target  
21    industry sheets. We have to refresh these on an annual  
22    basis to make sure the numbers are correct, all the  
23    data is correct, and they're stating the right things  
24    for our community. These are marketing tools that our  
25    local communities as well as the Upstate Alliance uses  
26    as we travel. And they're made available to anyone who  
27    needs them on their marketing trips. Again, another  
28    cost cutting, cutting, cost cutting saving --  
29    mechanism. Data base development -- you know, you're  
30    only as good as your data bases are and when we take a  
31    look at our industry sectors, our team along with our,  
32    our interns for this year are digging deep into all of  
33    our data bases in our target industry sectors. So  
34    automotive, advance materials, bio sciences and energy,  
35    they're digging into these nat. cos. that best fit our  
36    region. Who's out there that best fits and there's  
37    tons and tons of companies to call on, but we're  
38    digging in to really understand which ones have the  
39    best options here. A lot of this will be done by  
40    fourth quarter 2010 and, and first quarter of 2011. I  
41    was blown away as another marketing initiative that the  
42    Upstate Alliance did and this actually came to us when,  
43    when the BMW Charity Pro Am moved from the Cliffs down  
44    into what we call the upstate region or the city region  
45    of the upstate. This BMW and South Carolina Charities  
46    wanted a singular message to deliver to the world  
47    through the Golf Channel on it's commercials about this  
48    upstate region. And we helped, along with Erwin  
49    Penland, put a presentation together, a marketing  
50    campaign, that dispels stereo types and it does that

1 through the best way we know and that is through  
2 testimonial of people who come here from somewhere  
3 else. Anderson County benefits from this, you actually  
4 have two videos on this testimonials. One is Jerry  
5 Rice, a hometown hero, and the other is a quality of  
6 life piece that was put on by AnMed Health and several  
7 other members of the Anderson community and, along with  
8 the Upstate Alliance. So you have several testimonials  
9 that are on this web site living out there. The  
10 commercials have run over three hundred and eighteen  
11 times. The web site's been hit on from a hundred and  
12 eighty different countries and all fifty states. So  
13 people are accessing these sites and really digging in  
14 to what's happening in the upstate to better understand  
15 what's there. Some of the other regional initiatives  
16 you should be aware of, the Upstate Alliance was  
17 heavily involved in the Southwest Airlines recruitment  
18 to the region. This is huge for us. Not just the  
19 Upstate Alliance, but for every community here. The  
20 companies that are already here who are traveling  
21 outside of our state, now don't have to travel to  
22 Atlanta or to Charlotte or to another airport to get  
23 good airfare. Southwest Airlines will, will truly  
24 change our ability to recruit office and headquarter  
25 type projects. BMW Charity Pro Am is a, is an event  
26 that we use to bring people in from all over the  
27 country and we average between twenty-five and thirty  
28 different centers of influence to that. We host site  
29 selection panels and others. We're very influential  
30 with the Upstate South Carolina Caucus which is a  
31 member of all of our legislative delegations to give  
32 them a singular voice in Columbia. We are the go to  
33 source for any of the economic development challenges  
34 that our counties are facing. And then the last I'd  
35 like to present, when I was in China, I actually had a  
36 chance to meet with the community called Whoo Chang and  
37 they specifically asked about sister city  
38 relationships. A lot of similarities between Anderson  
39 County and we presented to them that Anderson may be a  
40 good choice. So when they visited the United States  
41 that we would invite them and love them to come and sit  
42 down with Anderson County's economic development group  
43 and the city of Anderson. So these are ways that we're  
44 presenting you. Now where does the rubber meet the  
45 road. In 2009, significant activity. Over a hundred  
46 and seventy-nine total presentations, thirty-five  
47 requests for information. This is when companies are  
48 asking for additional information about the region,  
49 they're showing interest, they have a project. Forty-  
50 three different visits generated, we did nine different

1 trade shows and conferences around the world, four  
2 different events hosted in the upstate, and we hosted  
3 nine different mission trips. That's where we're going  
4 and calling on companies in specific geographic  
5 locations around the world. So let's show you in  
6 comparison to everybody else. What's Anderson getting  
7 versus Greenville? What's Anderson getting versus  
8 Abbeville? This is something that you all want to  
9 know. Quite honestly, this is the same slide that I  
10 show every year, however, we've combined it this year  
11 to show three year's accumulation. And what I want to  
12 say is that when you look at the total RFIs available  
13 to all the upstate counties at a hundred and twenty-  
14 five from 2007 to 2010. You can see eligible RFIs.  
15 What does that mean? Does that mean the Upstate  
16 Alliance is eliminating a county? No. What happens is  
17 all RFIs, all one hundred and twenty-five of them go to  
18 the respected counties. The counties determine based  
19 on the criteria of the request for information whether  
20 or not they have the product or the site or the park  
21 that meets that, not the Upstate Alliance. Okay. Then  
22 each county submits specific properties to those RFIs.  
23 And you can see how many properties were submitted per  
24 county. You see Anderson County had a hundred and  
25 twenty-three total properties. You can see where  
26 Greenville submitted three hundred and forty-two.  
27 Spartanburg two hundred and thirty-three. Again,  
28 everybody had the same amount, but for some reason or  
29 another, your county was eligible for a hundred and six  
30 and a hundred and twenty-three of those properties were  
31 submitted. Yes, sir.

32 EDDIE MOORE: One quick question. You,  
33 you touched on a nerve on me. We went down to the  
34 Department of Commerce last year. When were your  
35 figures updated on some of these sites? But when Rusty  
36 and myself, Ms. Wilson, and our economic development  
37 director, we went down to the Department of Commerce,  
38 there were no sites listed. We had basically nothing.

39 HAL JOHNSON: On Commerce's web site?

40 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. Now when was these  
41 updated?

42 HAL JOHNSON: Well, we keep a different,  
43 we keep a different web site than Commerce does. And,  
44 Mr. Moore, I'll tell you, you know, there was a time  
45 when the Department of Commerce pulled all the sites  
46 off until they could get them cataloged to a certain  
47 grade level of what they wanted under this  
48 administration. The Upstate Alliance stuck our necks  
49 out. Matter of fact, I personally took, you know, took  
50 on a lot of fire from Commerce because we said that we

1 were going to maintain the counties' sites and  
2 buildings if they were coming off of another site. So  
3 if you didn't have sites on that one, they were on our  
4 site. And you have to understand, when we were  
5 created, we were to do things over and above what  
6 Commerce was doing. Okay. Not, not, I mean, you know,  
7 we're going to -- we want to work side by side with  
8 them, but the upstate region wanted our region to  
9 create a marketing organization to go out and generate  
10 more leads and prospects. So we've, we've constantly  
11 maintained a separate data base. We make sure and,  
12 and, you know, I'll give you an example on First  
13 Quality, you know, in a little while. I mean where we  
14 had a site that didn't make it in the search. Okay.  
15 We'll talk specifically about that in a few minutes.  
16 But we've always maintained a data base in concert with  
17 your local economic developers. And if you ask your  
18 local economic developers and go outside of Anderson  
19 County and ask them across the state. One of the -- I  
20 was on the phone this morning with another one outside  
21 of our region, we - our sites aren't always making it  
22 in the search. Well, I'm, you know, our counties in  
23 the upstate, when we're approached by a site location  
24 consultant, we're going to submit every site we have  
25 that fits the parameters. Matter of fact, we're going  
26 to make sure that the counties -- we're always asking  
27 them, do you have anything over and above? And many  
28 times, the site consultants are coming to us with a  
29 list of sites and they're saying, we have these list of  
30 sites in the upstate, do you have anything else out  
31 there? And we will send an email out to our local  
32 economic developers asking, do you have anything in  
33 your portfolio that goes over and above what's already  
34 here? And the answer's always yes.

35 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

37 CINDY WILSON: In 1997, I made an inquiry  
38 of the state Department of Commerce on behalf of a  
39 client for available sites in Anderson County, well  
40 before I went on Council. From my recollection, there  
41 was over three thousand acres of various sites in  
42 varying states of readiness. And then you came before  
43 Council in 2008 and indicated that there was a prospect  
44 looking for approximately a hundred thousand square  
45 feet, a mile and a half to the interstate, roughly well  
46 siting, and you stated that we had no product. That  
47 absolutely alarmed me and I started doing some research  
48 and determined that we had nothing listed, but I would  
49 have expected that a plant as big as Santens would have  
50 garnered your attention, but apparently, it hadn't. I



1 then made a request of our economic development  
2 department from the floor here, I requested that we  
3 have a meeting and invite all the major landowners,  
4 anyone who had properties, including all of our real  
5 estate brokers. That was not done. I had to send a  
6 note out to everybody and from that one, one effort, we  
7 had one or two properties that ended up at the  
8 Department of Commerce on their list. Then I found out  
9 later that others had requested inclusion and it never  
10 got out of our economic development department. So then  
11 in September of '09, as Mr. Moore stated, we went to  
12 the Department of Commerce, hat in hand to find out  
13 what was going on. They handed us a map and said these  
14 are the only sites that you have. And you talk about  
15 being blown away.

16 HAL JOHNSON: I can guarantee you.

17 CINDY WILSON: I was blown away because  
18 very little was on there.

19 HAL JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

20 CINDY WILSON: It was astonishing. From  
21 that point, we came back as a Council in concert with  
22 our Administrator and our new economic development  
23 department. We hosted meetings at the Civic Center, we  
24 cataloged and have in the data base everything that's  
25 available. We even have things that are not available.

26 HAL JOHNSON: Right.

27 CINDY WILSON: So to speak. And it appears  
28 to me that this was a gross over sight for the state  
29 Department of Commerce, but it all started with our  
30 economic development department. And it just seems  
31 that a group of ten counties, a group as excellent as I  
32 had the impression of your group prior to that, would  
33 have known every site intimately. And yet, you didn't  
34 know Santens was there. And that's, that just really  
35 troubled me greatly.

36 HAL JOHNSON: And, and let me, let me give  
37 you our standard operating procedure on how our sites,  
38 buildings, and parks are included. And this has been  
39 since the inception of the Upstate Alliance and it has  
40 not changed. Any county that wants to submit a site, a  
41 building, or a park on our web site has to catalog that  
42 inside their county. So the local economic development  
43 organization is responsible for gathering all the  
44 information to make sure that the site is under control  
45 and that they have all the information that fits on a  
46 spread sheet. That spread sheet is then sent to the  
47 Appalachian Council of Governments and not to the  
48 Upstate Alliance, the Appalachian Council of  
49 Governments. And so all ten counties are operating,  
50 since inception, on the same guidelines of how to

1 manage plant sites and parks in the upstate.  
2 CINDY WILSON: So you're stating that you  
3 believe that the problem originated with our economic  
4 development department failing to do just that.  
5 HAL JOHNSON: I would tell you that any  
6 time that we've every needed a building, site, or park,  
7 and we've had an RFI and sent it directly to the  
8 county, that the county had submitted what it had in  
9 it's inventory.  
10 CINDY WILSON: Well, what happened with the  
11 prospect that Santens should have been of consideration  
12 for?  
13 HAL JOHNSON: Again, we submit the RFIs to  
14 the counties, the counties are to fill those out and to  
15 match the criteria that they have. If they meet it or  
16 if they don't, they have to eliminate themselves, we  
17 don't, we don't choose or eliminate sites. That is  
18 political suicide. Our organization would have been  
19 done ten years ago. So we, you know, again, we are not  
20 site selectors. It is our job to find other options  
21 if, if a site consultant comes to us, but it's not to  
22 ever eliminate a site. So we always ask the counties  
23 for their information. Matter of fact, when, when we  
24 get a request from anyone, we ask the counties, do you  
25 have anything that fits these criteria.  
26 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
27 HAL JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Moore.  
29 EDDIE MOORE: We had our meeting out here  
30 at the Civic Center last year on listing the  
31 properties. Did you come to our meeting?  
32 HAL JOHNSON: We weren't invited.  
33 CINDY WILSON: Everyone was. We requested  
34 that anyone who had a role be invited.  
35 HAL JOHNSON: We, we found out about it  
36 the day after when the Secretary of Commerce asked us  
37 how come we weren't there.  
38 CINDY WILSON: We had another meeting, too.  
39 We had two meetings.  
40 HAL JOHNSON: There were no ---  
41 EDDIE MOORE: I guess that's a little bit  
42 of my problem is I have is because when I was Chairman  
43 last year ---  
44 HAL JOHNSON: Yes, sir.  
45 EDDIE MOORE: You know, the only time I  
46 have seen you is once in fourteen months and that's  
47 when you come and made your presentation. And, you  
48 know, we would like to see you a little more often, you  
49 know, and that's -- I think that's the problem we have.  
50 That's the problem that I have.

1                   HAL JOHNSON:           Sure.

2                   EDDIE MOORE:           You know, I've seen you once  
3 in fourteen months. I'm sorry, but that's just the way  
4 I feel.

5                   HAL JOHNSON:           And, Mr. Chairman, I agree  
6 with you wholeheartedly. Matter of fact, we have tried  
7 to work with the Anderson County Economic Development  
8 board, the Chamber when they were having education  
9 sessions to educate a whole new Council on what  
10 economic development is, who are all the partners.  
11 There were multiple members of Council all invited to  
12 those meetings, yet only two members of Council came.  
13 And so we ---

14                  EDDIE MOORE:           We had representations out  
15 here at the Civic Center, we had representation from  
16 Oconee County, Pickens County, even had a person from  
17 Greenville County, and it -- everybody was invited and  
18 it was a pretty major announcement. And if you were  
19 interested in Anderson County, I figured you'd been  
20 monitoring our news and know it was such a big event  
21 because we had hundreds of people and we had all the  
22 realtors in the county, plus some of the surrounding  
23 counties from Pickens County and Oconee County that  
24 were here. It was a big event for Anderson County. So  
25 if you're monitoring and you care about Anderson  
26 County, I would think you'd be looking -- reading our  
27 newspaper and making at least a concerted effort to  
28 come over to Anderson County and visit this because  
29 this was a big event to get our properties listed.

30                  HAL JOHNSON:           Mr. Moore, I agree with you  
31 wholeheartedly. I will tell you that there's, there's  
32 obviously a loss in communication. How we improve that  
33 -- I welcome it. But I will tell you, you know, I  
34 married a gal from Anderson County, a Westside grad.  
35 I'm over here a lot. My in-laws live off of Liberty  
36 Highway, I'm extremely passionate about what happens  
37 here. So the reality is that there has been a line of  
38 miscommunication. We want to be here. Every time  
39 we're invited to participate in educational sessions,  
40 we're here to help educate the community on what the  
41 economic development processes are. We're here on  
42 multiple occasions, my team or myself, to speak at  
43 different Rotary Club events, Lion's Club events,  
44 trying to educate the groups around -- what we are and  
45 what we do. The lines of communication go two ways and  
46 we're welcome to open the lines of communication more  
47 our way, but I'll tell you, in the last email that I  
48 got from Burris Nelson was a meeting that we had with  
49 all of our local economic developers sharing what's  
50 happening in a project status update. And the

1 statement was that we have provided too much  
2 information. Now I had to celebrate because I have  
3 been after my team for six years to find a way to  
4 provide too much information to the counties in what we  
5 were doing in marketing and branding the region. It --  
6 the information may not be reaching you and,  
7 unfortunately, that's where I think a lot of the  
8 shortfall comes. And, Mr. Moore, I will tell you that  
9 there are many occasions where our group has requested  
10 to come in workshop style meetings. We want to have  
11 conversations and dialogs with you, we want to be able  
12 to dig deep into these marketing strategies and have  
13 you ask questions why advance materials, why photonics,  
14 why is that here, what is AMRL going to succeed from  
15 this, how are we going to benefit from an automotive  
16 plan, what has energy got to do with anything about  
17 Anderson County? And if we're asking those questions,  
18 and you guys can ask those questions on a regular  
19 basis, those need to happen in workshop style meetings.  
20 In a public sessions, it makes it tough. Number one,  
21 from a public figure sometimes questions aren't going  
22 to be asked because we don't know what the audience is  
23 going to say. So we need to have a time in which we're  
24 educating each other and we're more than willing to  
25 educate anybody whose being a part of this. In our  
26 target market strategy, we had twelve hundred  
27 individuals, all ten counties participate in this  
28 target market strategy, all of them. It was bought in  
29 by all ten counties, unanimously voted on by the  
30 economic development directors. Yet my question is  
31 sometimes, is the economic development organizations  
32 talking to what the county councils? Do the county  
33 councils truly understand what the economic development  
34 organizations are voting on? And that's why we brought  
35 two public figures on to our executive committee so  
36 that we could make sure that the public sector was  
37 being communicated to. Is there room for improvement  
38 to communications? Yes, sir, there is.

39 CINDY WILSON: Mr. -- the other concern in  
40 these difficult economic times is redundancies.

41 HAL JOHNSON: Yes.

42 CINDY WILSON: And from the mid '70s, I  
43 know, as a real estate professional, I availed myself  
44 with what was available through the COG, our Council of  
45 Government. And we now have the implementum system  
46 that you've referred to, Anderson County invested  
47 heavily in that. We have all the demographic  
48 information that one could possibly need ---

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50 CINDY WILSON: -- economical and in

1 reaching the goals and I have concerns there too.  
2 HAL JOHNSON: Right.  
3 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
4 HAL JOHNSON: I would agree. The -- that  
5 information, again, is the genesis of all ten counties  
6 coming together with the alliance and pooling resources  
7 to fill those data bases. We are heavily -- a heavy  
8 supporter of that implementium ourselves.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: If you can, let's let Mr.  
10 Johnson finish his presentation. And like I say, I'm  
11 sure we're going, we're going to have more comments and  
12 more what you call it. And he, he might answer some of  
13 your questions as we go in and finish his presentation.  
14 HAL JOHNSON: I, I'll be glad to and, and  
15 we seriously want this to be a positive -- because  
16 that's our intention to be a great salesman for you.  
17 All right. So let's talk about funnels. What does it  
18 take to get one company to come? This happens to be  
19 our business development coordinator, Jacob Hickman,  
20 who's not with us today, he's actually dialing the  
21 phone and you'll see why. He's been on board with us  
22 for just a little over four months and his job is to  
23 mine our data bases of every company out there, whether  
24 it's automotive, energy, bio sciences, advance  
25 materials -- companies that we've ever dealt with in  
26 the past, plus all of his research that he's doing as  
27 he's reading up on industries in these different  
28 industry sectors. He's made sixteen hundred and  
29 twenty-five dials in the last four months. He's  
30 personally contacted a hundred and forty-five  
31 companies. That means he's talked to a hundred and  
32 forty-five companies. There's been two hundred and  
33 fifty-one emails sent to companies and he has a dialog  
34 with thirty-five. Now what does that mean? The  
35 reality is is this is a tool that the Upstate Alliance  
36 is using to build the pipeline of additional companies  
37 that we'll be calling on your behalf. Remember, we  
38 work for you. We're not working against you. Our job  
39 is to work for you, to market Anderson County, and to  
40 market this upstate region. So these thirty-five  
41 dialogs may turn into one company, may turn into five,  
42 or it may turn into zero. But the reality is if, if a  
43 community is doing this by themselves, this is the kind  
44 of resources that you have to allocate. This is what  
45 we're doing on behalf of a region in order to build  
46 that pipeline. Okay. So additional marketing trips --  
47 first half of the year is over so what happens in the  
48 second half. Well, you see the number of trips that  
49 are coming up. All of these are tied into specific  
50 companies in these geographic areas which fit each of

1 the four target industry areas. And you see some of  
2 them are quite extensive. It's very expensive in order  
3 to go out and market one on one, building relationships  
4 with companies around the world. Again, relationships  
5 have to be built and those relationships are passed on  
6 and specifically passed on to our communities once they  
7 come in the form of projects. So let's talk about some  
8 of the opportunities that came. Anderson County had a  
9 shot at and we didn't win. Okay. One in particular,  
10 some of you may remember, Rolls Royce. It was a pretty  
11 big doggone stink that Rolls Royce didn't come. Matter  
12 of fact, Rolls Royce was pretty much a surprise at one  
13 time because it was being lead -- the Upstate Alliance  
14 actually called on Rolls Royce two years prior to the  
15 project. They gave us a courtesy call and said, we're  
16 coming through the state and want you to know that the  
17 upstate is going to be included in and we'll call you  
18 and let you know what sites are being submitted. Well,  
19 we find out through our company contacts that the sites  
20 were being committed were sites at Clemson. But those  
21 sites at Clemson weren't available. So with your team,  
22 we put together another site. The bottom two sites for  
23 the state of South Carolina happen to be Betsy Tucker's  
24 site, happen to be The Matrix in Greenville County, and  
25 those two sites competed to the end in which the state  
26 of South Carolina decided that this project was not a  
27 good deal for us and the project hence went to the  
28 State of Virginia. And announced, as it originally  
29 came in and as we originally told it was going to come  
30 through. So Rolls Royce, big name, Upstate Alliance  
31 very much involved with this with a two year  
32 relationship with the person in charge in real estate  
33 of that particular company. Dick's Sporting Goods --  
34 working hand in hand, great relationship with the site  
35 consultant from Staubach, a major real estate firm.  
36 This company's land, you know, looking for a site for  
37 Dick's Sporting Goods. It gets down to the Betsy  
38 Tucker site, a site in which we submitted, and also a  
39 site in Atlanta, Georgia, in which we could not compete  
40 with an existing building in Atlanta when that building  
41 basically went for less than two dollars a square foot.  
42 And that's the reality of the project. There are other  
43 projects that are listed here. Because of, you know,  
44 because of NDAs and confidentiality agreements, we  
45 don't necessarily have all the names, but these are  
46 several other examples that got down to where Anderson  
47 County was competing with these projects and for some  
48 reason or the other, it didn't make it. Okay. Now  
49 you've got to recall that there's a lot of projects  
50 that come through that you get to look at, but you

1 don't make. But go back and look at your history over  
2 the years. All right. Now let's talk about some major  
3 wins. Frankazur was one of the first opportunities in  
4 which we had from a Germany mission. This particular  
5 company came in, Plastic Omnium contacted the Upstate  
6 Alliance because it had a global search in multiple  
7 facilities, ended up having a win in both Anderson  
8 County and in Spartanburg. Cross Country, the site  
9 selection officer for that particular company had a  
10 long term relationship with the Upstate Alliance and  
11 our team, we're involved in that one, helped you guys  
12 celebrate that particular project. And last, but not  
13 least, First Quality Tissue, the Upstate Alliance was  
14 involved on the very front end, like we're supposed to  
15 be, in the site sot. Making sure that the sites in the  
16 upstate were selected. Now there may be some question  
17 about this and what I really want to make sure that you  
18 guys understand. Upstate Alliance isn't trying to take  
19 control for winning this project because that's not our  
20 job. Our job is to make sure that Anderson County has  
21 a chance, or the upstate counties have a chance, to be  
22 involved in this project. Let's be real clear about  
23 what our role is. Now I've provided each of you a  
24 package and if you'll look at the last tab in this  
25 package, there's a letter from Deedee Caldwell. And  
26 that letter's addressed to me and Chairman Dunn and it  
27 specifically outlines the role of the Upstate Alliance,  
28 when we were asked to participate, and what we did.  
29 But it also gives Burris Nelson and Rusty Burns and  
30 this County Council kudos for -- I mean literally  
31 rocking it out of the park to win this deal. But the  
32 Upstate Alliance's role was on the front end like it's  
33 always supposed to be, it was very short lived like  
34 it's supposed to be, and the county's job is to come in  
35 and close the deal like it's supposed to be. So I want  
36 to make sure that you guys see that and, and let's -- I  
37 wanted to clear the water that there is some question.  
38 And again, there's a lot of challenges between local  
39 economic developers and the Upstate Alliance or any  
40 region for that matter who gets credit for winning.  
41 The fact is the Upstate Alliance doesn't need the  
42 credit. What we need to do is help you celebrate the  
43 win. Because quite honestly, the celebration of the  
44 win is what lures the next one here. We're passionate  
45 about that. We think we ought to be celebrating  
46 together and at the end of the day, the thousand people  
47 that'll work at that plant come from multiple counties.  
48 And look at other major industry around and see the  
49 patterns, it's pretty prevalent that we have cross  
50 county transportation and infiltration into these. So

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1 with that said, we've got great partners and great  
2 relationships that are willing to talk about where we  
3 are. The reality is is a lot of times you might not  
4 know because you didn't ask, but we want to make sure  
5 that we open that door that asking is always there.  
6 And we want it to be in a positive way because if we're  
7 going to work together to better brand and market this  
8 region, we have to do it together. So what does our  
9 competition do? Well, if you look on your screens, our  
10 competition is socking it. Their socking it in a  
11 manner of funding. And I'm going to show you where we  
12 sit in line to our competition. I showed you a map  
13 earlier that showed all the regions in South Carolina.  
14 And I'll be real clear, we don't compete against any  
15 region in South Carolina. We compete against  
16 Charlotte, we compete against Atlanta, Nashville, the  
17 research triangle area, Orlando, and Richmond. That's  
18 where we compete. In order to play with those big  
19 boys, we have to be funded like those big boys. All of  
20 these are regional partnerships, all of them. All of  
21 them are bigger than what we are in staff, in funding,  
22 in location, population. But guys, we whip them all  
23 the time. When you combine what we do in our region, we  
24 whip these guys all the time. But we do want to take  
25 our marketing strategies to their level and that cost.  
26 So where, where do you fit in? Anderson County is at  
27 fifty thousand. And you'll see I've taken a map of the  
28 upstate region, dropped in what each county is  
29 currently funding the region -- the regional alliance  
30 efforts. If you'll see, all of those dollars total up  
31 in public sector to forty -- four hundred and twenty-  
32 six thousand dollars which makes up a twenty-three  
33 percent of our total budget. Basically, what we've  
34 been able to do is leverage the fifty thousand dollar  
35 investment that you've made in us over the last eight  
36 years with all of the other counties, with all of the  
37 other nine counties. Now, mind you, if you take fifty  
38 thousand dollars and your population, you're less than  
39 thirty cents per capita. Okay. So if we start  
40 thinking about that for a second and we start looking  
41 at Abbeville and Greenwood and Laurens and Oconee,  
42 they're all at fifty cents per capita. And one of the  
43 things we've asked our counties to do is actually  
44 consider being at fifty cents per capita. Going in the  
45 opposite direction, bringing it up so that fifty cents  
46 per citizen is where we're going, flat across the  
47 board. Now, yes, that means that there are four  
48 counties that there will be a higher impact to, but we  
49 have a plan for what we're going to use those funds for  
50 and that is fully implementing the target market



1 strategy. So you will also see that that four hundred  
2 and twenty-six thousand of public sector funding is  
3 leveraged with seventy-seven percent, 1.4 million of  
4 private funds and grants. And that's our staff going  
5 out and generating those revenues with companies like  
6 Duke Energy, like BMW, and others that are a full  
7 supporter of what we're doing. So I also want to point  
8 out that's so important that our friends at Commerce  
9 and, you know, when I was at Commerce in 1996, the  
10 budget was 19.2 million dollars. Fiscal year '08, the  
11 budget's 12.53 million, fiscal year 2011, 3.9 million.  
12 Sixty-eight percent decrease in four years in total  
13 operating budget. Now I've got to give Secretary Taylor  
14 and his team a lot of credit because they've been able  
15 to do a ton with very little money on decreasing  
16 budgets over time. And, and we have to all partner  
17 with that. We all have to work with the South Carolina  
18 Department of Commerce because no matter what  
19 organization you work with whether it's a local, a  
20 city, a county, a region, or state group, the  
21 Department of Commerce is going to be involved in every  
22 project that's going to deal with the Senate. And  
23 we're all partners. And the South Carolina Economic  
24 Developers Association, which I'm a former president  
25 of, we all believe that we're one South Carolina first.  
26 So we need to take that budget a different direction.  
27 In the mean time, the regions have gained more presence  
28 because of this budget shortfall. Someone's making up  
29 the difference and we're making up that difference with  
30 our marketing efforts. Chairman Dunn. Yes, sir. Mr.  
31 Chairman, if I can, Chairman Butch Kirven from  
32 Greenville County Council, we've -- he's on our  
33 executive committee, we've asked him to come and make a  
34 couple of statements to you, as well as Mr. Bobby Hitt  
35 with BMW. If he can have permission for the floor.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. More than, more  
37 than welcome.

38 HAL JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.  
39 And thank you for the opportunity to present to you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Sure. Thank you.

41 BUTCH KIRVEN: Mr. Chairman, Council  
42 members. I didn't really come prepared to speak. It's  
43 a decision for y'all to make. I am on the executive  
44 committee of Upstate Alliance and, as you know, I'm a  
45 member of Greenville County Council, currently serving  
46 as the Chairman of Greenville County Council. I think  
47 the Upstate Alliance does a pretty good job in the  
48 global area of putting the upstate on the map. And it  
49 is a global economy nowadays. And people know who we  
50 are, the big businesses know who we are, and they're

1 starting to look here when they're thinking about  
2 expanding and new plants. And our existing industries  
3 also are effective in drawing other industries here, I  
4 believe, instead of them closing up shop here and  
5 moving somewhere else. If they're doing business with  
6 partner businesses, they encourage them to look at  
7 moving down here and putting businesses in this area.  
8 I was thinking, too, that county lines don't mean as  
9 much to our citizens as maybe they used to at one point  
10 in time. I grew up here in Anderson and I used to tell  
11 people that I lived across the river, you know, I was  
12 talking about the Saluda River boundary between  
13 Greenville and Anderson. But I know that there are a  
14 lot of people who live in Anderson County and work in  
15 Greenville County or some of the other surrounding  
16 counties. People live in Greenville County and work in  
17 Anderson County. So they cross those boundaries  
18 everyday and to them, they live where they want to live  
19 and they love to get a job where they can get a job and  
20 it doesn't matter where the county line is. So I think  
21 we have to work as a region to give ourselves a better  
22 opportunity to bring in jobs and investment and  
23 opportunities for our people no matter where they live  
24 in the upstate region. Thank you very much.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

26 BUTCH KIRVEN: Yes, sir.

27 BOBBY HITT: I'm a fairly low ranking guy  
28 to follow a general and a chairman, but I'll do the  
29 best I can. I'm Bobby Hitt, I'm with BMW  
30 Manufacturing. And I think the first time I came in  
31 Anderson County was some time in 1992 when we were  
32 originally looking at siting the BMW plant. I have  
33 been here since the beginning of BMW. I'm originally  
34 from Charleston in case you can't tell it in my accent.  
35 And my main push since I have been here and being  
36 involved in the Upstate Alliance since we started is as  
37 a regionalist. Every region of this state that is  
38 prospering is prospering because it's operating as a  
39 single region. I like to say when I first got here I  
40 told people I'm from Charleston, we invented  
41 parochialism and we need to end it up here if we're  
42 going to be successful as a business entity. I'm a  
43 strong believer in regionalism. Anderson County is our  
44 third largest county at BMW. When we started we  
45 thought we would have eight or ten suppliers in South  
46 Carolina. We have forty-one that have joined us. We  
47 have more than close to forty thousand people in our  
48 system now between us and our suppliers and Anderson  
49 County has been a part of that. When I started with  
50 all of the regional Chambers of Commerce including

1 Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Greer, Cherokee, I  
2 basically said we all need to work together. Why don't  
3 we create an I-85 Chamber group? That existed for a  
4 little while and was one of the precursors to what has  
5 now become the Alliance. I'm a strong believer for our  
6 suppliers and for us and for how the rest of the world  
7 sees us because I have had the good fortune to travel  
8 the world on behalf of BMW and on behalf of South  
9 Carolina. And I've also had the good fortune to work  
10 with every Secretary of Commerce since the early '90s.  
11 Every one we've had so far. And have been involved in  
12 many of the deals like Rolls Royce and others. We, at  
13 BMW, owned almost fifteen percent of Rolls Royce so we  
14 were very interested in that and we were very  
15 interested in it coming to South Carolina. And quite  
16 frankly, we were not very happy when the deal went awry  
17 for the reasons that it did. Which had nothing to do  
18 with anything in the region, but had to do with some  
19 other considerations. I would only appeal to you. I  
20 have to cut budgets. Somebody told me the other day  
21 they were glad to see how well BMW was doing profit  
22 wise. I said, well they should be because they're  
23 cutting my budget and everybody else's budget to do it.  
24 So I understand the challenges that we all face with  
25 budgets. But I'm telling you, we're on the front of a  
26 big bubble of great economic development going on.  
27 There are projects going on that I'm aware of that are  
28 all over this region and I believe we all need to be  
29 pulled together and focused on one outcome. I have  
30 another -- I have two major suppliers that are looking  
31 at the region and I would like them to be able to take  
32 a look at the whole region and understand how it all  
33 works together. I believe that I have again the good  
34 fortune to travel a lot and I have siblings that live  
35 in other parts of the country and unfortunately, we're  
36 not seen so great from outside South Carolina. We have  
37 a lot of pride here in who we are and we should, but  
38 that's not always shared in the other forty-eight  
39 states. If we do not put the right image out as to how  
40 we work together, as my colleagues have heard me say  
41 many times, we're simply seen as that bucket of crabs.  
42 One tries to climb out, the others reach up and pull it  
43 back. For once, I would really like to see us operate  
44 totally as a region and I know how difficult the  
45 considerations are with money, but I think you get a  
46 good value in the Upstate Alliance and hope you'll give  
47 it consideration. And thank you for listening to me.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you so much.  
49 GEORGE ACKER: Mr. Chairman, Council, Mr.  
50 Administrator. We certainly appreciate the opportunity

1 that you've given us to come here and talk about what  
2 we do today. We know things are tough, we know you've  
3 got a tremendous responsibility. I admire you for your  
4 willingness to serve, I'm not sure there are many of us  
5 that would want to do that, particularly right now.  
6 Our time is your time. If you have any particular  
7 questions that we either haven't spoken to or you'd  
8 like more detail on, we'd be happy to, to do what we  
9 can to try to answer those or we'd be happy to stay  
10 after and talk to you individually. It's whatever you,  
11 Mr. Chairman or Council, would like for us to do at  
12 this point.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Probably  
14 like a little bit of both. Does anybody have any  
15 questions right now for anybody here? Anything to say?  
16 Anything at -- Mr. Allen, anything at all? I don't  
17 have it. I'd just like to say I really do appreciate  
18 y'all taking y'all's time out to come over here and,  
19 for better lack of terms, sort of educate us a little  
20 bit about what y'all do and ---

21 GEORGE ACKER: Well.

22 TOMMY DUNN: -- a little bit clearer  
23 understanding.

24 GEORGE ACKER: Y'all are our customers.  
25 It, it's our fault if we haven't educated you enough  
26 and communicated enough because, you know, the only  
27 customers we have are the ten counties that we serve.  
28 And to the extent that we can make life better for the  
29 folks in Anderson County. And, of course, if things  
30 are good down here, they're going to be better for  
31 Pickens and Oconee and Abbeville. They're going to be  
32 better for the counties around you. So to the extent  
33 that we can help do that that's why we're here. And so  
34 ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: We really do appreciate all  
36 y'all's time coming down and like I said -- Anderson  
37 County, we started this Council and it went on board as  
38 being -- what's good for one part of Anderson County is  
39 good for all of us. Trying to get back and I can  
40 understand y'all's concept on regional, regional too.  
41 And again, I want to thank you, thank y'all so much for  
42 coming and sharing this with us. And I'm sure  
43 somebody's going to have some one on one questions.  
44 Mr. Burns, do you have anything at all you'd like to  
45 say?

46 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir. You have citizens.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I'm sorry. We've got  
48 to take some citizens comments and we might -- if y'all  
49 will stick around we might just what you call it. If  
50 anyone's ---

1                   GEORGE ACKER:       We'll stay as long as you  
2    need us.

3                   TOMMY DUNN:        Thank you so much. Anybody  
4    signed up or anybody want to come up and come up and  
5    got any comments? Anybody from the audience, any  
6    citizens? You got any comments? Hearing none then,  
7    any of the Council members have anything else? Say --  
8    hearing none, if no objections then we'll adjourn.  
9    Thank y'all so much for coming.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:05 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Regular Meeting – July 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding, District #5  
Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District #1  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chairman, District #3  
Tom Allen - District #4  
Ron Wilson - District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Mike Pitts, County Attorney  
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator  
Chase Heatherly - Intern  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

**ABSENT**

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER, SR.  
M. CINDY WILSON  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. At this time  
2 let me call the Anderson County Council meeting of July  
3 20, 2010 to order. At this time I'd like to ask  
4 Councilman Tom Allen if he'll lead us in the Invocation  
5 and Pledge Allegiance to the flag, Mr. Allen.

6 TOM ALLEN: Stand, please.

7 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN

8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
9 take the opportunity to welcome our newest Council  
10 member aboard, Mr. Crowder. We appreciate it and look  
11 forward to working with Mr. Crowder. Thank you. I  
12 know this is your first official regular Council  
13 meeting and I want to say we thank you and willing to  
14 serve and it's been a pleasure so far in our workshops  
15 to work with you. At this time I call Mr. Mike Pitts  
16 for Citizens Comments and please, citizens, address the  
17 Chair and state your name and district and keep it on  
18 comments pertaining to what's on the agenda tonight,  
19 please.

20 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant is the first  
21 and only speaker signed up this evening.

22 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm speaking on third  
23 reading of the budget. I'm Elizabeth Fant, District  
24 Three. I've been studying and I've been researching  
25 both on all the budget figures for the last workshops  
26 and what's on the check register and there's still some  
27 things I just don't understand. I think we're heading  
28 in the right direction but it seems to me that there  
29 must be some salary increases going on somewhere  
30 because the numbers to me just don't jive. I know that  
31 last year -- 2008 -- end of last Council, the very last  
32 day of the year, there was a called meeting by the old  
33 Council in which the purpose was to give another  
34 holiday to the workers which is well and good. But  
35 when the workers get a holiday like that, they're not  
36 having to work for that holiday so in essential that is  
37 an increase in pay that they didn't have to work for.  
38 I don't think that would do much good to the budget,  
39 but at least they have gotten some cost of living  
40 raise, if you want to call it, that way by having a day  
41 off and not having to work. But it seems to me that  
42 the lower paid workers, the ones who do the heart and  
43 soul of Anderson County, these are the people that are  
44 really being hurt by this recession which we can't  
45 control. But I do think that probably looking back at  
46 what the salaries were in 2006 across the board would  
47 be a real good idea. I have a friend who graduated  
48 from high school at the age of fifteen, went on to  
49 college, finished in four years, will now this fall be  
50 on her thirty-ninth year in teaching. She has a



1 doctorate plus the equivalent of a Masters, she's been  
2 a Fullbright scholar, she's either worked or gone to  
3 summer school practically every life -- every year of  
4 her life and this year even with the national board  
5 certification after thirty-nine years, she will be  
6 finally making seventy thousand dollars. I question  
7 how there are people in the county who are making that  
8 kind of salary with no education basic requirements and  
9 no tenure of length of time. I do want you to make  
10 that feasibility study to look at the jobs and see  
11 where the money is going. I think we are over paying a  
12 lot of people and under paying others. Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
14 Pitts. At this time we're moving on to Approval of  
15 Minutes of the June 15, 2010 Regular Meeting. Do we  
16 have any changes or corrections to be made? Do we have  
17 a motion?

18 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
20 motion to accept the minutes.

21 CINDY WILSON: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
23 to accept and Ms. Wilson seconds. All in favor of the  
24 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
25 motion carries unanimously. At this time we'll make --  
26 do we have any changes or corrections to make to the  
27 June 17, 2010 Called Meeting? Hearing none, do we have  
28 a motion?

29 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept  
30 the minutes.

31 CINDY WILSON: Second.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
33 to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds. All in favor of the  
34 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
35 motion carries unanimously. At this time approval, are  
36 there any changes or corrections to the June 29, 2010  
37 Called Meeting?

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
39 motion to accept.

40 TOM ALLEN: I second.

41 CINDY WILSON: Second.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
43 to accept. Mr. Allen seconds the motion. All in  
44 favor, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
45 motion carries unanimously. Moving on to Item Number  
46 5, Presentation of Resolutions (a). Number R2010-044,  
47 a resolution welcoming the participants in recognizing  
48 the economy impact, economy impact of the 2010 Southern  
49 Regional 4-H Horse Show from July 27, 2010 - August 1,  
50 2010, at Clemson University T. Ed Garrison Arena and  
51 matters related thereto. Ms. Cindy Wilson and Tom

1 Allen.

2 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do  
3 we have anyone with the 4-H Club Show? Since we have  
4 none, we'll just read this and make the motion and to  
5 approve it. This is a resolution welcoming the  
6 participants in and recognizing the economic impact of  
7 the 2010 Southern Region 4-H Horse Show from July 27,  
8 2010 to August 1, 2010 at the Clemson University T. Ed  
9 Garrison Arena, and matters related thereto.

10 Whereas, this year the South Carolina 4-H  
11 Horse program in partnership with Clemson University's  
12 Cooperative Extension is pleased to host the 2010  
13 Southern Region 4-H Horse Show at Clemson's T. Ed  
14 Garrison Arena; and

15 Whereas, the 4-H Horse Show rotates across the  
16 region of fifteen states; and

17 Whereas, the 4-H Horse Show also will be using  
18 Clemson University's main campus for six educational  
19 contests such as hipology, the Horse Bowl, horse  
20 judging, public speaking, and individual and team  
21 presentations on equine related topics; and

22 Whereas, the Garrison Arena, several events  
23 will take place including stock seat and Western  
24 division, reining and roping events, dressage, hunt  
25 seat, and English classes, and the Parade of States;  
26 and

27 Whereas, the 4-H Horse Show will bring in 4-  
28 Hers, their families, and over six hundred horses from  
29 fifteen states and will therefore have a great economic  
30 impact on Clemson University and Anderson County; and

31 Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes  
32 the impact the 2010 4-H Horse Show will bring to the  
33 surrounding areas and both supports the event and  
34 further requests that all other public and private  
35 sectors do the same.

36 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
37 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that  
38 County Council wishes to recognize the great impact  
39 that the 2010 Southern Region 4-H Horse Show will have  
40 in Anderson County and surrounding areas. County  
41 Council wishes to congratulate Clemson University  
42 Cooperative Extension for being chosen to host this  
43 event and express appreciation to Clemson for this  
44 endeavor. County Council requests that the surrounding  
45 city and county governments, as well as private  
46 business and sectors support this upcoming event. Now  
47 the County Council wishes to welcome all participants  
48 and thank them for attending the Southern Region 4-H  
49 Horse Show and to wish all great success and a fun week  
50 in our community. This resolution shall take effect

1 and be in force immediately upon enactment. Resolved  
2 in meeting duly assembled this 20th day of July, 2010.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
4 motion? Do we have a second?

5 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

6 TOM ALLEN: Second.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds Ms.  
8 Wilson's motion. Any discussion?

9 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. According to  
10 Glenn Brill and the heads in beds type research, this  
11 will bring in about two thousand people to the  
12 community. So if you run into folks from fifteen  
13 southern states and they're here with the 4-H Club,  
14 please extend to them a hardy Anderson County welcome.  
15 Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more  
17 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
18 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
19 carries unanimously. At this time I'd like to -- Ms.  
20 Eddleman, if you would just make a record. I meant to  
21 do this earlier that Ms. Floyd's not here. I think  
22 she's in what you call it. At this time we're moving  
23 on to Item 5(b). Number R2020-046, a resolution to  
24 honor Mr. Robert L. Waldrep, Jr. for his many years of  
25 service to Anderson County, to the State of South  
26 Carolina in his capacities as a citizen, County  
27 Councilman, State Senator, and commend Mr. Waldrep for  
28 his strong character and desire to serve others, and  
29 matters related to thereof. Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

31 Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to  
32 honor citizens who strive to make a lasting impact on  
33 their surrounding communities; and

34 Whereas, Mr. Robert Lee Bob Waldrep, Jr., born  
35 in Greenville, South Carolina, on March 9, 1936, the  
36 son of Robert Lee and Sara Evelyn Waldrep, is one such  
37 individual. Always striving to help those around him  
38 and strengthen the voice of his surrounding community;  
39 and

40 Whereas, Bob Waldrep, longtime resident of  
41 South Carolina, graduated from the University of South  
42 Carolina with an Artium Baccalarateth AB Degree in 1959  
43 and after serving two years in the United States Navy  
44 went on to receive his LLB degree from U.S.C. Law  
45 School in 1964;

46 Whereas, Mr. Waldrep was elected to the  
47 District One seat of the Anderson County Council in  
48 1990; and

49 Whereas, Mr. Waldrep served on Council from  
50 1991 through 1992 and was chosen by his fellow Council

1 members to serve as Chairman of County Council for the  
2 year 1992; and

3       Whereas, after serving on County Council for  
4 two years, Mr. Waldrep set his sites on representing  
5 the Anderson area on the state level and ran for  
6 District Three seat of the South Carolina State Senate  
7 where he was elected by his constituents and served in  
8 that capacity from 1993 until 2004;

9       Whereas, while in the State Senate, Mr.  
10 Waldrep served on the Senate Education and Judiciary  
11 committees and served as Chairman of the State Senate  
12 Agriculture and Natural Resources committee; and

13       Whereas, while in the State Senate, Mr.  
14 Waldrep was named legislator of the year by the South  
15 Carolina Victim Assistance Network in 2002 and  
16 legislator of the year for 2003 by the South Carolina  
17 Association Conservation Districts; and

18       Whereas, Mr. Waldrep received the Order of the  
19 Palmetto from Governor Sanford in 2004; and

20       Whereas, upon serving twelve years as the  
21 State Senator for the Third District, Mr. Waldrep  
22 decided to return to the Anderson County Council on the  
23 platform that local government needed to be limited and  
24 conservative; and

25       Whereas, elected to serve for the 2007-2008  
26 term, Council called upon Mr. Waldrep again to serve as  
27 Council Chairman in 19 -- in 2007; and

28       Whereas, due to his selfless dedication to the  
29 citizens of Council District One and of Anderson County  
30 and his fight for fiscal conservative goals and ideas -  
31 - ideals, Mr. Waldrep was re-elected to serve a second  
32 term on Council; and

33       Whereas, this year South Carolina State  
34 University tapped Mr. Waldrep to serve on the South  
35 Carolina State University Board of Trustees; and

36       Whereas, seeing a need and a way to assist  
37 others, Mr. Waldrep agreed to serve on the SCSU Board  
38 in hopes of guiding the University through challenging  
39 economic times and was duly elected by the South  
40 Carolina General Assembly; and

41       Whereas, County Council now expresses its  
42 sincere appreciation to Mr. Waldrep for all he has done  
43 for our county, state, and citizens and we'd like to  
44 wish Mr. Waldrep the best of luck in his future  
45 endeavors;

46       Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the  
47 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that  
48 Anderson County Council wishes to sincerely thank Mr.  
49 Robert L. Waldrep for his service on County Council,  
50 the South Carolina State Senate, and as a caring

1 citizen of the Anderson area. Council commends Mr.  
2 Waldrep for his strong character and for his call to  
3 help others in any way that he can. Mr. Waldrep, we  
4 cannot truly express how thankful we are for all you  
5 have done for Anderson County, the State of South  
6 Carolina, and the citizens that reside here. Your  
7 conservative values and loyal service have made you a  
8 respected and loved political figure. You have been a  
9 true friend to us all and we look forward to hearing  
10 great things from you. Best of luck in your future  
11 tasks and endeavors.

12 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
13 force immediately upon enactment. And, Mr. Chairman, I  
14 put that into the form of a motion.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Can we have a second?

16 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

17 TOM ALLEN: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds it. Are  
19 there any discussion? I'd just like to say, I didn't  
20 know -- are we talking about the same Mr. Waldrep that  
21 used to sit up here beside me?

22 CINDY WILSON: Well, you know, when we were  
23 working on this resolution, there were certain things  
24 that he said over the years that came to mind. Things  
25 like Bob White instead of Bud Light, the Bod when he  
26 found a misspelling, and the here and the hereafter. I  
27 think those are just the ideas that we'll always  
28 treasure in thinking of you, Mr. Waldrep. So don't  
29 leave us alone over here. You need to come over and  
30 remind us of what our duties are from time to time.  
31 With this when we vote, I would like to ask all of our  
32 Council members to come down and meet Mr. Waldrep to  
33 give him this.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say on a  
35 serious note though, our loss is South Carolina State's  
36 gain. And Bob's been a true friend and mentor to me on  
37 this Council. There'd been many a time I would have  
38 love to run off and hid somewhere or another, but  
39 talking to Bob through things and leading this Council  
40 and the citizens of Anderson County don't know this  
41 past year or so the debt they owe to Bob, Bob Waldrep  
42 to keep the Council together and lead us the way he  
43 has. And I really do appreciate it and saying that if  
44 no one else has any comments, I'd like to vote. All in  
45 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
46 Show the motion carries unanimously.

47 BOB WALDREP: My friends, and you are my  
48 friends. Don't say you're not my friends because  
49 nobody tells me who my friends are. But I wanted to  
50 just say, I don't know if this thing is -- not yet.

1 That I genuinely appreciate the comradery and the  
2 collegiality of Council that I've had with all of you.  
3 You never get any closer to anyone than you do when  
4 you're a political colleague and it's been a wonderful  
5 experience. I hope that you will not forget my name or  
6 my telephone number because one of the wonderful things  
7 about politics is you never get lonely. And so if  
8 anybody doesn't -- if you want you to know that if they  
9 don't return your telephone calls up here, just call me  
10 and I'll call them and make sure that they call you  
11 back. So I do appreciate it and this has been a  
12 wonderful experience for me. I really treasure this  
13 very much. And I did want to say this, too, that not  
14 too many people realize how important that this Council  
15 is and I think this Council's done a wonderful job and  
16 we're moving forward. And I'm extremely proud of all  
17 of you and I'm extremely proud of this compliment that  
18 you've given me tonight because it's like it -- Mark  
19 Twain once said, you know, I can live thirty days on a  
20 good compliment and I can go through the rest of the  
21 year with this one that you've given me tonight. So  
22 thank you so much and don't be a stranger.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now moving on to  
24 Item Number 6, Ordinance Third Reading.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

27 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to make a  
28 motion that we bring the budget ordinance off the table  
29 for discussion tonight and hopefully resolution.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Then I believe, if I'm --  
31 and I'll stand corrected, but I believe the only way we  
32 can do that, Mr. Moore, is in doing some research on  
33 the ordinance that's coming up and asking to have some  
34 research done and we'll have to suspend the rules.  
35 It's been too long. It's my understanding that if we  
36 cancel the meeting or finish the meeting to pull it off  
37 like that it has to be -- the rules suspended. If  
38 you'd like to do that, anybody, anybody on this Council  
39 can do that and if you want to make, make that motion,  
40 you're more than welcome.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, again, I'd  
42 like to move to suspend the rules in order so we can  
43 reconsider the final vote that was taken on fiscal year  
44 2010-11 budget ordinance.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all heard the motion. Do  
46 we have a second?

47 CINDY WILSON: Second.

48 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second. All in  
49 favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
50 Show the motion carries unanimously.

1 CINDY WILSON: Shall we proceed?  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Who wants the floor?  
3 CINDY WILSON: Just a -- may I, Mr.  
4 Chairman?  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
6 CINDY WILSON: We've said this a number of  
7 times, this has been the most difficult budget I know  
8 that I personally have worked on in my almost ten years  
9 up here. We've had revisions coming down the line,  
10 we've had departments transferred at mid-year, and we  
11 had a hard time getting numbers sorted out, we have  
12 revenues dropping precipitously, and we have a sewer  
13 fund that went from about a five million dollar budget  
14 to more than eight million dollars. We have so many  
15 things to consider up here. It has just been  
16 exceedingly difficult. We owe the citizens of our  
17 county our fiduciary duty and our moral duty to try and  
18 craft a budget that we can live with in these trying  
19 times. I'm going to just use that as our preamble and  
20 ask that we have discussion up here because we've found  
21 some things that were -- that changed so rapidly on us  
22 over the past course of the last two or three months.  
23 One of them, and we didn't have a chance to talk with  
24 our Sheriff, is that we discovered that there's a fund  
25 balance with his current milage of 30.8 mils currently  
26 of 2.2 million plus. He's projected to have another  
27 couple of dollars shy of a million dollars surplus  
28 coming up. The county General Fund milage on the other  
29 hand is 30.5 mils. Back earlier this spring there were  
30 departments transferred to the Sheriff's budget. There  
31 was a fair amount of discussion, but we never quite  
32 delineated all of the numbers. What I'm requesting is  
33 that we look at what we've done here because, if I can  
34 find my numbers, at one point the Sheriff offered to  
35 help us balance the budget by giving us this million  
36 dollar surplus for this year to help us balance our  
37 budget. We're about, really with the sewer fund  
38 factored in that we're going to have to pay Operation  
39 and Maintenance on, somewhere around three million  
40 dollars and other shortcomings, we're really closer to  
41 about a five million dollar shortfall. So my  
42 suggestion is now that we're beginning to get a handle  
43 on these numbers is that we take the departments that  
44 we've given to the Sheriff, we gave him the function.  
45 One of the departments is 5181. It's funded at right  
46 around a million dollars. That's the Animal Control  
47 and the park police. When this was given to our  
48 Sheriff's department earlier this spring, it was given  
49 with the full budget. There were about twenty-four  
50 positions provided funded -- funding for in that

1 department, however, if my memory serves me right,  
2 there were only nine actual people. So that meant that  
3 the Sheriff's department got the funding for that, that  
4 particular department. I made a comment at the time  
5 that because he's offered to give us a million dollars  
6 and yet took that department and there were also other  
7 departments 5063 which is the E911 tariff. That's  
8 basically a funding department where the E911 tariffs  
9 and some other funds come in and then the funds are  
10 given out to communications and other needs. Then  
11 department 5212 which is Emergency Preparedness. By  
12 state law, that department has to stay in the General  
13 Fund under the Administrator, yet we ceded authority of  
14 that department to our Sheriff. And then, of course,  
15 the 5213 departments, those are the Communications and  
16 I gave my blessing completely on that. There'd been  
17 issues with that department over the years and I did  
18 feel like the Sheriff could best manage that department  
19 and that included the technical services as well. But  
20 as he offered the million dollars to our General Fund  
21 since we've got disparity with two different milage  
22 rates and the responsibilities that we have and he has,  
23 it seems to be cleaner and clearer that the department  
24 5181, the Animal Control that he's doing an excellent  
25 job of managing, that that million dollar offer be set  
26 up in such a way as to fund that department which is  
27 now under him. In other words, we've given him the  
28 function, he has the funding already that he offered to  
29 help us balance the budget. To me it's cleaner and  
30 clearer if we allow his million dollar surplus to go to  
31 that purpose. The other side of that coin is that that  
32 is law enforcement, there is a milage collected, a levy  
33 for that purpose, that's where it needs to be. If not,  
34 if it has to be funded by our county General Fund which  
35 we're already very short because of serious issues that  
36 I've already enumerated and others, then perhaps we  
37 should look at reducing the Sheriff's levy and then  
38 adding to our levy so that we have that funding and the  
39 balance that we need. So I'm putting that information  
40 out on the floor for your consideration and ask for  
41 discussion. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Who  
43 wants to start? I'm -- Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, you got  
44 anything to -- I'm going to have to take this in for a  
45 minute to soak it in. Mr. Allen? Okay.

46 CINDY WILSON: To be honest, this was just  
47 given to us. I finally got it about two thirty and  
48 then I had to go home and review it and put it into a  
49 form that I could understand. And I'm hoping that if I  
50 now understand it, y'all can understand it now that



1       you're looking at it.  
2               TOMMY DUNN:               Mr. Allen, have you got  
3       something?  
4               TOM ALLEN:               Yeah. I was just wondering  
5       -- I wanted to be clear on it. The total number of  
6       employees, actual bodies that went over and I don't  
7       know if the Sheriff could speak to that or not, if he  
8       would. Was it nine or -- I'm trying to remember  
9       exactly. I know there were, there were fewer bodies  
10      than there were positions that went over.  
11              SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yeah. There was twenty-three  
12      positions that were moved as you remember -- I don't  
13      want to go into a long story, but everybody was talking  
14      about the twenty-nine positions in compliance and all  
15      that. One was the KEB, there was six litter control,  
16      six animal control, and then seventeen building  
17      security folks. So when it was all said and done, the  
18      KEB and litter control stayed at the Administrator --  
19      went to whatever department number that is. And so the  
20      twenty-two positions or twenty-three -- and I have the  
21      latest printout since today. I had asked Personnel to  
22      do this for me. All those positions and the funding,  
23      like Ms. Wilson said, did come to me and that is -- I  
24      have twenty-two positions here. We have them all  
25      filled but two. Those are the ones that are doing  
26      animal control, building security -- we're also  
27      anticipating using those folks, at least one or two of  
28      them, in anticipation of the Magistrate's Office  
29      opening up because we have one deputy at the  
30      Magistrate's Court now. When they go into the new  
31      building, there's a two floor section so we figured two  
32      deputies need to handle that. So the positions are  
33      twenty-two as I have it on this sheet.  
34              TOM ALLEN:               If, if I could just -- so  
35      you have twenty-two actual people.  
36              SHERIFF SKIPPER: Those are positions -- we  
37      have two, according to this sheet, there's two vacant.  
38              TOM ALLEN:               Two vacancies.  
39              SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I actually think there's  
40      one filled in there. You know, I don't want to go into  
41      a lot of detail because, you know, I could have got --  
42      if we'd had time during the last couple of days to  
43      meet, I'd have been glad to. One position we have  
44      actually filled in here, and I was looking down here  
45      awhile ago to see if he's on here, is actually Ray  
46      Graham, which is going to be in one of these empty  
47      positions so there's actually only one. And so y'all  
48      will know, in some of my special revenue accounts which  
49      is the SROs and things like this -- money in money out,  
50      the schools are actually cutting those -- some of those

1 positions two months out of the -- each year for this  
2 year and I'm going to discuss that with them next year.  
3 But the School District Three has actually cut one SRO  
4 position, so we absorbed that position into that line  
5 item on the 5181 to help with that Magistrate's Court  
6 and a few other things that we're doing so the building  
7 security folks so that's going in that position. So  
8 those positions are full.

9 TOM ALLEN: That was the only question I  
10 had, Mr. Chairman.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Davis, could I get you  
13 to kind of give us a run down on the numbers so -- to  
14 explain to the Council what we have as far as the  
15 numbers? I hate to put you on the spot like that, but  
16 I just kind of want all the Council members to kind of  
17 understand where we're at on this.

18 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, Mr. Moore. I will  
19 do my best. What I think Ms. Wilson is speaking of is  
20 the fact that the Sheriff's dedicated milage and his  
21 other revenue that come in next year is projected to be  
22 twenty-one million dollars. We'll just round it off.  
23 He has submitted to Council a twenty million dollars in  
24 expenditures. Consequently, you've got about a million  
25 overage there, a surplus that typical year he has asked  
26 that that money be transferred to his capital account  
27 where he buys cars. Well, he and the Administrator met  
28 and they've come to an agreement that that money will  
29 not be transferred to his capital account for fiscal  
30 year '11. It's not provided for in the budget. It  
31 will stay in the General Fund and that extra, if you'll  
32 call it if you will, million dollars, Ms. Wilson is  
33 saying, well if he's got that extra million let's let  
34 the compliance -- which old compliance. They call it  
35 the Sheriff's support services now. Department 5181  
36 has about a million dollars in expenditures. Let's  
37 offset that with his twenty-one million of revenue. So  
38 in essence, you've got twenty million budget that he's  
39 submitted, an additional million for Department 5181, a  
40 clean twenty-one million in expenditures, and he's got  
41 a budgeted revenue of twenty-one million. So his net  
42 surplus equals zero at that point basically. I think,  
43 ma'am -- I think that's what she's proposing to do.

44 CINDY WILSON: Yes, ma'am. And that still  
45 leaves him with two million two hundred and three  
46 thousand a hundred and eighteen dollars and four cents  
47 in his cash account.

48 RITA DAVIS: In his capital.

49 CINDY WILSON: And we've already paid or  
50 we're going to pay for the cars that are being ordered

1 out of the Lease Purchase.

2 SHERIFF SKIPPER: That was this past year not  
3 this coming budget year. Exactly.

4 RITA DAVIS: Correct.

5 SHERIFF SKIPPER: If I could elaborate a  
6 little bit on the fund balance. That fund balance  
7 started back in when Sheriff Crenshaw was in office.  
8 When he, for lack of a better word, ran into some  
9 financial issues, didn't have a fund balance set up  
10 originally, the Auditor's, the Administrator at that  
11 time suggested that he needs to have his own fund  
12 balance because he has his own milage. So he started  
13 that in his first year, he set aside, we -- he hired a  
14 CPA to handle our accounts and we still have that  
15 person. And so that CPA budgeted a million dollars to  
16 set aside to start building the fund balance. And the  
17 next year that I came in, which would have been January  
18 half way through his second year of budgeting the fund  
19 balance, we had actually had set aside another almost a  
20 million dollars. So that million dollars was put in  
21 there. It is my intention and the purpose of that  
22 money is to -- to continue to be there. Not to  
23 continue to build it over the years. And it is my fund  
24 balance so that I won't have to come back to you, the  
25 Council members, for money when I have a catastrophic  
26 event. I'll give you an example, what if, what if the  
27 Sheriff's office, the whole air conditioning unit at  
28 the Sheriff's office goes out or something catastrophic  
29 happens at the jail and we have no, no plumbing or  
30 something. We didn't budget that in this year's  
31 budget. So what my intentions would be is to go to that  
32 fund balance and pull that money out rather than coming  
33 back to you and saying, I didn't budget for this so  
34 therefore I need money from your fund balance now. So  
35 the idea is to keep that million dollars, the two  
36 million dollars in there as a fund balance so that when  
37 we have issues. And if we need to this coming year  
38 since we're going to let the nine hundred and ninety-  
39 nine thousand stay in the General Fund to help balance  
40 the budget, come next year, if we need cars, then I'm  
41 going to have to go to that fund balance to buy those  
42 cars rather than having money in my, in my budgeted  
43 account for my -- and, and I call that a capital  
44 project. Because here's what the reality is, say we --  
45 the accountant sets aside, and I explained this to a  
46 couple of people, what I do is the accountant comes in  
47 and says, okay the expected revenue is x number of  
48 dollars and lets say twenty million. He backs off of  
49 that about two percent figuring that's the number of  
50 people that won't pay taxes this year. They just don't

1 pay it. And then we back off about two percent of that  
2 and budget in that million dollars for capital  
3 projects. So as we go through the year, if that money  
4 gets dwindled away for things, then we don't have a  
5 million dollars for cars, we may only have six hundred  
6 thousand for cars or we may only have five hundred  
7 thousand for cars. But that's the cushion in there for  
8 our capital projects and then have that reserve fund so  
9 I don't have to come back to you, the Council, to ask  
10 for money when it's needed. That money will sit there,  
11 in a sense, and this year's nine hundred ninety-nine,  
12 you may as well say a million dollars, is going to stay  
13 in the General Fund to help balance the budget.

14 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

16 CINDY WILSON: Our Sheriff Skipper has been  
17 an excellent steward of his money. The transferring of  
18 these departments under your authority had the  
19 unintended consequences of this imbalance. With your  
20 having the greater milage, 30.8 to our 30.5, since  
21 there is a million dollar balance on your end and we  
22 are in the red in ours, I'm still going to make the  
23 motion that we at least put 5181 -- not only do you  
24 have the authority for it, but provide the funding  
25 rather than take your million and scatter it around in  
26 our General Fund. It just seems clearer use that way  
27 and, for goodness sakes, I hope next year we have more  
28 time and information in advance to sit down and really  
29 plan out. This was just a terrible year.

30 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I guess my comment to  
31 that is that I don't have my CPA standing here and I  
32 can only rely on Rita, as far as the logistics of  
33 taking the million dollars and leaving it with me to  
34 fund this and then you taking, that adds back to your  
35 milage, I don't -- I guess that makes sense to me, but  
36 I don't know if it does because I'd have to think about  
37 it a little harder.

38 CINDY WILSON: Well, it's just a difficult  
39 funding year and that just seemed clearer and cleaner.

40 SHERIFF SKIPPER: You have to turn your  
41 microphone, Mr. Crowder.

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Is there any unintended  
43 consequence to that?

44 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Now -- to what she is  
45 saying?

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah. I mean if ---

47 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I -- that would be ---

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: You're going to give us the  
49 money and then we're going to give it to you back, why  
50 don't you just keep it and assume total authority for

1       what you're already doing? Say you wouldn't swap.  
2               SHERIFF SKIPPER: What ---  
3               TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis, do you want to  
4       speak on that?  
5               RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Mr. Crowder, I  
6       really don't see any unintended consequences. The net  
7       bottom line to the General Fund would be nothing. The  
8       contingency fund still has the million dollars sitting  
9       there and the only thing I could see if he exceeded his  
10      budget in 5181, that would be the only unintended  
11      consequence. That he might have to go to his other  
12      two, you know, departments to make it up. But the  
13      bottom line would be zero.  
14              TOMMY DUNN: Zero out on what you call  
15      it.  
16              RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
17              TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
18              TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
19              TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
20              TOM ALLEN: I have a question, too. I  
21      believe, Ms. Davis, that you said that our contingency  
22      fund or whatever. We try to maintain about seventeen  
23      percent in a sinking fund or contingency fund or  
24      whatever you want to call it. Isn't that what we have  
25      in here now for the General Fund?  
26              RITA DAVIS: That's correct, sir. About  
27      two months.  
28              TOM ALLEN: Okay. So should the Sheriff  
29      not have also a sinking fund, contingency fund or even  
30      if, even if the Sheriff's office was combined back over  
31      under General Fund and those monies came back over  
32      here, we would still need that certain percentage of  
33      sinking fund that we would have to keep any way,  
34      wouldn't we?  
35              RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. We always have to  
36      maintain at least that seventeen percent bench mark.  
37              TOM ALLEN: Okay. So does it matter if  
38      part of that sits under the Sheriff or if it's sitting  
39      over under the -- I mean does he not have to have a  
40      contingency fund?  
41              RITA DAVIS: No, sir. His operations are  
42      part of the General Fund so, in essence, that fifteen  
43      or sixteen million dollar General Fund balance goes to  
44      offset his ---  
45              TOM ALLEN: Applies to him, too.  
46              RITA DAVIS: Going on.  
47              TOM ALLEN: Okay. So even with the  
48      emergencies that he mentioned that might arise, he  
49      could pull that out of, out of the General Fund,  
50      contingency fund.

1                   SHERIFF SKIPPER: But, but it wouldn't be my  
2 intention to do that. We'd pull the emergencies out of  
3 my fund, that we have set, the fund balance.  
4                   TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. And then y'all  
5 correct me if I'm wrong because I'm going to try to get  
6 this thing. On simple terms, he's going to give us a  
7 million dollars to put in the General Fund.  
8                   TOM ALLEN: Uh huh.  
9                   TOMMY DUNN: They're saying just don't  
10 give it to us. Keep it and operate this right here and  
11 it's really an even wash if I under -- yeah, yeah.  
12                   TOM ALLEN: Okay. All right. Thank you.  
13                   TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
14                   FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. That  
15 does not disturb his cushion two million dollars.  
16                   TOMMY DUNN: No.  
17                   SHERIFF SKIPPER: That would be the way I  
18 would understand it. That's correct.  
19                   FRANCIS CROWDER: So you would still have  
20 that.  
21                   TOMMY DUNN: So that would be an even  
22 wash as ---  
23                   FRANCIS CROWDER: That'd just be an easy wash,  
24 but then you have the authority and so with that  
25 authority goes the responsibility to fund it out of  
26 your budget.  
27                   TOMMY DUNN: Any, any.  
28                   SHERIFF SKIPPER: I -- go ahead.  
29                   TOMMY DUNN: I was just going to say --  
30 are you making that in the form of a motion, Ms.  
31 Wilson? Do we have a second?  
32                   EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
33                   TOMMY DUNN: I want to make sure I get  
34 this. Now are there any more discussion on it? Does  
35 everybody understand? Any more discussion? All in  
36 favor of Ms. Wilson's motion, show of hands. All  
37 opposed. All -- show the motion carries unanimously.  
38 Moving on. Any other comments on the budget? Ms.  
39 Wilson.  
40                   CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We  
41 have been pondering the situation with some of our  
42 economic development joint venture initiatives and I'm  
43 going to just kind of go over this quickly because  
44 we've been back and forth. I don't know if y'all want  
45 to hear me go on for about twenty minutes the reasoning  
46 behind this, but I'm going to make the motion that  
47 regarding Upstate Alliance that following Mr. Crowder's  
48 suggestion and others in discussing this, that we put  
49 the funding of fifty thousand in our contingency fund,  
50 provide them a provisional twelve thousand five hundred

1 for the quarter and they have to fulfill a ---  
2 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we want to put  
3 it in the contingency fund, do we?  
4 CINDY WILSON: That's good.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Maybe Mr. Burns can just ---  
6 CINDY WILSON: I think, isn't that? Would  
7 you?  
8 RUSTY BURNS: If I may.  
9 CINDY WILSON: Yes, you may.  
10 RUSTY BURNS: On the, the total budget  
11 amount that was placed in there was fifty thousand  
12 dollars.  
13 RON WILSON: Yeah.  
14 RUSTY BURNS: In talking with different  
15 members of Council, what I think their intention was  
16 was to pay a quarterly payment then request the tasking  
17 document that was suggested by a Council member. The  
18 balance of that would stay in the contingency fund and  
19 Council would have to vote to allow ---  
20 TOMMY DUNN: To spend it.  
21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. So I'd like to  
23 put that in the form of a motion regarding ---  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Upstate.  
25 CINDY WILSON: -- Upstate Alliance.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? I'd just  
27 like to say that I did contact, talked with Chairman  
28 Smith from Pickens County and he was very helpful and  
29 had some insight on it and they're doing much the same  
30 thing for what he called a probationary period or what  
31 not. But I think what we need to keep in mind and  
32 direct the staff and what not is he made a very good  
33 point. It's like, you know, when you join in certain  
34 organizations, us as individuals or our church or what,  
35 you're only going to get out of it what you put into  
36 it. And you're -- we're going to have to be -- our  
37 staff ---  
38 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE  
39 TOMMY DUNN: -- if we don't, Greenville's  
40 over there licking their chops and hoping we don't  
41 because they can get it all. And so I just think we  
42 need to be very mindful of that.  
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, that's a good  
44 point.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
46 EDDIE MOORE: What I would like to add,  
47 too. We don't have a board member on Upstate Alliance.  
48 I think that should be a contingency of us continuing  
49 for a quarter. I think we need representation on their  
50 board. I know Mr. Smith, Chairman Smith up in Pickens

1 County, he told me that was their contingency was and  
2 he ended up on the board, but I think we should have  
3 representation on that board so we know what's going on  
4 if we're going to spend that money.

5 TOMMY DUNN: I think that's a good point  
6 and maybe something we can work forward, if we would --  
7 if they're wanting to -- because it was my  
8 understanding that is something they've done, the  
9 public sector, made two board seats. It just so  
10 happens Greenville and Pickens is on it, but it's a  
11 rotating basis. And next time, now don't quote me on  
12 this, but they're -- them twos coming off and it could  
13 very well be us if we decide that what you call its and  
14 have it. But I think we need to do it just as y'all  
15 suggest on a quarterly thing and go back if that's the  
16 way that happens. Is that your motion, Mr. ---

17 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Yep.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? Mr.  
20 Moore seconds it. Any more discussion? Hearing none,  
21 all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
22 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Okay.  
23 Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: The next point of discussion  
25 and determination by our Council is the Innovate  
26 Anderson one. We had been funding just the Innovate  
27 Anderson component and not, not even discussing the  
28 CVB. We're funding CVB about a hundred and fifty  
29 thousand, but we've been funding Innovate Anderson  
30 fifty. And I know we've -- we attended this last  
31 meeting and we've made our observations over a long  
32 period of time and we're, we're concerned about the  
33 role and the production that that organization has  
34 played in our economic development. So I'd also like  
35 to make a motion similar to the one for Upstate  
36 Alliance that we put this into a quarterly initial  
37 funding for them with the tasking document requirement,  
38 too. And then we come back and determine whether we  
39 continue funding them.

40 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to amend that,  
41 if it's all right to, to -- for Mr. -- for our  
42 Administrator to proceed on with our original concept  
43 of a, of a plan for merger or consolidation and to see  
44 if, you know -- pursue that and just see where that,  
45 where that'll go. I would like to back up here. You  
46 made a motion so we need to get a motion on Ms., Ms. --  
47 -

48 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. And then  
50 I'm going to add that to make a -- to amend that to say



1 we'll follow this on with a, with the concept -- Mr.  
2 Burns.

3 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I may? A  
4 dollar amount would need to be stated.

5 CINDY WILSON: I think we had talked about  
6 funding that organization forty thousand this year.

7 RUSTY BURNS: That was what Council  
8 approved on the first and second reading of the budget.  
9 Their request was for fifty thousand dollars.

10 CINDY WILSON: So what do y'all say?

11 TOMMY DUNN: I think we ought to leave it  
12 at -- if we've got forty funded, I think we ought to  
13 leave it at there and go from there. We can always  
14 come back and see and the way we're doing this.  
15 Because they're not going -- if I'm hearing you right,  
16 they're not going to get it all at one time anyway.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I just think -  
18 - I'd like to see Mr. Burns' plan and I'd also like to  
19 see what they're going to do for us.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Because I know Mr. Allen and  
22 myself, I've been to a lot of those meeting over there  
23 last year and Mr. Allen, I think he attended just about  
24 all of them. And -- but I would like to see what their  
25 product is going to be and then go from that point.  
26 Give them -- put them on notice that they've got a  
27 quarter here to show what they're going to do for  
28 Anderson County and then we can come back and make a  
29 decision at that point.

30 TOMMY DUNN: That's a great idea. Any  
31 more discussion on the amendment? On my amendment, the  
32 plan?

33 TOM ALLEN: I'd, I'd just go along with  
34 Mr. Moore on that. I think that's a good idea. We'll  
35 do that and see what they can come up with because so  
36 far, I've not seen a whole lot.

37 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of my amendment  
38 to the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
39 the motion, the amendment, the amendment to the motion  
40 carries. All of -- unanimously. All of the -- now  
41 back to the original motion of Ms. Wilson. Are there  
42 any more discussion on that? Hearing none, all in  
43 favor of Ms. Wilson's original motion, show of hands.  
44 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
45 Thank you.

46 CINDY WILSON: And, Mr. Chairman, there was  
47 the issue of our three and a half million dollar place  
48 holder funding and Mr. Crowder had such an eloquent way  
49 of describing what we need to do there. I, I do think  
50 that it's an interesting and exciting idea, but we're

1 in trying times. So, Mr. Crowder, may I defer to you  
2 to let you deal with that part of how to handle that?

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, my -- Mr. Chairman.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chair -- Mr. Crowder's  
5 go the floor.

6 FRANCIS CROWDER: My recommendation was to  
7 remove the 3.5 million dollar place holder for the  
8 water park, but put a provision in it to encourage our  
9 economic development people to seek out entrepreneurs  
10 who might be interested in providing a water park since  
11 it is anticipated to be a profit maker. And that the  
12 county incentivize to the degree of maybe offering some  
13 land with a claw back provision so that we would have a  
14 percentage of the profit going forward and if the  
15 venture were to fail, then the county could reclaim the  
16 land.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Do you put that in the form  
18 of a motion?

19 FRANCIS CROWDER: I so move.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

21 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds it. Any  
23 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
24 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
25 unanimously. Mr. Burns.

26 RUSTY BURNS: Excuse me. But from the --  
27 and you may be getting to this, but from our work  
28 session on Friday, I believe that every Council  
29 person's station is about 1.1 million dollars in  
30 reduction.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Uh huh. Yeah. Thank you.  
32 Ms. Wilson. You've got the floor I believe, haven't  
33 you?

34 CINDY WILSON: Oh, oh. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.

36 CINDY WILSON: I'm still pondering because  
37 we have gone. This has been ---

38 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I didn't mean to put  
39 you on the spot. I thought you was asking for the  
40 floor. I'm sorry. Any, anyone else want the floor or  
41 have any comments? Mr. Moore.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. I just want to touch  
43 base. Mr. Crowder had given the proposed wording and I  
44 just wanted to make sure that that was -- this would be  
45 -- I put that in the form of a motion and that would be  
46 on the transfer of funds and I think all of you have a  
47 copy of it.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Could, could you let me  
49 borrow your's for a minute? I mean, I thought, would  
50 you want ---

1 EDDIE MOORE: Let me read it out.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Why don't we just put it in  
3 the record, if you would, Mr. Moore, please.  
4 EDDIE MOORE: I'll put this in the form of  
5 a motion. In anticipation of our meeting tonight, I  
6 want to clarify concerns about the proposed wording.  
7 Your staff's proposed wording does not cover personnel.  
8 My intent was not to allow either the creation of a new  
9 position or increase salaries and fringe benefits of an  
10 existing position without Council approval during this  
11 tight budget. Point two -- the proposed wording does  
12 not cover transfers from fund to fund. The intent was  
13 to prevent the transfer of any monies, not even the  
14 five thousand dollars from one fund to another fund  
15 without Council approval. Point three -- the proposed  
16 wording now includes something new that was not  
17 addressed in the recommendation. The inclusion of the  
18 wording transfers from the contingency fund. While the  
19 words contingency fund was discussed in general, to me  
20 this ranks with the use of the place holder for the  
21 water park. Realizing that we're only -- I'm only one  
22 of seven, I would prefer that there be no use of the  
23 words contingency fund except as to place to hold  
24 budget savings in the context of a place for future  
25 transfers. I respectfully request the transfer wording  
26 to be changed subject to approval and majority of  
27 Council.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: You put that in a motion  
29 right, Mr. Moore?  
30 EDDIE MOORE: A motion.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
32 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
33 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any  
35 further discussion? All in favor of the motion, show  
36 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show, show the  
37 motion carries.  
38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
39 question?  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
41 CINDY WILSON: And this is one and I do  
42 have to say in preface, thank you to the hard working  
43 staff. We've gone over the weekend and everywhere  
44 trying to get to the bottom of this and find something  
45 workable, but can someone kind of give us a recap. How  
46 much have we succeeded in reducing from our General  
47 Fund budget and how far apart are we now?  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
49 RUSTY BURNS: I want to give you the most  
50 precise answer as possible.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
2 RUSTY BURNS: It's in, it's in the  
3 neighborhood of three million dollars, but ...  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis. And take your  
5 time, we don't want to put you on the -- I mean, find  
6 your, we ain't under no -- we've got no time stop, stop  
7 watch here for you to get your information is what I'm  
8 trying to say.  
9 RITA DAVIS: Thank you, sir.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
11 RITA DAVIS: Ms. Wilson, from the fiscal  
12 year '10 budget to next year's budget, we have  
13 decreased 3.4 million dollars.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. -- if I can? Is that  
15 with or with not -- keep in mind, I know y'all do.  
16 That's -- what budget are we talking about I guess is  
17 what I'm trying to say? The budget -- because, because  
18 we, you know, the one we're talking about -- the budget  
19 when we made these amendments to is going back to the  
20 last Council meeting. This is not, we ain't enacted no  
21 cuts or nothing yet on the budget that we voted on --  
22 or not voted on, I'm sorry, we discussed at last  
23 Friday's workshop. That savings has not been voted on  
24 or amended to put into the budget yet.  
25 RUSTY BURNS: If you go back to the budget  
26 that Council approved on the second reading, I believe  
27 that was the two million reduction in the General Fund.  
28 The additional work that has been done since then has  
29 lead to the number that we're looking at.  
30 RITA DAVIS: That's right.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Right.  
32 RUSTY BURNS: But there's another wrinkle  
33 in there and that's with the capital.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Capital, capital, capital  
35 projects. But Ms. Wilson was asking General Fund, but  
36 what I'm saying is, as the, as the budget we're talking  
37 about right now that we've voted on, we're discussing,  
38 there's a two million dollar thereabouts savings.  
39 RITA DAVIS: Right.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: To put the other million in  
41 there we've got to have an amendment to add that a  
42 million to vote on it because we haven't voted on that  
43 budget yet.  
44 RITA DAVIS: That's right, sir.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
46 RITA DAVIS: First we had two million and  
47 if you vote on the other it'll be a total of 3.4.  
48 CINDY WILSON: And that doesn't cover the  
49 lease purchase?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

1 CINDY WILSON: That's the capital budget so  
2 we're just going to ---  
3 RITA DAVIS: That's everything. Yes,  
4 ma'am.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: The 3.4 which would be  
6 almost 3.4 a little bit more than that, that would,  
7 that would include the four hundred and something --  
8 the five hundred thousand dollars would include capital  
9 things. Right?  
10 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. That includes  
11 capital. Without capital, the total is about three  
12 million ---  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
14 RITA DAVIS: -- and nine hundred and  
15 fifty-eight thousand.  
16 RUSTY BURNS: Council recommended that we  
17 take five hundred thousand dollars out of the capital  
18 purchase agreement, that's in there.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: But also again, that hasn't  
20 been voted on.  
21 RITA DAVIS: Not all that. No, sir.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: The last we kept voting was  
23 like a, if I believe I remember right, was around four  
24 hundred thousand.  
25 RITA DAVIS: Four hundred and one nine  
26 hundred. Yes, sir. And you -- the additional hundred  
27 and thirty-five thousand was in the Friday's workshop.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.  
29 RITA DAVIS: Those changes. Yes, sir.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Does that  
31 answer your question, Ms. Wilson?  
32 CINDY WILSON: Yes. But I think it  
33 requires further action. Mr. Crowder, are you ready to  
34 help us on that, please?  
35 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I -- a point of  
36 question, that figure, the reduction, includes all the  
37 one by one items that we went through very carefully  
38 with you and Mr. Burns which added up to a little more  
39 than a million dollars, plus the 1.5 -- the .5 million  
40 dollars in the capital lease. That's my understanding.  
41 Right?  
42 RUSTY BURNS: That's my understanding.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. That's ---  
44 FRANCIS CROWDER: And now the second part of  
45 the question, as you know today we casually learned  
46 that -- well, I want to carefully word it. We learned  
47 that there were going to be some raises given due to  
48 promotion. Okay. Help me with that.  
49 RUSTY BURNS: The thing that we were  
50 looking at today, Mr. Crowder, and I think that was

1 primarily in the transportation department.  
2 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.  
3 RUSTY BURNS: And what that was, those  
4 were people who had moved to a different position.  
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: I got you.  
6 RUSTY BURNS: But they already worked for  
7 the county.  
8 FRANCIS CROWDER: I got it.  
9 RUSTY BURNS: But they -- in house  
10 advertising moved up to a different position.  
11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay. All right, all right.  
12 A fourth part then. Based upon the recommendation that  
13 I just made relative to the transfer and the position  
14 part and the personnel part, that would preclude any  
15 promotions during this type fiscal year, would it not?  
16 RUSTY BURNS: Is the -- what I understand  
17 Council's intent, at least from the majority of Council  
18 that I've talked to, that there would be no raises.  
19 FRANCIS CROWDER: No raises.  
20 RUSTY BURNS: And that no additional  
21 personnel would be hired.  
22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay.  
23 RUSTY BURNS: Except in Communications.  
24 FRANCIS CROWDER: Right.  
25 RUSTY BURNS: Which is slash 911 in order  
26 for us to maintain dispatchers.  
27 FRANCIS CROWDER: Sure.  
28 RUSTY BURNS: Now that's my understanding  
29 of the intent of the members of Council that I talked  
30 to.  
31 CINDY WILSON: Do these promotions  
32 actually, from what I can see, they mean salary  
33 increases, too, don't they?  
34 RUSTY BURNS: When they moved into a  
35 higher level of responsibility, they receive a higher  
36 pay. But they were in, working in the department, the  
37 advertising was done in house, there was a vacancy,  
38 they moved up.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: They're making more money,  
40 but their jobs have changed. I mean, that's just the  
41 bottom -- it's really not, it's really not just a raise  
42 period.  
43 CINDY WILSON: Well, there's a concern here  
44 because I think we've got ninety-one or ninety-two in  
45 that particular department and it just goes back. I  
46 wish like anything we could have had the economy and  
47 efficiency wage and compensation study already done.  
48 We could have made better informed decisions on how to  
49 make this a more efficient government. But that, that  
50 department has salary increases. What is your will

1 fellow Council members?  
2 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: I think -- go ahead, Mr.  
4 Moore.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: I think the point is, we've  
6 seen in the past before this Administrator and before,  
7 we saw them qualifying, well, we're promoting up to a  
8 different position in order -- so they could get a  
9 raise. And what we're trying to do is stop that. And  
10 that, that's what our point is.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. But Mr. Crowder's  
12 thing is going to stop that.  
13 FRANCIS CROWDER: That is my understanding.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. I mean, I  
15 mean --  
16 RUSTY BURNS: That is my -- and that is my  
17 understanding. If that's Council's wishes and it be  
18 placed ---  
19 TOMMY DUNN: What we just voted on. I  
20 mean, for it to happen and it ain't that it gets stops.  
21 I'm just talking about before it can happen, it'd have  
22 to come back before County Council.  
23 EDDIE MOORE: Right.  
24 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
25 EDDIE MOORE: Yep.  
26 FRANCIS CROWDER: So I make a recommendation,  
27 Mr. Chairman, that we approve the changes that were  
28 made to be able to have the one million dollar plus or  
29 minus, plus the five hundred thousand dollars off of  
30 the capital lease program that we don't borrow money,  
31 you know, the additional.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: And, and if you would, just  
33 add to -- put somewhere in Friday's workshop what was  
34 presented to us that way we'll know that's -- that  
35 would be right.  
36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah, yeah. Reference the  
37 workshop that we attended and you have those items that  
38 we went over one by one.  
39 RUSTY BURNS: The document that was  
40 approved by Council on Friday, which I'm sure that some  
41 of you have, everything that we went through is  
42 outlined in that document.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. That's what  
44 we're talking about.  
45 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's what we're talking  
46 about.  
47 RUSTY BURNS: No change.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. That's what we're  
49 talking about.  
50 EDDIE MOORE: I think I have a copy of

1 that the capital projects where we had marked up. I  
2 think I've got that. I'll be glad -- I think Janna had  
3 gave me that and I'll ...

4 TOMMY DUNN: That's what Mr. Crowder's  
5 motion is and do we have a second?

6 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Second.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds it. Are  
8 there any, any discussion? And I don't want to put  
9 nobody on the spot and I'm going to -- Mr. Pitts, you  
10 help me out here. Since we're voting on the full  
11 budget and being back in there, would it be best if  
12 Mr., Mr. Wilson excuse himself as far from the vote?

13 MIKE PITTS: With the, with the Farmer's  
14 Market back in there, that's, that would probably be  
15 the ideal thing to do. Just carve it out like you did  
16 last time.

17 EDDIE MOORE: No. Now right time we're  
18 just going to be voting on this amendment because I've  
19 got another couple of amendments I want to do.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, okay. I'm sorry. I  
21 apologize.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. We're, we're not  
23 through yet.

24 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, I thought we --  
25 I'm sorry.

26 EDDIE MOORE: We're just voting on the 1.5  
27 million there's additional.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Add -- okay, okay. What --  
29 re-word that again then. I thought we's voting on the  
30 budget, I thought he said budget. I'll make sure, I'll  
31 make sure Linda's got it right is what I'm trying to  
32 get at because I thought it was the budget with the 1.1  
33 million. This -- so it's just an amendment to put that  
34 in the budget. Okay. All in favor -- any more  
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
36 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
37 unanimously. Okay.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Davis, do you have that  
41 copy on the rollback that you've -- were going to  
42 prepare for Council? Do you, do you have copies for  
43 all the Council?

44 RITA DAVIS: Oh, I can get them real  
45 quick if that -- if it's your pleasure.

46 EDDIE MOORE: We probably would need that  
47 so y'all can see what we're possibly could get. Maybe,  
48 Chase, could you run get some copies for us?

49 RITA DAVIS: You're talking about with  
50 the four scenarios, sir?



1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. ---  
2 EDDIE MOORE: While she's doing that, what  
3 I will do is go ahead and put that in the form of a  
4 motion and then we can get into discussion and then  
5 he'll bring that back. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make  
6 a motion that we rollback the salaries to the 2006-7  
7 budget year with a cap cutoff of fifty-five thousand.  
8 And what that means is if anyone's making, say was  
9 making fifty-six thousand, they would only be rolled  
10 back to the fifty-five thousand. We'll put that  
11 cutoff, cap cutoff of fifty-five thousand in there.  
12 And I put that in the form of a motion.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion. Do we have  
14 a second?  
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. And ---  
17 EDDIE MOORE: The number was about -- Ms.  
18 Davis was -- when we first started off with this in our  
19 budget workshop, we were asking about the different  
20 numbers and with the fifty thousand dollar rollback, it  
21 was a savings of 1.8 million dollars additional  
22 savings. And I'm not sure what the total was, but we  
23 raised it up to fifty-five thousand because I think  
24 that's a pretty middle of the road number.  
25 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
27 CINDY WILSON: Seeking further  
28 clarification in that, would that preclude  
29 constitutional officers and elected officials?  
30 EDDIE MOORE: We can't touch the  
31 constitutional officers or elected officials.  
32 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
33 EDDIE MOORE: That's just the regular  
34 county employees.  
35 CINDY WILSON: This says above fifty  
36 thousand. Is that or did you say fifty-five?  
37 EDDIE MOORE: It should be fifty-five  
38 thousand. I think we had originally talked fifty and I  
39 was talking to some other Council members and they was  
40 wanting it to be around fifty-five thousand. But with  
41 fifty thousand, it was a million a hundred and eighty-  
42 seven thousand and I think with fifty-five thousand,  
43 I'm not exactly sure what that would be, but I -- it'd  
44 probably be bumping a million dollars.  
45 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: I'm, I'm looking at this so  
47 if anybody wants the floor. Mr. Allen.  
48 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I, I just had a  
49 question. I don't know as this is all running around  
50 in my head right now -- I'm trying to figure out. If,

1 if we go back four years in salaries, I don't know, I  
2 guess I'd kind of like to see what the salaries were at  
3 that time period. I don't know how much some people  
4 might end up taking a cut on. Now I'm talking about  
5 individually, Mr. Crowder. Yeah. Let's say somebody's  
6 making sixty thousand now or sixty-five thousand and,  
7 you know, what, what were they making back in 2006?  
8 How much of a cut?

9 EDDIE MOORE: It wouldn't be a cut because  
10 they're sitting at the fifty-five thousand, there  
11 wouldn't be any cut for them.

12 TOM ALLEN: No. I said if they're  
13 making right now sixty or sixty-five. Okay. And you  
14 want to drop them back to two thousand -- their 2006  
15 salary.

16 EDDIE MOORE: But according to what we've  
17 looked at as far as in the budget, there hasn't been  
18 that very much of raises. Has it, Mr. Burns?

19 RUSTY BURNS: There have been no raises in  
20 the time that this Council has been here.

21 EDDIE MOORE: You're looking at one year,  
22 what you're looking at really is one year. You're  
23 talking 2006-2007 budget year. You're really looking  
24 at one year.

25 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Let me ask y'all a question,  
27 if I can. If, if -- one thing I didn't like I heard  
28 Friday I think it was is if somebody wasn't working or  
29 that position wasn't here say in 2006, what would their  
30 salary go back to?

31 EDDIE MOORE: Well ---

32 TOMMY DUNN: If it's twenty-one percent,  
33 I don't think that's fair myself.

34 EDDIE MOORE: No. It wouldn't affect them  
35 because it's fifty something thousand.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I'm talking about -- but if,  
37 if that position wasn't here, they wasn't working --  
38 the position wasn't created in 2006, but now it is and  
39 let's say they're making seventy thousand dollars and  
40 they was hired at that. If we come in here, you going  
41 to bump him back all the way to fifty-five thousand  
42 dollars? Or twenty, twenty-one thousand?

43 EDDIE MOORE: That would be considered a  
44 new hire so that wouldn't be affected.

45 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm asking you.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. I'll put that as an  
47 amendment.

48 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm asking.

49 EDDIE MOORE: I'll be glad to amend my  
50 suggestion.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I'm just, I'm just  
2 asking. I'm sorry. Excuse me. I'm just asking  
3 because I don't think it, just off the top of me, I  
4 don't think that's fair to try to -- to somebody that  
5 wasn't here that was brought in and hired at a certain  
6 level and then you're going to take them back -- all  
7 the way back to that. I just don't think that's fair.  
8 CINDY WILSON: Should we go ahead and make  
9 the amendment to adjust for new hires -- to exclude  
10 them?  
11 EDDIE MOORE: What, what I'll do is I'll  
12 withdraw, I'll withdraw my motion and then I will state  
13 it again, if that's okay? Or if you want to amend it,  
14 how you want to handle it.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: It's, It's I -- if you want  
16 to do it, Mr. Moore. I'm, I'm still studying this a  
17 little bit and hope, and hope we're given some other  
18 people a chance to take this in.  
19 CINDY WILSON: Withdraw the second then.  
20 TOM ALLEN: Let, can I?  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
22 TOM ALLEN: If I could, are we saying  
23 down here then that the average pay cut would be  
24 twenty-one percent if we did that?  
25 TOMMY DUNN: That's what it looks like,  
26 but I'll have ask Ms. Davis to answer.  
27 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Allen, that was for  
28 those whenever we had -- those making over thirty-six  
29 thousand whenever we calculated, it was a twenty-one  
30 percent pay cut. And we did it for fifty thousand it  
31 ended up being a twenty-three percent pay cut. I  
32 would, Mr. Moore, I apologize, I would like to point  
33 out that this savings -- I thought I was instructed to  
34 those people hired after 6/30/07 to, to apply the  
35 average pay cut to those individuals as well.  
36 RUSTY BURNS: And, and that is absolutely  
37 correct because the question was what do you do with  
38 people who were hired after the fact. And if you don't  
39 treat everybody exactly alike -- you need to treat  
40 everybody exactly alike.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr., Mr. Wilson.  
42 RON WILSON: How many people are involved  
43 in this?  
44 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Wilson, I believe there  
45 was like seventy-four people with the --  
46 RON WILSON: Seventy-four?  
47 RITA DAVIS: Fifty and -- thousand and  
48 over. Yes, sir.  
49 RON WILSON: And if we cut them back  
50 twenty-one percent, how much money is that?

1 RITA DAVIS: Approximately the one  
2 million one hundred and eighty-seven thousand. Sixty-  
3 three people were here on June 30, '06 and eleven  
4 people were hired subsequent to that date.

5 RON WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
6 Chairman.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.  
8 FRANCIS CROWDER: If you excluded the people  
9 who were new hires, how many would be left over that  
10 would be affected by this reduction? Fifty-three?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Sixty-three.

12 FRANCIS CROWDER: Sixty-three.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Sixty-three.

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: While we're mulling this  
17 over, I think I mentioned this in an open session  
18 recently, the State of California made an announcement  
19 recently they were knocking two hundred and twenty-one  
20 thousand employees back to minimum wage of, I think,  
21 seven or eight dollars an hour and that's pretty dire.  
22 And then we hear of school districts and a lot of  
23 municipalities addressing things similar to this. I  
24 think we're all seeking fairness and still being  
25 efficient.

26 TOMMY DUNN: I under, I, I understand.  
27 Yes, ma'am.

28 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

30 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I think that, yeah,  
31 California did do that. I think it was just for the  
32 remainder of July or something though and then they  
33 were going to bring them back up. But in California  
34 with the cost of living the way it is, you'd never make  
35 it on a minimum wage. They're also in some very, very  
36 dire straits out there. I don't know, I just seem to  
37 have that there's in the back of my mind I just have  
38 some more questions about this. And I know a few  
39 things have come up and I'm just not certain. You  
40 know, cutting sixty-three people back twenty-one  
41 percent on salaries, I don't know, that seems like a  
42 fairly significant pay cut. So that was all I had to  
43 say on that.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I'd like to say is,  
45 you know, I'd like some time to study it and I, I would  
46 really like to see -- you're talking about being fair  
47 and that -- you know, the wage and compensation study  
48 to see where we're at to bring it back in line if we're  
49 making this right here and nothing. You know, a  
50 twenty-one percent pay cut is a pretty good -- well, a

1 twenty-three percent pay cut would be a pretty good  
2 cut.

3 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
5 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I know the chart I  
6 had -- I don't have it with me right now, but showing  
7 all the counties in South Carolina and where Anderson  
8 County falls in there on per capita cost for county  
9 employees. And I think, I forget the exact numbers,  
10 but per capita in one of the counties, the highest was  
11 like four hundred and twenty-one dollars per capita to  
12 pay the county employees and we were at like way down  
13 below. We were well, well below the halfway point  
14 which in aggregate means we're not really over paying  
15 everyone. But I do think there may be some pay  
16 disparities in the lower ranks when we've got some  
17 other documentation showing some of the folks at, at  
18 lower pay grades that probably need to be raised up.  
19 Bu we've got some people at higher pay grades that  
20 might need to come down a little bit. But like I said,  
21 in the aggregate, Anderson County itself is not  
22 lavishing, you know, dollars out for employees at this  
23 point. Thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.  
25 CINDY WILSON: We're having some real  
26 heartburn trying to figure this one out. Would you  
27 consider maybe if we cut it maybe ten percent or eleven  
28 percent, something like that. That would still bring  
29 us in at least at a mil and that would help further  
30 balance it. Would this be something that would be more  
31 palatable, more humane?

32 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm all right with that.  
33 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Would you like to ---  
34 EDDIE MOORE: I'll, I'll be glad to put  
35 that in the form of a motion. We'll do it at ten  
36 percent if that would make the Council members a little  
37 bit more at ease and I'll be glad to put that in the  
38 form of a motion to amend -- ten percent.

39 CINDY WILSON: Okay. I'll second it.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Where's -- we've got a  
41 motion and Ms. Wilson seconds the motion.

42 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
44 CINDY WILSON: I think what I guess we need  
45 to clarify what our motion is now.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
47 CINDY WILSON: This would represent, and  
48 correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Moore, a rollback in  
49 salaries to fiscal -- well, we'll just say rollback in  
50 salaries on those making over fifty thousand a ten

1 percent rollback on salary on those making above ten  
2 percent.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Moore' thing was  
4 fifty-five.  
5 CINDY WILSON: Fifty-five? Okay.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Fifty-five.  
7 CINDY WILSON: All right.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: And do -- and does that, is  
9 that with or without the new hires, and what I'm saying  
10 -- new positions, new positions created?  
11 CINDY WILSON: Do we have any new  
12 positions?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: I can think of -- I don't  
14 know. I haven't had time to study it, but I can know  
15 of one right off the top of my head that wasn't, that  
16 wasn't here when -- in 2006.  
17 CINDY WILSON: No. Well, what we're doing.  
18 Let's exclude 2006.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: What about 2007 or would  
20 they be talking about? They wouldn't --  
21 CINDY WILSON: A rollback on salaries of  
22 ten percent on those making more than fifty-five  
23 thousand. Is that the way we would find it easier to  
24 deal with?  
25 TOMMY DUNN: And what years? On no  
26 years, you just rollback across -- oh, I got you. Go  
27 across the board, ten percent on everybody.  
28 CINDY WILSON: On those making fifty-five  
29 thousand and more.  
30 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. I'm sorry --  
32 I've got you now. Mr. Allen.  
33 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I think what the  
34 confusion is, this twenty-one percent that's just what  
35 it happened to turn out to be if you roll these folks  
36 back to the '06-'07. Now we've got an amendment that's  
37 just simply saying, let's do a ten percent across the  
38 board.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: The board. Everybody making  
40 fifty-five thousand dollars and above -- above fifty-  
41 five thousand dollars.  
42 TOM ALLEN: So we've got -- we're  
43 looking at the other side of the coin. Yeah. We're  
44 looking at the other side of the coin right now.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I'm mean yes,  
46 sir. I'm sorry.  
47 TOM ALLEN: It's okay.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Is, is ---  
49 EDDIE MOORE: Now that we're all confused.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Is -- I had something on I

1 thought there.

2 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might  
3 while you're reading.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Go ahead, Mr. Allen.

5 TOM ALLEN: It's a quick question and  
6 this is going to be redundant by all means. The budget  
7 as it stands right now, are we balanced or have we got  
8 a few dollars that we've saved?

9 RUSTY BURNS: You have the savings from  
10 the budget -- comparing budget to budget from last year  
11 of around 3.4 million dollars as it stands at this  
12 point. I might add in this discussion with the  
13 furloughs that are already built into the budget, going  
14 from memory, that's about a two and a half percent  
15 reduction in pay through the furloughs for county  
16 employees, not personnel who work for the Sheriff. So,  
17 Rita, is my number right? I'm going from memory.

18 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

19 RUSTY BURNS: It's around two and half  
20 percent for those that make under x amount and for  
21 those who do the ten day furlough, it is -- I know it's  
22 ten days -- 2.3 percent.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

25 EDDIE MOORE: That's one reason I'm making  
26 this is because of the furloughs. Just like for a case  
27 example, I talked with our auditor this week and he has  
28 really been frugal with his budget and he has really  
29 not had any kind of increase in two years. And if you  
30 -- he's really tight with his people and the furloughs  
31 is really going to hurt him and I'd like to see those  
32 furloughs go away. And that's the reason I think with  
33 this savings here that we can eliminate. Because  
34 basically when you furlough some of these people and  
35 they're not making anything much. I mean, really,  
36 we've got people that's in the lower range on salaries  
37 that I would like to see elevated some because some of  
38 our people that's actually doing the work in this  
39 county and they're not making anything. I'd like to  
40 see their salaries on some of the lower paid brought up  
41 and that's the reason I'm trying to, you know, do what  
42 I'm doing here. And that, that was my idea and to some  
43 leeway to our Administrator to, to try to once we have  
44 our wage and price study that we can implement some  
45 good policies and get all of our county employees, you  
46 know, making a decent, an adequate salary.

47 CINDY WILSON: Mr. ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.

49 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman. Is it on?

50 All right. Does that mean then that we would do away

1 with the furloughing of employees if we did the  
2 rollback with a cap of ten percent? I mean, is that  
3 what your suggestion is?  
4 RUSTY BURNS: I think, I think the number  
5 that might be good to have now would be how much we  
6 intended to save from furloughs.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, we ---  
9 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I was going to  
10 ask.  
11 FRANCIS CROWDER: We've got ---  
12 RUSTY BURNS: Four hundred and eight  
13 thousand.  
14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.  
15 RUSTY BURNS: That you would save.  
16 FRANCIS CROWDER: So the net wash then would  
17 be one million one hundred and eighty-seven thousand  
18 dollars approximately, minus four fourteen. About six  
19 hundred and sixty something thousand dollars.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Not -- no, sir. I don't  
21 think that's right.  
22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, if you've got roll --  
23 well, it wouldn't be because we're going to cap it at  
24 ten percent.  
25 EDDIE MOORE: Ten percent.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Ten percent going back.  
27 FRANCIS CROWDER: So we don't know what that  
28 figure is.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: At fifty-five. So we don't  
30 know what that figure is. What is all -- well, we know  
31 we're looking at savings four hundred and eight  
32 thousand dollars through the furloughs. We don't know  
33 what that compares us to, if we're going about -- going  
34 back ten percent. And I'm all for, you know, I just  
35 want -- and I understand exactly the group that Mr.  
36 Moore's trying to do in fair -- and like I said, I  
37 think. And Mr. Waldrep hit on this when his last  
38 Council meeting about there's some positions in the  
39 county that haven't had a raise on the lower scale and  
40 needs some bump up. That's the reason I'd like to see  
41 us do the wage and compensation study and, and be fair  
42 about it and do a little studying to know who needs  
43 what and what not instead of sitting here, you know,  
44 trying to cut. We've already graciously with the  
45 Council trying come up with something. We've went from  
46 one extreme -- not one extreme, but from one proposal  
47 to another proposal trying to get something or another.  
48 And I just want to -- I'd like to see us do it right  
49 and do it fairly and I know what you're saying about  
50 the furloughs, but hopefully we can get something



1 corrected very quickly or on this thing where we won't  
2 have to do a whole year of furloughs. Just my -- I'm  
3 just thinking out loud.

4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I might remind  
6 you, too, we can always come back and do a supplemental  
7 budget if he thinks that the furloughs -- we can always  
8 come back and do a supplemental if we had to.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, yeah. Thank you. Ms.  
10 Wilson.

11 CINDY WILSON: Oh. Thank you, Mr.  
12 Chairman. I've, I've been troubled by the furlough  
13 premise because it did seem to affect the hardworking  
14 lower paid employees of the county and most of them  
15 have not really had a pay raise in, I know, at least  
16 five years from what I could tell. But those who have  
17 had increases, a ten percent rollback on above fifty-  
18 five thousand would be something that would not be  
19 painful like a furlough for the lower paid people. And  
20 this is just my line of reasoning right now. And I  
21 would assume that if you're looking at a million one  
22 hundred and eighty-seven thousand at an average of, oh,  
23 twenty-one percent. If we said ten percent, that would  
24 put it around five hundred thousand, maybe.

25 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think you can figure  
26 it like that I don't think. It could be, it could be -  
27 - it's going to be how many, how many have you got like  
28 that because it's like I said, it's an unknown thing  
29 unless we get something. But my think is, and I  
30 understand your principal of thinking, but somebody,  
31 let's say, is making fifty-six thousand dollars a year,  
32 they're going, they're going to get cut back ten  
33 percent. And if they've got a family and a house and  
34 just not spending, they're going to be just as hardship  
35 as the other people. I mean I know we're trying to be  
36 fair about it but that's why I'm just thinking out  
37 loud.

38 EDDIE MOORE: It wouldn't affect them  
39 because it can only go back to fifty-five thousand.  
40 We've got a cap.

41 TOMMY DUNN: I didn't think she put that  
42 on her motion. Okay.

43 EDDIE MOORE: It's on there.

44 CINDY WILSON: Just talking, you know,  
45 reasoning out loud, trying to reason.

46 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson had it next. I'm  
48 sorry. Mr. Wilson.

49 RON WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
50 Chairman. Mr. Burns, the budget we voted on at the

1 second reading, that was a balanced budget.  
2 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
3 RON WILSON: All right. Right now, how  
4 much have we saved? Now it's not balanced any more,  
5 we've got money for a rainy day fund.  
6 RUSTY BURNS: Right now ---  
7 RON WILSON: Roughly.  
8 RUSTY BURNS: -- if Council votes for  
9 what's been presented so far, we have a contingency  
10 fund of approximately a million dollars.  
11 RON WILSON: And the furloughs would be -  
12 - cost us roughly what?  
13 RUSTY BURNS: Around four hundred and ten.  
14 RON WILSON: So if we did that -- did  
15 away with the furloughs, with what we've got right now,  
16 we'd have about a six hundred thousand ---  
17 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
18 RON WILSON: -- dollar surplus.  
19 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
20 RON WILSON: Yeah. I'm for moving  
21 forward with this.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
24 CINDY WILSON: The reasoning that several  
25 of us have had in going back and forth over this is for  
26 example state aid to subdivisions should be around  
27 eleven million now. It was cut this previous year to  
28 8.4. This coming, the current budget year that we  
29 should be in but we're still not, it was being cut to  
30 six million six hundred and eighty some odd thousand.  
31 We've heard that they're probably going to cut further.  
32 So it was my reasoning, and I think shared by a few  
33 others, that we need to anticipate the worst and have  
34 some type of rainy day fund in case we do get hit and  
35 clobbered again. The other issue is that we were  
36 already taking a million and a half dollars out of fund  
37 balance from different areas to try to balance the  
38 sewer fund. The sewer fund, as Mr. Burns says, is a  
39 disaster. It was funded a little more than five  
40 million last year and now we're going to have to come  
41 up with another three million dollars. And we have  
42 legal ramifications of paying money out of the General  
43 Fund to balance an Enterprise Fund or to keep  
44 Operations and Maintenance going in that Enterprise  
45 Fund so that we can free up those other funds to pay  
46 debt service. I mean it's really difficult. So, so we  
47 don't really know that we have a balanced budget, Mr.  
48 Wilson, that's the great mystery here.  
49 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

1 TOM ALLEN: I just -- on either one of  
2 these propositions, either the furloughs or the ten  
3 percent cut, is there a floor built into this whereby  
4 somebody making below x amount of dollars would not be  
5 affected?

6 TOMMY DUNN: It is on the salaries that  
7 Mr. Moore and all's projecting -- it's fifty-five  
8 thousand dollars.

9 TOM ALLEN: It's fifty-five.

10 TOMMY DUNN: But I don't know about the  
11 furloughs. The furloughs, everybody's getting  
12 furloughed, but my understanding, the way it's been  
13 presented to us, everybody but the Sheriff's  
14 Department.

15 RUSTY BURNS: There are two tiers ---

16 TOMMY DUNN: Dispatchers.

17 RUSTY BURNS: -- two tiers of furloughs.  
18 Below -- what's the number? Below ninety thousand  
19 dollars, you are furloughed six days. If you make over  
20 ninety thousand, you are furloughed ten days. We  
21 originally suggested that if you made over ninety  
22 thousand dollars, you would be furloughed twelve days.  
23 State law prohibits us from going any further than ten  
24 days on ninety and above.

25 TOM ALLEN: But the, the ten percent cut  
26 that we're talking about, that would, that's where your  
27 floor of fifty-five would come in. Right?

28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Also, too, that would give  
31 Mr. Burns an option, he might not have to furlough  
32 anybody. And that -- if he's got the money that's  
33 there, then we may not even have to have any furlough  
34 days. So that would -- it would help him out, too.  
35 Especially on some of our lower paid employees.

36 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm saying, I  
37 want to know. Because if I were to vote for this --  
38 I'm going to make sure nobody's going to get  
39 furloughed. Either -- if it was me, I don't want to do  
40 something and then come back and do this and then we  
41 still have to furlough people. I mean, I don't --  
42 that's what I don't want to see happen.

43 EDDIE MOORE: If you want to raise the  
44 percentage up to fifteen percent, then you won't have  
45 to worry about it.

46 CINDY WILSON: A, a question here just on  
47 the process. Wonder how long it would take Ms. Davis  
48 to run crunch that number while we work on something  
49 else and then come back to this? Is that a plausible  
50 concept?

1                   RITA DAVIS:           Ms. Wilson, I was looking at  
2     it while you were discussing it in the General Fund and  
3     if I -- the General Fund full time salaries is a little  
4     bit less than twenty-six million. If I exclude the  
5     Sheriff, why -- that number, it came down to like 1.8,  
6     I do believe. But you minus out the furloughs, so it'd  
7     be like 1.4.

8                   CINDY WILSON:       If we rolled back ten  
9     percent on those who make fifty-five thousand and more,  
10    it would be?

11                  RITA DAVIS:        You're right, let me --  
12    continue on, let me back out this year.

13                  CINDY WILSON:      Oh. Okay. Thank you. This  
14    is an example of how awesome Ms. Davis has been in  
15    trying to help us wade through these very difficult  
16    decisions.

17                  TOMMY DUNN:        If there's no objection,  
18    we're going to take a few minute recess.

19                  EDDIE MOORE:       That'd be good.

20                  CINDY WILSON:      Okay. Good idea. My line of  
21    reasoning right now is that we remove the furlough and  
22    have a rollback of ten percent on those making above  
23    fifty and revisit that at six months and if we are  
24    doing better, discernibly better, documentably better,  
25    then we can begin to reinstate some of those salary  
26    increases. Would that be something that y'all could  
27    find? I'm just saying that because we hear all around  
28    of people taking big salary cuts. One lady just told  
29    me that her husband took an eleven thousand dollar cut  
30    last year because of this economy.

31                  TOMMY DUNN:        I'm all, all for looking at  
32    it and I'm all for trying to get the savings for the  
33    taxpayers of Anderson and doing what's right, but I  
34    don't want to do it just because so and so done it. I  
35    want to do it because it's the right thing to do and we  
36    need the savings, but I want to look at all the  
37    ramifications myself. And I think we -- this is  
38    something that ought to be just -- Ms. Davis, maybe  
39    some figures, but some things to look at. Just, you  
40    know, just one thing off the top of my head and just  
41    all this has been hitting me just a few minutes ago was  
42    just the ramifications that might be if this is this  
43    important and say if it's going to affect more older  
44    people and those what you call it, you could be opening  
45    yourself up for some legal things of something or  
46    another. So I'm just and I just think the issue needs  
47    to be looked at a little bit before we just. I'm just  
48    one Council person and that's what I'm thinking, but  
49    let's let Ms. Davis took her time to do all this hard  
50    work and let's get the information from her.

1                   RITA DAVIS:           Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
2   Ms. Wilson, we looked at that and it appears that ten  
3   percent of those making -- currently making over fifty  
4   thousand dollars would be about five hundred and twelve  
5   ---  
6                   END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE ONE  
7                   RITA DAVIS:           -- amount, maybe a little  
8   more.  
9                   TOMMY DUNN:           Okay. Are they, are there  
10   any more discussion on this? Any more discussion on  
11   this? And the motion is to rollback everybody across  
12   the board that's making over fifty-five thousand  
13   dollars, roll them back ten percent. Is that, is that  
14   -- I ain't putting words in anybody's mouth?  
15                   CINDY WILSON:       Without, of course, the  
16   constitutional officers.  
17                   TOMMY DUNN:           Yeah, exactly.  
18                   CINDY WILSON:       Okay.  
19                   TOMMY DUNN:           People we can't do. Did I  
20   state that right for everybody? All in favor of the  
21   motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion  
22   just dies for a tie vote. That'll be Mr., Mr. Moore,  
23   Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder votes in favor. Mr. Dunn, Mr.  
24   Allen, Mr. Wilson votes opposed. And like I said, I'm  
25   all for looking at this and revisiting this at the  
26   proper time. We can study it some more and get some  
27   things, but at this time, I just don't feel comfortable  
28   about it.  
29                   CINDY WILSON:       Mr. Chairman.  
30                   TOMMY DUNN:           Ms. Wilson.  
31                   CINDY WILSON:       May I make a motion that we  
32   exclude the furloughs? I just feel so bad for the  
33   lower paid employees because that to me is what hurts  
34   even worse than a rollback on salaries above fifty,  
35   fifty-five thousand? I'd like to put that motion out  
36   for us to discuss.  
37                   TOMMY DUNN:           Okay. We've got a motion.  
38   Do we have a second?  
39                   RON WILSON:           Second.  
40                   TOMMY DUNN:           Discussing furloughs.  
41   Second Mr. Wilson. Okay. The floor's yours, Ms.  
42   Wilson.  
43                   CINDY WILSON:       I'm just saying, let's  
44   discuss that because it, it seems to me that that hurts  
45   our lower paid employees far worse than the higher paid  
46   employees. Or maybe if we just consider a furlough on  
47   those making above fifty and ...  
48                   TOMMY DUNN:           Fifty-five.  
49                   CINDY WILSON:       Okay. We'll split the  
50   difference. Say do the furlough for those making more

1 than fifty-five. You don't think that would work, Mr.  
2 Crowder, that wouldn't?  
3 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm sorry. I was just ...  
4 CINDY WILSON: We're all just ---  
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm not sure if it's going  
6 to work or not.  
7 CINDY WILSON: Oh. Okay.  
8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.  
9 CINDY WILSON: We're trying to find  
10 something that hurts the fewest people and minimizes  
11 the pain.  
12 FRANCIS CROWDER: I understand.  
13 CINDY WILSON: But still saves the, the  
14 taxpayer so, I mean, let's brainstorm up here. This is  
15 our last opportunity.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: If I can, Mr. Pitts, would,  
17 would you see if there's anything from legal thing  
18 doing that? Just -- only furloughing the ones making  
19 over fifty-five thousand dollars or fifty, whatever Ms.  
20 Wilson's pleasure is.  
21 MIKE PITTS: That'd be the kind of thing  
22 as far as legal advice goes that I think we ought to  
23 discuss in executive session.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: I make a motion we go into  
25 executive session and take legal advice on, on the  
26 salary, on the salaries issues, on salary issues and  
27 personnel.  
28 CINDY WILSON: I'll second.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. All in  
30 favor of the motion, show of hands. The motion, motion  
31 carries unanimously.  
32 EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:45 to 8:00 P.M.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: At this time do we have a  
34 motion to come out of executive session.  
35 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we come out  
36 of executive session.  
37 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Moore we come  
39 out of executive session. Ms. Wilson seconds it. All  
40 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
41 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We  
42 took no action actually in executive session and no  
43 motion is to come out of no action. Now we open it  
44 back up for discussion.  
45 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
47 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'd like to recommend for  
50 consideration that we table any action relative to

1 reduction in pay for the people who are over fifty-five  
2 thousand until after the compensation study is  
3 completed, but we would have the promise that as soon  
4 as that compensation study is completed that Council  
5 would, through it's Finance committee and other members  
6 of the Council, would take that up and take the  
7 immediate action necessary to have an a proper -- an  
8 appropriate budget for personnel.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
10 RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. Mr.  
12 Wilson. Is there any discussion? Mr. Wilson.  
13 RON WILSON: There's a point of order  
14 here. We have a motion and a second on the floor.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: We didn't have no motion. I  
16 thought we, we --  
17 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah. We do. If he then ...  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, oh. On the -- I'm  
19 sorry, I'm sorry. Then on -- talking about with Mr.  
20 Pitts so I thought we didn't have nothing awhile ago.  
21 I had it in my mind. Well, then we're going to have to  
22 go back and deal with the, deal with the no furloughs,  
23 no furlough issue first. The motion was, and y'all  
24 help me out here, repeat the motion. Motion was no  
25 furloughs. And we've got a second Mr. Wilson. Okay.  
26 Now any, any discussion? We'll open it up for  
27 discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
28 motion of no county furloughs, show of hands. All  
29 opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously. Now  
30 we're back to Mr. Crowder's motion. Ms. Wilson seconds  
31 it. Now any discussion on it?

32 CINDY WILSON: I think this makes it a more  
33 logical approach and we're, we're having to guess  
34 ahead. By the way we've been discussing this, we have  
35 to try to anticipate the revenues and try to anticipate  
36 some of the budgetary issues with personnel and I think  
37 this keeps us from being in, in the cart before the  
38 horse dilemma. I think this puts it into a logical  
39 progression and we're so blessed to have Mr. Crowder  
40 who has greater knowledge of personnel type issues.  
41 We're very thankful for him. He's helped guide us  
42 through this.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
44 CINDY WILSON: That's my comment on this.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Any, any further discussion?  
46 Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Crowder's motion,  
47 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
48 carries unanimously. Moving on, any other amendments  
49 or things to the budget before we vote on it. Mr.  
50 Pitts.

1                   MIKE PITTS:           Yeah. Assuming there's no  
2 more amendments offered by any member of Council, I  
3 think at this point to be consistent and out of an  
4 abundance of caution, I'm certainly not insinuating  
5 anything, Mr. Wilson, but it probably be prudent to  
6 carve out the Farmer's Market budget. Vote on it  
7 separate and vote on the rest of the budget as a whole,  
8 assuming there are no more amendments.  
9                   TOMMY DUNN:           Any more?  
10                  CINDY WILSON:        Mr. Chairman.  
11                  TOMMY DUNN:        Ms. Wilson.  
12                  CINDY WILSON:        I would like to make a  
13 motion that we ask our Administrator and staff to come  
14 up with another five hundred thousand dollars in  
15 savings as part of this budget.  
16                  TOMMY DUNN:        Are you putting that in -- I  
17 need to put that in the form of a motion, but, but I'd  
18 amend. Have you got a second on that?  
19                  FRANCIS CROWDER:    Second.  
20                  TOMMY DUNN:        Motion and second. I'd like  
21 to amend that motion for them to come back to us for a  
22 recommendation to be voted on. I don't think it ought  
23 to be just a five hundred thousand dollars in lieu -- I  
24 think it ought to come back and the Council should vote  
25 on it.  
26                  CINDY WILSON:        Well.  
27                  TOMMY DUNN:        That's my amendment to it.  
28                  CINDY WILSON:        Since we're just discussing  
29 this and we're not into the micro managing business, I  
30 say that the Administrator would make a wise decision  
31 in cutting another five hundred thousand.  
32                  TOMMY DUNN:        I ain't in the micro  
33 management business neither, but I want to see the, I  
34 want to see the cuts and make sure for myself and the  
35 taxpayers of Anderson County that it's not going to --  
36 where it's at. I'm not going to tell them to cut this  
37 and that, I just want to see it, I just want to see it.  
38 I don't think that's too much to ask, myself. And like  
39 I said, that's just an amendment and before we discuss  
40 that any more, do I have a second on that from anyone?  
41 I have a second. Now any more discussion?  
42                  CINDY WILSON:        Just for discussion sake,  
43 there were a number of departments that were increased  
44 in cost beyond last year's actual and that, that did  
45 give me pause. There were some, some very substantial  
46 increases. And rather than playing the role of micro  
47 manager, I'd just like to make the motion that we have  
48 the Administrator and staff find another five hundred  
49 thousand in savings and we just simply say we cut it  
50 another five hundred thousand.



1 TOMMY DUNN: And I'm all for that, like I  
2 said, I didn't -- I ain't the one that went through the  
3 budget and cut this and that. I want the Administrator  
4 to do it, but I just think I'd like to see it when he  
5 comes back to us and vote on it. That's just my own, my  
6 own thing and, and we have cut the budget a good bit  
7 already so we know a thing about that. But if any more  
8 discussion?

9 CINDY WILSON: The problem we have, Mr.  
10 Chairman, is that absent the wage and compensation  
11 economy and efficiency type study, the budget of  
12 Anderson County's General Fund and also some of the  
13 Enterprise Fund grew like topsy. There was never any  
14 zero budget basis for any of that if you're in to that  
15 type of philosophy. There were many situations where  
16 individuals were carved out of a department and set up  
17 with a new department, questionable value and function,  
18 and so forth to the citizens of the county. There are  
19 still a lot of duplicated office type expenses because  
20 you have all these separate departments and I think  
21 that this half million would be very easily realized  
22 through the continued consolidation that the  
23 Administrator's already starting.

24 TOMMY DUNN: And I agree wholeheartedly,  
25 but I just I think still -- and don't make no mistake  
26 about things growing or not growing or this. We have  
27 already cut, if we adopt this, take out the furloughs,  
28 two and a half million dollars, or right at two and a  
29 half million dollars. And I'm all for, but I don't  
30 want to tie it back and just say this that and the  
31 other. All I'm asking for is the right to look at it  
32 and vote on it or not, but, I mean, that's just an  
33 amendment. We've got it and if you don't want to vote  
34 for it, that's fine. We'll move on. But my amendment  
35 is just for him to make the recommendations, but before  
36 it's enacted to come back before Council to vote on it.  
37 And I don't think that's too much to ask. That would be  
38 sort of like telling -- just to give us a budget figure  
39 and not vote on the budget figure -- the final outcome  
40 of the budget. I mean, just tell them to shoot for  
41 this amount of budget in the budget, but we don't want  
42 to see the budget. All in favor of my amendment, show  
43 of hands.

44 CINDY WILSON: Oh. I'm sorry.

45 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of my  
46 amendment, show of hands.

47 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. I'm not really  
48 lost here. We're going -- I made the motion to cut it  
49 a further five hundred thousand.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

1 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: No. And my amendment to  
3 that was to do on top of that just before it's enacted  
4 to come back before County Council to approve it --  
5 the, the five hundred thousand dollars. Not to micro  
6 manage, just to see and that was my amendment.  
7 CINDY WILSON: So this will be that we will  
8 vote to cut five hundred thousand, but it's contingent  
9 on our approval of what's actually cut.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Right.  
11 CINDY WILSON: Is that?  
12 TOMMY DUNN: That's my, that's my  
13 amendment.  
14 CINDY WILSON: All right.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
16 CINDY WILSON: All right. Fine. I'll,  
17 I'll second that then.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: We've already got a second.  
19 We're in discussion. Now we're voting on it. All in  
20 favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
21 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Now back  
22 to Ms. Wilson's original motion is to ask the  
23 Administrator to cut five hundred thousand dollars,  
24 additional five hundred thousand dollars. Do we have a  
25 -- any more discussion on that? Hearing none, all in  
26 favor, show of hands. Anything else? Any more  
27 amendments? If you would, I'll ask my fellow Council  
28 members to, to carve out the section of the Farmer's  
29 Market budget where Mr. Wilson can vote on the entire  
30 budget. I'll make that in the form of a motion. Do we  
31 have a second?  
32 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen seconds it. Is  
34 there any discussion?  
35 CINDY WILSON: Would you please restate  
36 that? I'm sorry, I ...  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Just carving out the line  
38 item of the Farmer's Market. Just pulling that out and  
39 we'll vote on that separate, separately -- like what  
40 you call it so Mr. Wilson can show on record to be  
41 voting for the budget, the entire budget of the thing.  
42 CINDY WILSON: Okay.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: No interest. Any more  
44 discussion on that? All in favor of the motion, show  
45 of hands. Oppose like sign. Show the motion carries.  
46 Now I'd like to vote on the budget.  
47 CINDY WILSON: So we'll now discuss that  
48 line item?  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Do we vote -- do we do that  
50 first or vote for the budget first, Mr., Mr. ---

1                   MIKE PITTS:           We would vote for the budget  
2       ---  
3                   TOMMY DUNN:           Yeah, yeah.  
4                   MIKE PITTS:           Now that's been carved out,  
5       but that, that line item was already -- not that line  
6       item, I'm sorry. That overall budget was cut at the  
7       last ---  
8                   TOMMY DUNN:           Yeah. At fifty-seven  
9       thousand dollars.  
10                  MIKE PITTS:           -- last meeting. And all  
11       those amendments have carried forward to tonight. So  
12       they're already before you.  
13                  TOMMY DUNN:           But what I'm saying is we're  
14       voting on the budget right now. We'll come back on the  
15       line -- the single line item.  
16                  CINDY WILSON:        So what is that current  
17       budget for the Farmer's Market?  
18                  TOMMY DUNN:           As we left it as our third -  
19       - our second reading, it's at fifty-seven thousand  
20       dollars.  
21                  CINDY WILSON:        Okay. Thank you.  
22                  TOMMY DUNN:           So now we're going --  
23       somebody going to make the motion about voting on the  
24       budget.  
25                  FRANCIS CROWDER:     I so move.  
26                  TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Crowder makes the ---  
27                  MIKE PITTS:           Mr. Chairman, just to be on  
28       -- make sure we've got it covered. The motion as, as  
29       amended, the budget as amended tonight.  
30                  TOMMY DUNN:           Budget as amended. Mr.  
31       Crowder makes the motion. Do we have a second?  
32                  TOM ALLEN:           Second.  
33                  TOMMY DUNN:           Second Mr. Allen. Any  
34       discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
35       show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
36       carries unanimously. Now I make the motion that we  
37       reinstate the Farmer's Market, the fifty-seven thousand  
38       dollars, put it back in the budget. The line item,  
39       fifty-seven thousand dollars, put it back in like it  
40       was at the original second reading.  
41                  EDDIE MOORE:        Second.  
42                  TOMMY DUNN:           Any further discussion?  
43       Show of hands. All in favor. Opposed like sign. Show  
44       the motion carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr.  
45       Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Allen in favor of. And Mr. Wilson  
46       abstains. I want to thank my fellow, my fellow Council  
47       members for getting this processed. I know it's been  
48       tough or what not, but I think we've got something and  
49       it's nothing set in stone. We have to come back and  
50       work, it's a work in progress. And I want to

1 appreciate everybody's hard work and the staff included  
2 and other Council members and citizens patience in this  
3 tonight. Thank you so much. Moving on to Item Number  
4 7, Second Reading. An ordinance imposing a prohibition  
5 on certain vehicle traffic on Blue Bird Lane. Mr. Tom  
6 Allen.

7 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This is a  
8 second reading and I don't know if we need to discuss  
9 this very much, but it's a small horseshoe shaped lane  
10 off Manse Jolly Road that large trucks have been using  
11 to take a short cut to a, to a factory back there which  
12 is totally uncalled for and we just wanted to move on  
13 with the second reading on this and I'd like to ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: Got a motion, do we have a  
15 second?

16 TOM ALLEN: -- make that as a motion.

17 CINDY WILSON: I'll second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
19 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
20 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
21 carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Allen. Moving on  
22 to Item Number 8, Ordinance First Reading. Number  
23 2010-013, an ordinance authorizing the leasing of  
24 certain Anderson County space and facilities at the  
25 McCants Building property to "Touch the Future," and  
26 other matters related thereto. Mr. Burns.

27 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I did not have  
28 appropriate time to inform members of Council about  
29 this. This is a request from a group, a handicapped,  
30 excuse me, physically challenged group. They refurbish  
31 computers. They request the use of one room and, as  
32 you know, we're going to be required by DHEC next year  
33 to do something special with computers, but I would  
34 respectfully request that this be withdrawn at this  
35 time until I can meet with each member of Council and  
36 explain it in detail so you'll have everything you  
37 need.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anyone have a problem  
39 with that? Thank you. We'll take that off the item  
40 then. Thank you, Mr. Burns. Moving on to Item Number  
41 9, a Resolution acknowledging and accepting the bid for  
42 purchase of real property known as the Tri-County  
43 Landfill property, and other matters related thereto.  
44 Mr. Rusty Burns, Mr. Administrator. Mr. Pitts.

45 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, I, I'll  
46 catch this one. This is the resolution that kind of  
47 puts the final, the blessing on the sale of the Tri-  
48 County Landfill property. Council has already passed an  
49 ordinance approving the sales process, setting a  
50 minimum bid, and accepting such a bid if one comes in.

1 Pickens County did submit a bid to the Council of  
2 Governments, it exceeded the minimum price that was  
3 set, and this resolution simply just closes the loop,  
4 if you will, and approves the final approval of the  
5 sale.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a  
7 motion. I'll ask, do we have -- I'm sorry. Do we have  
8 a motion? Ms. Wilson makes the motion to accept the  
9 bid. Do we have a second?

10 TOM ALLEN: Second.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
12 discussion?

13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

15 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to propose an  
16 amendment to that resolution that this money will be  
17 put away in a contingency savings account not to be  
18 touched until us Council members vote on it -- this  
19 savings, as a savings.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second on that?

21 FRANCIS CROWDER: I second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Putting the  
23 money away? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
24 amendment. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
25 unanimously. Getting back to the original motion. Are  
26 there any discussion on accepting the bid? Hearing  
27 none, all in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion, show of  
28 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
29 unanimously. Item Number 10, Establishment of Citizens  
30 Finance Committee. Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
32 With all the additional work of preparing for this  
33 budget, I did not have time to seek preparation of the  
34 language for this, but I'll just ask that we have the  
35 language for this by the next Council meeting and the  
36 just the gist of it is to form a Citizens Finance  
37 Advisory committee. And that would be one where each  
38 Council member would appoint -- have an appointee and  
39 they would work close with Council in reviewing  
40 financial documents and giving us some feedback and  
41 input. We have so many very talented and experienced  
42 people out here in the county. I actually had this  
43 motion accepted before, but could never get the  
44 enabling language accepted. So I'm respectfully  
45 requesting that I withdraw this tonight and move it to  
46 the next agenda with the language.

47 TOMMY DUNN: If I may, Ms. Wilson, if you  
48 would also, too, please. How about put this in the  
49 Finance Committee and y'all talk about this and come up  
50 because it needs to have some job descriptions, what

1 this finance is going to be and who they're going to  
2 answer to, what they're going to do, in the language  
3 you're talking about. And if y'all could come out of  
4 Finance, you know, and report back to us by next  
5 meeting, that's fine. But I'd just like for the  
6 Finance Committee to discuss this amongst yourselves  
7 and talk about it and what the role's going to -- exact  
8 role going. I think we have a little understanding --  
9 misunderstanding some time about -- if we don't have  
10 the clarity of what we expect them to do, is what I'm  
11 trying to say.

12 CINDY WILSON: Bear in mind this is simply  
13 an advisory committee.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. And that's what we  
15 need to make sure everybody understands that.

16 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, we will.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
18 Item Number 11, Appointments of Boards and Commissions.  
19 Ms. Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: I have none, thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, do you have  
22 any?

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have none.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

25 EDDIE MOORE: I have none.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

27 RON WILSON: Yes. One. Ms. Gina Ison to  
28 the Animal Shelter Board.

29 CINDY WILSON: Second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second Ms. Wilson.  
31 Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, show of  
32 hands. Thank you, Mr. Wilson. I know the board will  
33 be very appreciative of having that appointment made.  
34 Mr. Allen.

35 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I have a couple. I would  
37 like at this time to appoint Mr. Crowder to the ACOG  
38 meeting to take Mr. Waldrep's place. Do we have a  
39 second?

40 CINDY WILSON: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
42 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, show  
43 of hands. You can vote on that, Mr. Crowder. If you  
44 don't think enough of yourself, ain't nobody else going  
45 to. You've got to lead there. Next I would also like  
46 to switch the roles and make Mr. Crowder, and I have  
47 discussed this with both individuals, make Mr. Crowder  
48 the Chairman of the Finance Committee, put him over it.  
49 And put Mr. Allen on the, on the -- Mr. Waldrep's thing  
50 -- Personnel Committee. I make that in the form of a

1 motion.

2 TOM ALLEN: Second.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Hearing  
4 none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
5 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
6 unanimously. Thank y'all very much. Moving on to Item  
7 Number 12, Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Robert Carroll. Mr.  
8 Carroll, good to see you up and around and you're doing  
9 all right.

10 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir. I  
11 appreciate it.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

13 ROBERT CARROLL: There's one item to consider  
14 tonight by Council. This is for the Masters Boulevard  
15 lift station and Outfall Design Services. If you have  
16 any questions, Greg Smith is here to answer those and  
17 some of his staff. But the staff is recommending F and  
18 S Surveyors, Planners, and Engineers. We're requesting  
19 permission to pursue negotiations with them. This was  
20 a request for proposals so we have selected them. And  
21 once, if you bless this approval here, then we will  
22 move forward with negotiating a price and I believe  
23 Greg can comment on price not to exceed if you'd like  
24 to have that.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. I probably think we  
26 would.

27 GREG SMITH: Good evening, Mr. Chairman,  
28 members of Council. Basically, we'd like to take the  
29 opportunity to negotiate with F and S and at a cap of  
30 no more than a hundred thousand dollars. It's about a  
31 -- we're looking at about a million and a half dollar  
32 project is what we're looking at and we are on a very  
33 stringent time schedule. By April the first, no later  
34 than April the fifteenth to get this project designed,  
35 done, and ready to go. So we are working hard with  
36 those guys and all that to get this done.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a motion?

38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

40 CINDY WILSON: May I? I would like to make  
41 the motion that we accept the engagement of F and S  
42 Surveyors for this project.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion by Ms.  
44 Wilson. Do we have a second?

45 TOM ALLEN: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
47 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
48 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
49 carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll, and thank  
50 you, Mr. Smith.

1 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you.  
2 GREG SMITH: Thank you.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: At this time Item Number 13,  
4 Request to Reschedule the August 3, 2010 County Council  
5 Meeting. Mr. Eddie Moore. Mr. Moore.  
6 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, I just  
7 wanted to remind you that the Association of County is  
8 meeting is that week and Ms. Floyd -- I know I'm on the  
9 legislative committee and Ms. Floyd is on one of the  
10 committees. She's going to be absent and I think Ms.  
11 Wilson and also Mr. Crowder's going to take some  
12 classes and I was wondering if it -- if we -- if fellow  
13 Council members would mind if we rescheduled the  
14 Council meeting that week to Thursday instead of  
15 Tuesday.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: That'd be, that'd be just  
17 the same week ---  
18 EDDIE MOORE: Same.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Instead of Tuesday, we're  
20 going to have it Thursday after the regular meeting.  
21 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Just have it  
22 Thursday.  
23 CINDY WILSON: That would be August the  
24 fifth?  
25 EDDIE MOORE: Uh huh.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Same time, right, Mr. -- and  
27 the same place. Do y'all -- do we have a second?  
28 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
29 CINDY WILSON: I'll second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
31 discussion? Anybody have a conflict with that?  
32 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
33 hands. Opposed like sign. Show that -- make sure the  
34 record and the paper and all takes care of it, Mr.  
35 Burns. It'll be Thursday, same place. Thank you, Mr.  
36 Moore. At this time we ask for Request by Council  
37 Members. Mr., Mr. Wilson.  
38 RON WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have  
39 two. In recognition of the strong economic impact that  
40 the over fifteen hundred attendees from across the  
41 country will be making this week at the hundred and  
42 fifteenth national reunion of the Sons of Confederate  
43 Veterans upon the sesquicentennial of the War Between  
44 the States will have on our city, county, and state.  
45 And in an effort to support that, the Anderson  
46 Convention Center, the Visitor's Bureau, and the  
47 Anderson Civic Center is hosting this event. It'll be  
48 the largest in the history of the county. I move to  
49 allocate seventy-five hundred dollars from the Sixth  
50 District rec fund to the Anderson County Visitor's



1 Bureau for the purpose of transportation. I further  
2 move to allocate twenty-five hundred to the Anderson  
3 Civic Center. Both of these allocations will be taken  
4 from the District Six recreation account and I so move.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
6 have a second?  
7 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
9 discussion?  
10 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
12 CINDY WILSON: This is a matter of a  
13 conflict of interest. Is there any conflict of  
14 interest? Do you need to have maybe Mr. Allen make the  
15 motion for you and recuse yourself? Are you an officer  
16 in any of those?  
17 RON WILSON: I'm an officer in the Sons  
18 of Confederate Veterans. But this is going to the  
19 Anderson Bureau Center and the Anderson Civic Center.  
20 CINDY WILSON: Okay. That should be clean.  
21 Okay.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?  
23 RON WILSON: I mean, if it needs to be  
24 done a different way, that's fine with me.  
25 TOM ALLEN: That's good.  
26 RON WILSON: Okay.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?  
28 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion -- Mr.  
29 Wilson's motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
30 Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time --  
31 anything further, Mr. Wilson? Mr. Allen.  
32 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have  
33 two items. I want to take out of my recreation funds  
34 three hundred and seventeen dollars for the Double  
35 Springs Park. They've got to replace a gate out there.  
36 I think a car or a truck ran into it or something. So  
37 I wanted to make that. And I guess I could do them  
38 both at once?  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. If that's your  
40 pleasure.  
41 TOM ALLEN: Okay. A thousand dollars to  
42 the Piercetown Fire Department to get some upgraded  
43 pagers for new staff out there.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second on Mr.  
45 Allen's?  
46 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any  
48 further discussion? Are there any discussion? Hearing  
49 none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
50 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Anything

1       else, Mr. Allen?  
2               TOM ALLEN:           That's all.  
3               TOMMY DUNN:          Mr. Moore.  
4               EDDIE MOORE:        Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
5       I'm going to group mine together also. I have a five  
6       hundred dollars going to the All Stars. They're going  
7       to the baseball All Star Game that would be at the  
8       Bowie Complex. I would like to put five hundred  
9       dollars to them to pay for their way for the All --  
10      help pay the way for the All Stars. And also, I'd like  
11      to put fifteen hundred dollars to the Antique Body Shop  
12      for my senior citizens down in Iva and to -- for them.  
13      And then over at Belton, the Rock Springs Fire Station  
14      to help them. I would like to give them two thousand  
15      dollars. That's all, Mr. Chairman.  
16              TOMMY DUNN:          Do we have a second?  
17              CINDY WILSON:        Second.  
18              TOMMY DUNN:          Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
19      discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
20      show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
21      carries unanimously. Mr. Crowder.  
22              FRANCIS CROWDER:    None. Thank you. Ms., Ms.  
23      Wilson.  
24              CINDY WILSON:        I'm assuming we have  
25      replenished accounts.  
26              TOMMY DUNN:          I guess so after tonight, I  
27      guess.  
28              RUSTY BURNS:        Give us a minute.  
29              CINDY WILSON:        I have a whole stack of  
30      requests and, you know, they started making them back  
31      in June anticipating a July 1 ---  
32              TOMMY DUNN:          Budget.  
33              CINDY WILSON:        -- budget. If I may?  
34              TOMMY DUNN:          Yes, ma'am.  
35              CINDY WILSON:        I have several to make. One  
36      -- these first three will be out of the District Seven  
37      recreation account. The first part of that motion  
38      would be five thousand dollars to the Caroline  
39      Community Center, and three thousand dollars for West  
40      Pelzer for their recreation program, and twenty-five  
41      hundred to Pelzer's recreation program. That's all in  
42      the form of a motion out of recreation for District  
43      Seven.  
44              TOMMY DUNN:          Do we have a second? Second  
45      by Mr. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
46      favor of Ms. Wilson's motion, show of hands. All  
47      opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
48      Ms. Wilson.  
49              CINDY WILSON:        Then the next one is  
50      actually anticipating the next Item on the agenda and

1 that's -- that will be presented to us. So may I go  
2 ahead and ---  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
4 CINDY WILSON: -- that request. According  
5 to the report that I've recently gotten to do some  
6 traffic calming measures for the Country Acres  
7 Subdivision, Waccamaw Trail, it's, according to this  
8 report, a thousand from the property owners and the  
9 match of a thousand from the County Council District  
10 Seven paving account contingent on them making their  
11 match.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: We've got a motion. Do we  
13 have a second?  
14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Moore. Any  
16 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
17 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
18 motion carries unanimously. Anything further, Ms.  
19 Wilson.  
20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: I've got one request of one  
22 thousand one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and  
23 twenty-six cents to the Wellington Park to some work --  
24 to finish up some work that's been done down there out  
25 of my rec -- District Five rec account. Second Mr.  
26 Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of  
27 the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show  
28 the motion carries unanimously.  
29 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
31 EDDIE MOORE: I have one more I've left  
32 off I need to.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Moore.  
34 EDDIE MOORE: I have three thousand for  
35 the Starr Athletic Association to help them with their  
36 new building they're doing.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Coming out of your rec  
38 account.  
39 EDDIE MOORE: Recreation, you're right.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder seconds Mr.  
44 Moore's motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
45 favor, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
46 motion carries unanimously. Anyone else have anything?  
47 At this time I move on to Item Number 15, Request for  
48 Speed Bumps in County -- I'm sorry. In Country Acres  
49 Subdivision. Ms. Wilson.  
50 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I

1 believe Mr. Hopkins prepared this report if he wouldn't  
2 mind coming forward and just kind of give us a brief  
3 description of this, please.

4 HOLT HOPKINS: I passed out just some  
5 general information before the meeting about speed  
6 humps and our policy. It's kind of rare for us to do  
7 speed humps because it is a pretty strict criteria that  
8 has to be met before it -- before it's safe to do those  
9 type things. But we've been working with this over six  
10 or eight months -- working with the property owners  
11 along there and our engineers have checked it all out  
12 for safety. It meets the proper requirements for urban  
13 district which means the houses are close together and  
14 it was already posted at twenty-five. And twenty-five  
15 miles per hour is the threshold by law that allows us  
16 to do this without having a liability. So it meets all  
17 the criteria and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions?  
19 Do we have a motion?

20 HOLT HOPKINS: And the -- part of your  
21 packet was the resolution that goes with it. I didn't  
22 get it in the packet before.

23 TOMMY DUNN: I think Ms. Wilson's  
24 requesting this. Any, any -- make the form of a  
25 motion, motion or ---

26 CINDY WILSON: Please, I would like to make  
27 a motion, please, for a resolution expressing County  
28 consent to the installation of speed humps on Waccamaw  
29 Trail, that's County Road 10-0097, and matters related  
30 thereto. And we've already done the ...

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
32 second?

33 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Any  
35 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
36 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
37 carries unanimously.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, while Mr.  
39 Hopkins is there, I would like to ask him a question.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Can, can you tell me about  
42 the status of Cox Road? I know we did the -- all the  
43 citizens came up here and everyone of them unanimously  
44 signed to lower that speed limit.

45 RUSTY BURNS: I should have, I should have  
46 that report on my desk in the morning, Mr., Mr. Moore.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Well, they asked me. Is it  
48 going to be lowered?

49 RUSTY BURNS: When I see that report, I'll  
50 be able to answer that.

1 EDDIE MOORE: You know, I would think that  
2 landowners -- every landowner on that road asked for  
3 the speed limit to be lowered. It used to be lower and  
4 politics got involved and they raised it and they've  
5 had several near misses out there and there've been  
6 several cows hit. And some of the farmers out there,  
7 they, they're begging for help and this things gone on  
8 long enough. It's been, it's been rocking on for over  
9 a year.

10 RUSTY BURNS: Well, it's coming to a close  
11 tomorrow.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

14 CINDY WILSON: One ---

15 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: One example is this came  
17 before us within the last three or four weeks and we  
18 moved so briskly to relieve the property owners along  
19 Waccamaw Trail, we would certainly appreciate the  
20 consideration for the Cox Road people. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Moving on to  
22 Item Number 16, we need to have a Request for an  
23 Executive Session.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I have talked  
25 with our attorney and I request for this to be taken  
26 off at this time.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

28 Moving on to Item Number 17, Administrator's Report.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing to report.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time,  
31 Mr. Pitts, Citizens Comments. Ask the citizens,  
32 please, state your name and district and address the  
33 Chair, please.

34 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first  
35 citizen signed up tonight is Ron Hendricks.

36 RON HENDRICKS: Mr. Chairman, may I give  
37 these photos?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. If you'll hand  
39 them to Mr. Burns and he'll get them, he'll get them to  
40 you.

41 RON HENDRICKS: My name is Ron Hendricks. I  
42 live at 407 Meadowpark Drive which is in the Stonewall  
43 Woods Subdivision. This is what I face three or four  
44 times a day when you see these pictures. This person  
45 leaves his garbage can at the curb, at the curb,  
46 twenty-four seven. I call the county employee, he  
47 says, I can do nothing. He said, now if it's piled up  
48 out there on a long term basis. I said, no, it's  
49 picked up weekly. But let me just ask you. I hope  
50 everyone of you see -- how many of you will let your

1 neighbor do that? And just let it, let it be there.  
2 It's very unsightly. So I wrote each of you a -- sent  
3 each of you an email, except Mr. Crowder, back December  
4 the third requesting that you adopt an ordinance for  
5 Anderson County that simply restricts when a property  
6 owner can take -- put -- have his garbage can out at  
7 the curb and on the day of -- when it's picked up. And  
8 then it must be removed. Now this is not, you know,  
9 this is not tough. I'm sure there's a lot of cities  
10 and counties. It's a very simple ordinance to right up  
11 and put in force. But I shouldn't have to put up with  
12 that and I hope that you wouldn't put up with it.  
13 Simply this is not a threat, I hope that you will take  
14 some action -- you've had time to dissect, bisect it and  
15 every law there is by this time, but nothing has been  
16 done. I encourage that you do something. Now this is  
17 not a threat, but I tell you if the county doesn't act,  
18 I'm going to. I'm going to all my neighbors and ask  
19 them that they start leaving their garbage at the curb  
20 until it's picked up. Now me, I don't leave mine. I  
21 take it to the garbage dump myself. I'm going to take  
22 it out to the street and leave it there until I get  
23 ready to take it to the garbage. And I'm going to tell  
24 my neighbors, you call County Council. Because this is  
25 just something, I mean, if you want to get into the  
26 twenty-first century go. Okay. But this shouldn't be  
27 allowed. This is at the intersection of Woodburn  
28 Circle and Windward Way, Stonewall Woods. Okay. Thank  
29 you very much.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
31 FRANCIS CROWDER: May I comment on that?  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, go ahead.  
33 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay, Mr. -- is it working?  
34 Yeah. It's working now. Mr. Hendricks did call me and  
35 I did contact several counties who have municipal --  
36 well, who have ordinances in unincorporated areas and I  
37 am getting those together and I will present something  
38 to Council at a future date for their consideration.  
39 Okay.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.  
41 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
42 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
44 TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly, I didn't  
45 get Mr. Hendricks. Do you live in a subdivision or you  
46 just live out in the county?  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Subdivision.  
48 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Are there covenants,  
49 are there covenants in there? Most subdivisions ---  
50 RON HENDRICKS: I don't think so.

1 TOM ALLEN: Okay, okay.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Longer than that.  
3 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Because, yeah, most  
4 new subdivisions will have that in there with the  
5 covenants, but thank you, sir. Thank you.  
6 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
8 CINDY WILSON: It looks to me like there's  
9 trash in the right-of-way. It looks to me like this  
10 person's littered -- he should be cited with not  
11 following our litter ordinance for that. But this is i  
12 the right-of-way.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me.  
14 CINDY WILSON: He's got garbage in the  
15 right-of-way.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: I -- Mr. Hendricks contacted  
17 -- I don't know how long ago it's been, but I went out  
18 there and I know this area well. It's not in my  
19 District and I believe, if I ain't mistaken, he's got a  
20 cement, got a pad there or something or had, but,  
21 anyway, it's not on the right-of-way as far. That  
22 might be, but when they went out there where this was  
23 it wasn't because the right-of-way guy from -- that  
24 works with Mr. Hopkins have went out there and talked  
25 to them and I thought the issue was going to be  
26 resolved voluntarily because he talked to them. But  
27 evidently it hasn't been to that, but he did. I can't  
28 think of the -- Mr. -- his name, but, anyway, he did go  
29 out there on me and I followed up on it.  
30 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, this is time  
31 dated and all. It reveals in this photograph that  
32 trash has turned over into the county or right-of-way.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. I see that what  
34 you've got there.  
35 CINDY WILSON: I mean that looks like a  
36 violation.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: That would be on that  
38 picture right there -- exactly right. And that should  
39 have been good cause to do something.  
40 RON HENDRICKS: Well, in answer to your  
41 question about a pad, I don't think he poured a  
42 concrete pad, he put four blocks down.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Blocks down. Yes, sir.  
44 RON HENDRICKS: But they're not, they're not  
45 permanent.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. But on ---  
47 RON HENDRICKS: Let me -- I'll, I'll clarify  
48 that picture was taken right after we had some wind.  
49 The wind blew that stuff over, but it -- regardless of  
50 what caused it, it's lying in the street.

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1 CINDY WILSON: All of it.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. We appreciate it.  
3 Next, Mr. Pitts.  
4 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Fant.  
6 ELIZABETH FANT: I think y'all made a lot of  
7 progress tonight. I still maintain that even though  
8 we've got some prospects of a few jobs like Bosch is  
9 hiring right now for a few good positions, there are a  
10 few lights in the forest, that the majority of people  
11 are still unemployed or under employed that need jobs  
12 still. And the housing numbers are down, building and  
13 code permits are down. You've seen the stock market  
14 react in the last week. There are some places that it  
15 looks like it might be good, but the overall picture  
16 for the next six months is going to be real tough. And  
17 as far as being cut from Columbia, you know, we  
18 probably will be again and so I think you're doing the  
19 right thing to have a contingency fund and also where  
20 ever we can, we need to pay off debt. Not only for the  
21 county, but every time people pay off debt, whether  
22 it's on their houses, their cars, or whatever, that  
23 puts money in the banks and that helps the banks  
24 against the people who have foreclosures. So we need  
25 to strengthen what we've got. Yeah. We do need to  
26 fuel the economy. If you need to buy something and it's  
27 a necessity, go buy it. I think one thing that's going  
28 to really develop in the next few years is going to be  
29 automotive repair because the ethanol that's in the gas  
30 is a corrosion agent and after four or five years of  
31 having that, everybody's cars are going to be falling  
32 apart. Thank you.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time I  
34 meant to ask Mr. Allen and Mr. Moore's that's on the  
35 Animal Shelter Committee. Would y'all have a problem  
36 meeting Monday? They're going to meet Monday, I think  
37 at three o'clock. Could we meet at two o'clock, our  
38 committee and maybe meet with them at two thirty or  
39 right before that? Would that suit your schedule?  
40 Would that, would that suit you?  
41 TOM ALLEN: Monday at what time?  
42 TOMMY DUNN: They're meeting at three  
43 o'clock is my understanding so I was going to -- let's  
44 us meet about two o'clock.  
45 TOM ALLEN: That's fine.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, can you make that  
47 happen, please? Thank you. If no objections, we'll be  
48 adjourned. Thank y'all so much for coming.  
49 CINDY WILSON: Wait a minute.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Was there something else?



1 I'm sorry.  
2 EDDIE MOORE: Council.  
3 CINDY WILSON: Remarks from Council  
4 members.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, I'm sorry. It's  
6 been a long night. I'm coming, I'm sorry, I apologize.  
7 Back now.  
8 EDDIE MOORE: You figured we'd done  
9 commented enough, I guess.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: No. Just a slight, slight  
11 over cut. Ms. Wilson.  
12 CINDY WILSON: I'm sure y'all have heard  
13 enough from me tonight but I just want to thank  
14 everybody. This was probably an unprecedented effort  
15 on the part of all of us to try and pull this together.  
16 So thank you, Ms. Davis. Thank you, Mr. Burns. Thank  
17 you everybody, fellow Council members and citizens.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: I just went -- go ahead. I  
19 just went brain dead and I'll learn to keep my glasses  
20 on and keep reading. Mr. Crowder.  
21 FRANCIS CROWDER: I appreciate the opportunity  
22 to serve the people of Anderson County and I certainly  
23 I have been welcomed wholeheartedly by the members of  
24 Council and I thank you for that. I will try to  
25 continue to be an enthusiastic member and work with you  
26 wholeheartedly in moving forward for the betterment of  
27 Anderson County and ---  
28 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE TWO  
29 EDDIE MOORE: -- Mr. Chairman. I just  
30 want to thank all the staff. Rita and Janna and Gina,  
31 and all the, all the help y'all did in helping us with  
32 this budget and Mr. Burns, I -- a lot of work and a lot  
33 of time and a lot of meetings and lot of hair pulled  
34 out, what little hair we've got. I see Rusty shaking  
35 his head. But it's not the best, it's what the process  
36 is about is compromise. And I'm -- all of us are not  
37 happy, but at least we've all got some of the things  
38 that we wanted and I'm pretty happy that the Council  
39 come together to do this and I appreciate all my  
40 Council members.  
41 TOMMY DUNN: Pulling a little trick of  
42 Mr. Crowder. Thank you, thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
43 Allen.  
44 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Allen.  
45 What was that about hair again? Maybe something about  
46 missing hair. No. I, too, want to thank the staff, Mr.  
47 Burns and the Finance staff and Gina, Janna, and Rita.  
48 I know we drove you crazy and it seemed like every time  
49 I turned around Rita was juggling about six or seven  
50 different books at any given time so I just, I just

1 want to thank you. It's been a, it's been a difficult  
2 chore, but we really appreciate it. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wilson.

4 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 I'm just going to make a brief comment. I just  
6 returned about two weeks ago from a four day conference  
7 out in Las Vegas on the economy and all the sort of  
8 whos who of investments and the economy were there from  
9 Wall Street and different places. And the overwhelming  
10 majority of those men and women said that it's going to  
11 get worse. And I think what sort of fools everybody,  
12 it's, it's sort of leveled out from '07 and we're not  
13 dropping a whole lot now, but we're sliding sideways  
14 and edging continually lower. And most of the people  
15 out there didn't think we would ever come back. Now  
16 that's a staggering thought because we've always raised  
17 our children telling them basically they'll do better  
18 than their parents. We're probably raising the first  
19 generation that will not do as well as their parents  
20 and I think it's pretty serious. I think what we have  
21 to watch is it's the -- it will be drops in this thing  
22 but and it will level out again just like it has from  
23 '07. And I think unless we sort of keep that as a  
24 background mindset, we could get caught. And, of  
25 course, I'm in a business that flourishes during these  
26 times, but these people were very skeptical about  
27 things. So I, I think we've done the right thing here.  
28 It may very well be that we have to have a supplemental  
29 budget and cut more. I don't know, but we need to be  
30 not surprised if that happens. Thank you, Mr.  
31 Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wilson. I'd  
33 just like to add one, one thing right quick -- if -- I  
34 don't want to start out a full workload out on Mr.  
35 Crowder on his new -- his committee as chairman. If  
36 you would, Mr. Crowder, I'd like to ask you to get your  
37 committee together at your convenience when everybody  
38 can and look at this. I've studied this and thought  
39 about this. Instead of making a separate committee,  
40 just work on this and if we need to, we'll -- I will  
41 come back at a later date, but the EMS situation. And  
42 when I say that, I'm talking about the double taxation  
43 around, around the Anderson area. The old Squad One  
44 area. If y'all would look at that and see what we can  
45 do, you know, in y'all's committee, I'd appreciate it.

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir.

47 TOMMY DUNN: And I'd just like to say  
48 right quick. I want to thank the staff for their hard  
49 work, especially the Administrator under his guidance  
50 for the fine work you've done. The attorney. And I

1     also want to thank most of all fellow Council members.  
2     We always don't agree, but we come together and the  
3     Council's stuck together and I'm very proud of that and  
4     thank you very much. I appreciate it. And no -- now  
5     I'm sure you're looking. I've got my glasses off.  
6     It's going to be an adjournment this time, right? If  
7     no problems -- adjourn. Thank you.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – August 9, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District #1

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2

Eddie Moore – District #3

Tom Allen – District #4

Tommy Dunn – District #5

M. Cindy Wilson – District #7

Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator

Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney

Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

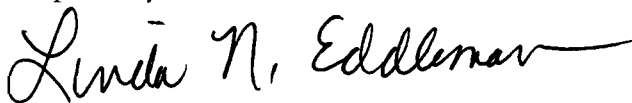
### ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER, SR.  
M. CINDY WILSON  
GRACIE FLOYD

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the Anderson County Council meeting of August 9,  
3 2010 to order. I'd like to welcome all -- everyone  
4 here and at this time I'd like to ask Ms. Floyd if  
5 she'd lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance,  
6 please.

7 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD

8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like, Mr.  
9 Pitts, if you would, time for Citizens Comments -- and  
10 take care of that. If you would when you come forward  
11 please state your name and district and keep your  
12 comments pertaining to the agenda items on the first go  
13 around and address the Chair, please. Mr. Pitts.

14 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first  
15 citizen signed up this evening is Renea Brissey.

16 RENEA BRISSEY: Mr. Chairman, my name is  
17 Renea Brissey and I am speaking on behalf of the people  
18 near the East-West Connector and according to the  
19 planning on the agenda -- the development planning.  
20 And it's going to be very brief. The Connector started  
21 out to be a two lane road with a turning lane, bike  
22 path, and landscaping with noise abatement in 2002 as  
23 presented to the people of the area of the East-West  
24 Connector at T. L. Hanna High School. When the road  
25 began in 2009, it was still the same a two lane road  
26 with a bike path, with abatement -- sound abatement,  
27 and landscaping. We have over six hundred names on a  
28 petition signed in opposing to commercialization on and  
29 around the East-West Connector. This includes  
30 expanding the road to five lanes and rezoning. I  
31 thought I was going to be speaking tonight about a  
32 rezoning request at the corner of Kings Road and the  
33 East-West Connector, but that request was withdrawn for  
34 now. There has been a large number of people, my  
35 neighbors, that have been meeting since June to fight  
36 against this rezoning. We feel this is going to be the  
37 tip of the iceberg for commercial development along the  
38 East-West Connector even though there is a numbered  
39 number of easements on the Connector, there's still  
40 thirteen in a three mile road. We have asked the South  
41 Carolina DOT, as well as other leaders in our  
42 community, why they feel this road needs to be expanded  
43 into a five lane instead of remaining a two lane and  
44 the main answer that we keep getting is because we have  
45 the money. The money had to come from somewhere and in  
46 this economic situation, I'm not sure that the money is  
47 justifying the means of the five lane road. Since this  
48 road has not been completed as a two lane, it's  
49 uncertain how the traffic patterns will actually affect  
50 Brown Road, Kings Road, and Concord and that is the

1 reason this road was looked at to begin with. Not --  
2 it was to take pressure off of those roads. They say  
3 that this will reduce traffic, but it may not. So  
4 spending that much money on a road that could be an  
5 awful waste. We want to thank you for your support so  
6 far and we want to ask for your continued support to  
7 help us keep the East-West Connector area a residential  
8 road that Anderson can be proud of. Thank you.

9 MIKE PITTS: Casey Maddox.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

11 CASEY MADDOX: I am Casey Maddox, District  
12 Five, and I wanted to comment on the animal shelter.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

14 CASEY MADDOX: I would like to find out or  
15 comment that -- about the adoption process of the  
16 animals. My partner and I, he tried to adopt a abused  
17 Great Dane and went there to try to get it and they  
18 told him that he couldn't adopt it. They gave him the  
19 runaround for a couple of days and he adopt it and they  
20 told him he would -- it belonged to another program.  
21 So he said, okay, fine. Can I get that information?  
22 So he got the information, went -- called the man, gave  
23 him all the information, never heard another word about  
24 the dog, never heard nothing. And I just feel like  
25 that needs to be addressed about where are these dogs  
26 and cats and animals going that are not getting  
27 adopted. And why can't we adopt them locally?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 MIKE PITTS: Cindy McGee.

30 CINDY MCGEE: Hello. I'm Cindy McGee. I  
31 live in District Four and I just wanted to make a  
32 comment. I think the Animal Shelter Committee is doing  
33 a fine job and I support them. I have read the  
34 recommendations and I think -- feel that they should be  
35 implemented right away. Animal welfare should be a  
36 non-partisan issue so we need to keep the politics, the  
37 gossip out of it and focus on what's important and  
38 that's the welfare of these animals. And also, I'm  
39 very unhappy with the lack of concern with the large  
40 animals. I am a volunteer with PEARL and I feel like  
41 we don't have the support from Anderson County like we  
42 used to. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

44 MIKE PITTS: Willie Hall.

45 TOMMY DUNN: She passes. Next.

46 MIKE PITTS: Kris Young.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yon.

48 MIKE PITTS: Yon. I'm sorry.

49 KRIS YON: Good evening. I am Kris Yon  
50 from District Four. I'm here tonight also to discuss

1 the East-West Connector and my concerns. Majority of  
2 this road is a county road. A small part of it is in  
3 the city so we're seeking county representation. As  
4 little as three weeks ago, we were told that the ANATS  
5 Committee in their fiscal year plan 2010-2015, a new  
6 three lane road, three miles in length was planned with  
7 bike lanes, limited access. It is -- the reason to do  
8 this road is to reduce traffic volume on existing  
9 neighborhood streets. Well, the other existing  
10 neighborhood streets are Reid Road, an artery, Concord  
11 Avenue, I learned to drive on when I was eighteen,  
12 Concord Road, Brown Road, Kings Road. All of our  
13 traffic land use plans are still changing even tomorrow  
14 and the next year. Our new high school, our new junior  
15 high, our new elementary schools. Now's not the time  
16 to waste more taxpayer money on an unneeded expansion  
17 to this project. The new money, I understand, came  
18 from federal highway money from our gas tax and I think  
19 there's other priorities for four million dollars than  
20 for two extra lanes. Thank you.

21 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

22 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
23 I'll start with the East-West Connector since that's  
24 come up. None of that money came from the gas tax as  
25 far as I know. I'm on that committee and we only get  
26 2.2 million and that definitely didn't come from us as  
27 far as our committee. That road was budgeted on that  
28 one penny sales tax that we all fought and I think our  
29 county beat by sixty-seventy percent saying no because  
30 we didn't want the East-West Connector. It was  
31 nineteen million dollars. A miraculous -- we're going  
32 to get it done for 6.7. Now they want to add four  
33 million to it. But do the math, it's still only about  
34 eleven million. Who is going to get and what were they  
35 going to do with the rest of the millions of dollars  
36 that they originally wanted at nineteen million? This  
37 whole thing stinks. Okay. Animal shelter. We have a  
38 committee that was formed. You guys came up with it.  
39 This committee was to look into the animals' welfare.  
40 They were looking into the animals' welfare. If toes  
41 get stepped on, if people get a hard time over the  
42 facts that are found, get over it. That's what the  
43 committee was formed for, the goodness of the animals.  
44 If people's toes get stepped on, let them holler. If  
45 you ask me, let them get laid off or fired. You know  
46 how I am about that. On the animal shelter, what I  
47 don't understand is these rescues and a lady mentioned  
48 it awhile ago. Are we giving first priority to people  
49 who say I will take all the Great Danes? I will take  
50 all Mastiffs? I will take all English Bulldogs? I



1 will take all whatever? My question to a committee  
2 meeting one day was answer me this, are these dogs  
3 spayed and neutered before they leave our county  
4 shelter? If not, how stupid is that? Because we're  
5 trying to prevent more animals from ending up at the  
6 animal shelter. If we're giving them out without being  
7 spayed and neutered, they can be bred and a person  
8 might get it and breed them to or accidentally have it  
9 breed to what I call a no name brand dog or as my dad  
10 would call -- you know, he don't like me using no name  
11 brand. But, you know, these dogs end up not being  
12 spayed and neutered and back in our county, it's  
13 costing us time, energy, and money. Please tell me  
14 these dogs are being spayed and neutered before they  
15 leave our county. There's eighty thousand dollars that  
16 this committee found in an account called donations.  
17 This money could have been used all along to help the  
18 welfare of these animals, but some how it just sits  
19 there. I don't understand that. But please check into  
20 the two, three, four, six thousand dogs that are  
21 "missing." I mean, come on now, if we have dogs that  
22 are quote taken into our animal shelter, I don't think  
23 the Heinz 57 variety are missing. Are the name brand  
24 dogs missing, you know? Purebreds, are they missing?  
25 Are they being gotten? I know with the correct  
26 credentials, you can get a fake piece of paper saying  
27 it's a registered dog if you've got other dogs. You  
28 can make that happen. What's happening to the dogs  
29 that we have missing? This committee is doing a  
30 wonderful job on the behalf of the dogs. If these dogs  
31 are given to the county -- my other question is are  
32 these rescues paying us sixty bucks for these dogs? If  
33 you left it there for a citizen to come in ---

34 MIKE PITTS: Time, Mr. Chairman.

35 MARK POWELL: -- they might pay you sixty  
36 bucks. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Powell.

38 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

39 ELIZABETH FANT: I don't live out in the area  
40 where the East-West Connector is, but I've been real  
41 concerned about what I've been reading. I hate to see  
42 the people of Anderson County, their wishes trampled  
43 on. We already saw it a year and a half ago when the  
44 people up at Lewis Drive in Williamston, their whole  
45 way of life, their whole community was disrupted for  
46 just economic greed is what I call it. If the road is  
47 to come through there at all, it should be a parkway.  
48 In my opinion, there shouldn't be anything commercial  
49 on that road at all. I'll say that again. In my  
50 opinion it should be a residential parkway. No

1 commercial at all. The people that live out in that  
2 area moved and built in that area on purpose to have a  
3 wonderful residential area with good schools, a nice  
4 community, no trash, no high volume of traffic. I  
5 question this extra money all of a sudden falling out  
6 of the sky. Where'd it come from all of a sudden? I  
7 think they had it planned all along and I think there's  
8 some people out here who've bought up property in the  
9 last five years just planning on capitalizing on that  
10 and that's wrong.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
12 Moving on to Item Number 4, Approval of Minutes of June  
13 21, 2010 Called Meeting. Are there any changes or  
14 corrections to be made? Do we have a motion?

15 TOM ALLEN: Second.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
17 to accept the minutes. Mr. Allen seconds. All in  
18 favor, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
19 motion carries unanimously. Moving on to Item 4(b),  
20 July 20, 2010 Regular Meeting. Any changes or  
21 corrections to be made? Is there a motion?

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
23 motion we accept the minutes.

24 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion of Mr. Moore  
25 to accept. Do we have a second?

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder seconds the  
28 motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
29 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
30 unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 5, Presentation  
31 of the 2010 Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic  
32 Development Strategy. Mr. Chip Bentley. Mr. Bentley.

33 CHIP BENTLEY: Good evening everybody. I'm  
34 going to present to you what we do on an annual basis  
35 here. It's sort of the same show that we've done for  
36 several years now giving you an overview of the  
37 comprehensive economic development strategy. Several  
38 of you it's new for. I know some of you were here last  
39 year, but it was your first year so I'll kind of go  
40 through a summary of that. Then kind of an overview of  
41 the projects in it, why we do it, and take comments  
42 from you. The comprehensive economic development  
43 strategy is a document that we put together as a  
44 compilation of key projects within each of the  
45 communities in the upstate that support economic  
46 development as provided to us by all the local cities,  
47 counties, economic development agencies, public service  
48 providers, infrastructure providers. The SEDs is a  
49 requirement of the economic development agency which is  
50 a federal agency that supports local economic

1 development throughout the country. There are local  
2 development districts designated throughout the country  
3 that -- COG is one of those in South Carolina, tasked  
4 with carrying out the function of developing the SEDs  
5 document. We put it together by going out -- it was --  
6 the full update was done in 2007. It's a document or -  
7 - document that runs over a five year planning period.  
8 We do annual progress reports which is what this is  
9 this year. It's our third progress report on the 2007  
10 update to you. We go out and in 2007 in compiling it,  
11 we went and solicited input from local cities and  
12 counties. Anderson County has always been very good  
13 about getting all their departments to submit projects  
14 to us. We go out and talk to the different water  
15 districts, the sewer providers, economic development  
16 agencies, chambers, things like that. Solicit the key  
17 projects they have. We have -- we put those together  
18 into the document as a list for including into the SEDs  
19 that's submitted to EDA. EDA takes that and uses that  
20 as a basis to evaluate projects that are submitted to  
21 them for funding. Pardon me. We went through that  
22 process in 2007. We do an annual progress report each  
23 year which is what we're coming to you with today in  
24 which we go out and solicit information from each of  
25 the providers from before on the progress of projects  
26 that were submitted. Whether they've been completed,  
27 whether they've changed, whether they're in progress.  
28 We also ask for new projects to be submitted at that  
29 time. We've gone through that process over the last  
30 few months to solicit that and then we come back to  
31 each of the councils to ask for their support in it.  
32 And EDA's function in all of this is they are, as I  
33 said they support local economic development efforts.  
34 We like to refer to them sort of as a gap financier for  
35 funding infra -- large projects that support job  
36 creation within a community. They focus on any  
37 infrastructure project that would create -- help to  
38 create jobs or work force development projects.  
39 Helping the tech schools, things like that. So if you  
40 were building a -- trying to start up a new training  
41 program and you needed a building or equipment, they  
42 might be able to fund that. Those are the kinds of  
43 projects EDA's looking for and that's what we put in  
44 this document are things that directly support that.  
45 EDA looks at those through their funding process when  
46 they're taking applications and evaluates them. The  
47 key for all of this process is that for a project to be  
48 funded through the EDA application process, it first  
49 has to be included in the SEDs document. A case in  
50 point for Anderson County right now is First Quality.

1     There is a part of that project is to try and create to  
2     build a new water intake line, a raw water line for  
3     First Quality and other areas there. And as part of  
4     that, one of the projects included this year as a new  
5     project is that water line because at the time it's  
6     ready to be -- as we're going through looking for  
7     funding -- as the county's looking for funding and the  
8     COG is helping you look for funding, EDA will be one of  
9     the applicant -- one of the places we apply for funding  
10    for that project. So overall that's EDA's role is  
11    sort of a federal agency that comes in and helps  
12    support local economic development work. They do focus  
13    on larger projects that create seventy-five, a hundred  
14    and more jobs or work force development that will  
15    improve the base of employees within an area to help  
16    existing industry or new industries that might be  
17    looking to locate. As I said before, we go through a  
18    process -- we went through the process in 2007 of  
19    getting projects solicited from each of the counties  
20    that we submitted to EDA. Then each year we come back  
21    for the progress report, we ask for new projects in  
22    addition to updating existing projects, and that's  
23    where we are right now. Just to give you a quick  
24    summary of the projects, I believe in your packet you  
25    have a copy of the plan or the economic development  
26    SEDs document for Anderson County specifically. There  
27    are sixty-nine total projects right now in the SEDs  
28    document for Anderson County and there's a wide range  
29    of different types of projects. The majority of them  
30    are sewer and transportation right now. There is also  
31    a significant number of water projects in there as well  
32    as a category we call other which is a wide range of  
33    projects from convenience centers to local economic  
34    development work that's being done. Eight of the --  
35    seven of the projects have been completed up to now.  
36    Seven of those sixty-nine have been completed up to  
37    now. And that sixty-nine includes the eight or so that  
38    were added this year, but seven of those have been  
39    completed over the last three years. So in just over  
40    twenty-two million dollars and that's a significant  
41    amount of investment that's been made in the community  
42    to help support economic development to help build a  
43    foundation for future growth. Everything from the  
44    Beaver Dam sewer -- Beaver Dam Creek sewer line, to the  
45    convenience centers, to the municipal -- the city's  
46    municipal complex being built. So there's been a lot  
47    of work that's been done and, and that's all been  
48    local. It's to be commended to try and help build the  
49    foundation for continued growth here and it's probably  
50    helped with First Quality and things like that.

1     There's a lot of projects on the future horizon also  
2     moving forward. I think one key that I just want to  
3     point out in the process is that in going out and  
4     soliciting these projects, one role we have tried not  
5     to take is to go out and be the agency -- try and  
6     create another agency that's trying to do economic  
7     development planning for you out there. And recent  
8     discussions I think, you know, have proven there's a  
9     lot of different entities doing a lot of good work, but  
10    it's a little confusing who's, you know, doing  
11    everything. What we have really tried to do with this  
12    document is focus in going out and soliciting input  
13    from all those groups and try and bring that in because  
14    everybody's already done the work right now to identify  
15    those priorities. We don't need to go out and have the  
16    same discussion a sixth time to try and identify the  
17    same priorities. We asked for that and we, we compile  
18    that together and submit that to EDA. With that, you  
19    know, as I said one key -- actually the best example  
20    I've seen in the last four or five years of this  
21    process in place is the First Quality project and that  
22    raw water line that's being -- that needs to be built  
23    in order to be able to supply them because that is a  
24    direct project that is -- fits right within EDA's wheel  
25    house. As I said, they're, they're a gap financier.  
26    If you have a ten million dollar project and you can  
27    get about eight or nine million dollars of that  
28    together, but you don't quite have the extra million  
29    dollars or so to get over the hump, EDA is the kind of  
30    agency that wants to come in and fill that gap so they  
31    can support that project. They're not a full funding  
32    source for any project. They're also not a large  
33    source. A million to two million dollars is probably  
34    their max really. But that project really fits  
35    probably within the wheel house of EDA pretty well  
36    right now so we're pretty optimistic that that's going  
37    to be helpful in your process there. With that I'd be  
38    happy to take any questions. What we do each year in  
39    the progress report is compile this so we can submit it  
40    to EDA. We do ask each of our councils for their input  
41    and endorsement of that list and that section of the  
42    document before it goes back to EDA because this is  
43    really -- this process is two parts. One it's to make  
44    sure that we go out and talk to each of the communities  
45    and get their input, but two it's to make sure that  
46    council has a chance to look at it and make sure  
47    there's nothing that we've over, overlooked -- that  
48    we've missed in the process. We talk a lot with staff  
49    and everything, but this is our opportunity to speak  
50    with council on that list and get their input and

1 things like that. So if you have any questions, a  
2 project that you might know of that we haven't  
3 included, I'd be happy to take those comments.  
4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, Ms. Wilson.  
6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you so much, Mr.  
7 Bentley, for coming. There are two projects that I  
8 wanted to do some correcting and modifying that are in  
9 my district.  
10 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
11 CINDY WILSON: One is the Craytonville  
12 convenience center. It -- it was broken down in August  
13 of last year. It still has not been resurrected.  
14 We've got an item on the agenda to address that  
15 tonight.  
16 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
17 CINDY WILSON: So it, it didn't get  
18 completed in 2009. There are plenty of phone calls  
19 from neighbors out there complaining. And the other  
20 one is the Midway Road project. I have been requesting  
21 since 2002 rather than 2007 for resurfacing and with  
22 the two foot pavement expansions on each side so that  
23 foot and bicycle traffic can move over and we've  
24 requested it. I had some collaboration with other  
25 Council districts because Midway starts up at Highway 8  
26 and if you go from Honea Path through Belton up to  
27 Williamston, they've already got the pavement  
28 extensions. And then when it comes into Pelzer,  
29 Highway 8 has some pavement expansion so that the bike  
30 and foot traffic can get over. But Midway is probably  
31 one of the most popular roads for joggers and bikers  
32 and it's a very dangerous road for vehicle traffic and  
33 we have begun getting -- trying to apply for grants  
34 back in, I think, 2003 for that.  
35 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
36 CINDY WILSON: But if you wouldn't mind  
37 putting down there for the foot and bike expansion, the  
38 two foot expansion on each, each side. That would be a  
39 big help.  
40 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
41 CINDY WILSON: Because we're wanting it to  
42 come all the way into Anderson so that the city of  
43 Anderson's bike paths can connect to that and there's  
44 several schools on it. And then at some point coming  
45 off Midway, if it could come across 81 onto Concord and  
46 go out Harris Bridge and Lebanon then that opens up  
47 another big part of the county for bike and foot  
48 traffic.  
49 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
50 CINDY WILSON: We know that a lot of

1 industrial recruiters look at that type of access to  
2 the industrial areas too. So other areas in the county  
3 out with industrial sites that would be a big help.  
4 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
7 Thank you, Mr. Bentley.  
8 CHIP BENTLEY: Thank you.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Do we have a  
10 motion on the floor to adopt?  
11 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to adopt.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson's changes. Ms.  
13 Wilson seconds. Any further discussion? Hearing none,  
14 all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed  
15 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank  
16 you, Mr. Bentley. Appreciate it. Moving on to Item  
17 Number 6, Ordinance First Reading Number 2010-014. An  
18 ordinance to authorize the leasing of certain property  
19 located at 101 Breazeale Street in the City of Belton,  
20 South Carolina, and other matters related to. Mr.  
21 Burns and Mr. Pitts, which one wants to -- Mr. Pitts.  
22 MIKE PITTS: I'll hop in here, Mr.  
23 Chairman. This is before you tonight as an ordinance  
24 on first reading to lease some property the County owns  
25 there in Belton. It's about a six hundred foot, six  
26 hundred square foot office building. It was put out  
27 for bids and Mr. Brett, Brett Hanks was the high bidder  
28 at nine hundred dollars a quarter. It's a one year  
29 lease that can be extended up to four. One year each  
30 for four more years, but totally at the County's  
31 discretion. And have to have the County's approval to  
32 extend it beyond the year.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anybody have any  
34 questions for Mr. Pitts? Anybody want to make a  
35 motion?  
36 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
38 to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds. Now are there any  
39 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
40 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
41 carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Moving on  
42 to Item Number 7 and the Presentation on Lowering the  
43 Speed Limit on Cox Road. Mr. Hopkins.  
44 HOLT HOPKINS: Thank, thank you, Mr.  
45 Chairman, members of Council. I just handed you the  
46 long version of the study, but I'm just going to try to  
47 summarize what's in the study. Our staff had studied  
48 this speed limit for many years because we had a  
49 request probably five years ago that it was too low.  
50 So we had to go and do a study to see the proper speed.

1 We've checked it twice in subsequent years and came up  
2 with the same finding, but this last go round when  
3 Council passed the resolution, we thought it best to go  
4 out and hire an engineering firm that's expertise is  
5 traffic engineering. And we, we hired Gaye Sprague  
6 with Sprague and Sprague Consulting Engineers out of  
7 Greenville and they are recognized as, as a leader in  
8 this type of stuff. So -- and I'll get right to the  
9 punch line of it. They did recommend, or Gaye Sprague  
10 recommended, that we go out and look at our advisory  
11 curve signs. You know the yellow signs with the speed  
12 limit underneath, that's an advisory speed sign and we  
13 did adjust one or two, I believe, to a more appropriate  
14 speed. She did recommend that we eliminate all the  
15 passing lanes on the road and we will be doing so. We  
16 have a pave -- striping contractor that will be coming  
17 in later -- probably in the next thirty to sixty days  
18 and they'll, they'll re-stripe it for no passing. The  
19 one thing that she couldn't recommend was to lower the  
20 speed limit. And I -- let me go into a little more  
21 detail on how speed limits are, are set. The South  
22 Carolina law pertaining to setting speed limits does  
23 point out that it has to have an engineering basis for  
24 setting the speed limit. The factors that she  
25 considered and our engineers considered in previous  
26 times is the eighty-fifth percentile, and I'll explain  
27 that in just a few minutes, pace feed, the road  
28 characteristics, roadside development and environment,  
29 parking practices and pedestrian activity, and the  
30 crash data. Now the eighty-fifth percentile. What  
31 that means is the maximum speed that eighty-five  
32 percent of the people drive. Now it could be like in  
33 some of the data we have shows, five percent of, of our  
34 drivers going -- using that road stayed around the  
35 thirty-five mile an hour mark. About fifty percent  
36 were driving at the forty-six, forty-seven mile per  
37 hour so. But the eighty-fifth percentile is something  
38 that comes from the federal guidelines on how to set  
39 speed. So that's the, again that's the -- that's the  
40 maximum speed that eighty-five percent of the driver's  
41 are driving. The other -- the upper fifteen percent  
42 are the ones that are driving seventy-five miles an  
43 hour and all kinds of other speeds. All right. That's  
44 just -- that's the main factor that engineers use to  
45 set speed, but it's not the only factor. And we did go  
46 back and ask Ms. Sprague would she look at the other  
47 factors. One of the factors that can be used in  
48 setting speed is the pace speed. What that means is  
49 each one of these columns represents ---

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Hopkins, if you could, I



1 just want to get a question before you get too far off.  
2 I understood about the eighty-five percent percentile.  
3 If I understand you right, if eighty-five percent of  
4 them was driving seventy miles an hour, would we have  
5 the speed limit?

6 HOLT HOPKINS: No. Then the, then the  
7 South Carolina state law would kick in again and say  
8 you can't go above fifty-five.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

10 HOLT HOPKINS: On, on non-interstate  
11 highways.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Just wanted to check.  
13 Okay. Mr. Crowder?

14 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. If, if you're  
15 exceeding fifty-five miles an hour. If the eighty --  
16 if we have a straight line -- section of road where  
17 people are driving seventy miles an hour and that's the  
18 majority of the people are driving that, state law  
19 requires that it -- if anything other than an  
20 interstate, you can't exceed fifty-five miles an hour.  
21 I mean, that -- it's very specific on that.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: (?)

23 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. The, the law  
24 setting the speed -- there's a law and I can't quote it  
25 exactly, but there's one that says interstate highways  
26 maximum speed is seventy miles an hour. All other  
27 roads, maximum fifty-five miles per hour. And that one  
28 kicks in and it doesn't matter what everybody's driving  
29 -- I mean the rest of -- I mean the majority. But in  
30 this particular case what this is doing, what the  
31 eighty-five percentile does and the pace feed does, you  
32 would -- if you drop this down to say twenty-five miles  
33 an hour, you're making all these, the majority of  
34 prudent drivers is what they're called -- I mean what  
35 everybody thinks of them being. The prudent driver  
36 that's driving around forty miles an hour, less than  
37 fifty in this pace feed, you're making all them to be  
38 lawbreakers. I mean, because they're going to drive it  
39 and I'm going to show you that in just a second.  
40 They're going to drive it regardless of what speed  
41 limit we put up there. If you'll look at this, this is  
42 one section of Cox Road. Four different times we  
43 checked the speed on it and the eighty-five -- eighty-  
44 fifth percentile and the pace feed -- well, the eighty-  
45 fifth percentile was fifty-one, fifty-four, and fifty-  
46 two. I mean, it's kind of -- but it's in that range.  
47 The pace feed where, you know, that ten mile an hour  
48 section where the majority of the folks are driving.  
49 You can see that, it's forty-one to fifty miles an  
50 hour, but if you'll notice down at the bottom back in

1 '05 when we did this. Right before we changed the  
2 speed limit. It hasn't changed. People are still  
3 driving the same speed whether it was thirty-five mile  
4 an hour or forty-five mile an hour speed limit. This  
5 is the middle of the road down near the bridge,  
6 basically the same type thing. And this is the Old  
7 Williamston Road end of the road. Again about the same  
8 thing. So, again, people are going to drive what they  
9 feel comfortable that the road will drive and unless  
10 there's some hidden reasons why you should change the  
11 speed limit such as there's a hidden area where a lot  
12 of pedestrians are, or there's parking, or a -- blind  
13 spots that's unforeseen to the driver. You have to put  
14 a lot of weight into these factors. Now this is  
15 straight out of, straight of the report and this is  
16 what her comment was. There has been little change in  
17 speed regardless of the speed limit. All right. The  
18 other considerations that she looked into was, again,  
19 the road characteristics. She said all that was in  
20 order for a speed limit of forty-five. Roadside  
21 development -- well, this is a rural road so that  
22 wasn't an issue. Parking practices and pedestrian  
23 activities -- there's very little, if any, of that.  
24 And reported crash data. Now the crash data is  
25 important, but in this case it, it's averaging one  
26 crash a year. I don't know of any fatalities on the  
27 road that's been reported. Now I've heard that there's  
28 been fence crashes and stuff and they disappear, but  
29 they're not officially reported to the police. And  
30 again, this is, this is the, again, the findings of  
31 the, of the study from an outside firm.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Let me ask, ask you this,  
33 Mr. Hopkins. Legally, can we, can -- have we got to  
34 the bottom of this or can we change the speed limit if  
35 the Council so chooses?

36 HOLT HOPKINS: I don't believe you can  
37 change it because of -- it's four conclusions from  
38 engineers -- come up with the same conclusion. That  
39 one being an outside party. I don't think we can  
40 legally change it because we have no engineering basis  
41 to do it.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

43 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Was that speed limit at one  
45 time thirty-five?

46 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. It was.

47 EDDIE MOORE: You can raise it. Why can't  
48 you lower it back to where it was? I don't understand  
49 that logic at all. We had, we had the citizens on that  
50 road come up here with a petition. Every landowner on

1 that road said they wanted it lowered. There's been  
2 two accidents on that road. I don't know what, why  
3 you're not reporting accident. One guy had his hay  
4 baler completely torn up. If you come off of 29  
5 Highway and you're coming down towards the creek, when  
6 he pulls out of his driveway, he has had several near  
7 misses. One of them ran all the way over in the ditch  
8 and wiped his fence out four times. And that is the  
9 only section of road where he's wanting the speed limit  
10 lowered is because he doesn't have time to get out in  
11 the road. And you've got citizens -- do you have to  
12 wait until somebody's killed before you do something?  
13 You've got everybody on that road has signed a petition  
14 to lower the speed limit and every one of them want it  
15 lowered up on that side towards the creek. And if you  
16 can raise it from thirty-five then surely you can lower  
17 it back to where it was. The very minimum forty miles  
18 an hour up on that end. I just don't understand your  
19 logic at all.

20 HOLT HOPKINS: It's not my logic, Mr.  
21 Moore.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. ---

23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts, can you check on  
25 that for us and see if we can legally -- I'm in the,  
26 I'm in the thing. I travel that road out there and,  
27 like I said, everybody on that road I've talked to --  
28 and they have got a petition for it. They do want that  
29 speed limit reduced and I can't see -- and I understand  
30 what Mr. Hopkins is saying. They're going to drive  
31 what they're going to drive anyway. But if that makes  
32 the people get a little bit comfortable with the thing,  
33 if we can split the difference and lower it to forty  
34 miles an hour and that's what we try to do is safety.  
35 I know this probably wouldn't help none if the speed  
36 limit was thirty-five or twenty-five, but a couple of  
37 people I've talked to has had animals dead -- get  
38 killed out there and they're very upset about that.  
39 And it comes. So could you check and see if we can  
40 legally?

41 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

42 TOMMY DUNN: What you can do? I mean, if  
43 we can't do it, we can't do it. But I want you to  
44 check, check all the thing. Ms. Wilson.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
46 This is in my district and I have lots of friends there  
47 and exactly what Mr. Moore is saying is the problem  
48 there. One day they woke up and the speed limit was  
49 forty-five. Nobody ever addressed them or asked them.  
50 There was one party that asked for the speed limit to

1 be raised. He didn't live any where near. He was  
2 going from his home on one side of the county to a  
3 business on the other side of the county. That  
4 gentleman is no longer alive. He was the only person  
5 that asked for that. There have been animals killed,  
6 mailboxes down, fences down, and I've said from the  
7 very beginning by whatever process we raised the speed  
8 limit then that's exactly what we should have done in  
9 lowering the speed limit. And it just seems silly to  
10 have spent money on something that's pretty much common  
11 sense.

12 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Mr. Hopkins, please.  
14 HOLT HOPKINS: I may have not been clear.  
15 These are the guidelines set by the federal highway  
16 administrator.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
18 HOLT HOPKINS: They come in a manual about  
19 this thick that we follow on placing signs on, on all  
20 roads. There are many roads that have inappropriate  
21 speed limits in our county. They were set fifteen-  
22 twenty years ago. When we get a complaint though, we  
23 have to go in and do it by the book. Now when we run  
24 across a, a speed limit, we double check it, you know.  
25 When it's brought to our attention or one that's just  
26 obvious to us that we need to change, but when we have  
27 to do a study, we have to follow the book. And if it  
28 goes up, we have to take it up. If it goes down, we  
29 have to take it down. And -- but a lot of the things  
30 we have to do because we don't have an engineer that  
31 can, can travel all the roads, but we have to wait a  
32 lot of times for that phone call to come in. But  
33 things could change on this road, I mean, two-three  
34 houses built on this road would change factors that we  
35 would need to study it again. But that's why we can't  
36 just arbitrarily take it back down and stay in  
37 compliance with state law.

38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: I understand. It's just  
40 that and it might have did -- I wasn't on Council back  
41 then but I do know when it was, when it was changed to  
42 go up, the citizens I talked to -- the couple of people  
43 out there that I talked to, they didn't know nothing  
44 about it going up. So, you know, they ought to have  
45 had a say -- and it just looks like, you know, we ought  
46 to have a say on setting speed limits in our, in our  
47 roads instead of some federal bureaucrat that don't  
48 travel that road. Them people out there live on that  
49 stuff. And another thing to take into consideration on  
50 that road and I don't know if Ms. Garrison or Ms.

1 Sprague talking about went by, but there's a lot of  
2 farm machine that moves up and down that road on  
3 tractors and stuff and everything.

4 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Moving hay and stuff and  
6 everything on that going from here and there. But,  
7 like I said, if we can do it, I'd like to help the  
8 people, but if we can't we can't. Ms. Wilson.

9 CINDY WILSON: Well, thank you, Mr.  
10 Chairman. Where was the study that was used to  
11 increase the speed limit? Do we have one that  
12 increased the speed limit?

13 HOLT HOPKINS: Not from, from this firm,  
14 but she used a lot of the data that we had, but it, it  
15 ---

16 CINDY WILSON: So we didn't have a ---

17 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. We had a study, but  
18 it was done in house and the data from that study is  
19 incorporated into table one, or some of the tables that  
20 I showed, but it's like on page, page two. It shows  
21 the dates of each one -- each study that we did and the  
22 comparison data. I encourage you to read through this  
23 whole study because it does kind of -- I gave you the  
24 summary version, but there's a lot of information in  
25 here.

26 CINDY WILSON: Well, what can be done,  
27 particularly where Mr. Davis is on somewhat of a blind  
28 curve and he's got equipment coming in and going out  
29 and the Glenns also have a lot of heavy equipment  
30 moving up and down the road from one field to another?

31 HOLT HOPKINS: We could put the tractor  
32 symbol signs up near the Glenns farm. I need to look  
33 at it a little more about Mr. Davis' driveway to see if  
34 there's some other kind of signage that we could warn  
35 the motorist on.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I want to look at that and,  
37 Mr. Pitts, just double check that thing and next  
38 Council meeting so we can study out of your report too  
39 and see what we can do. Let's try to give them people  
40 some help.

41 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

43 TOM ALLEN: Chairman, yeah.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Allen go ahead just  
45 a second.

46 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick  
47 statement and a question. I, I agree with Mr. Hopkins  
48 on one thing. Regardless of what you post out there,  
49 people are probably going to drive at whatever they  
50 feel comfortable driving on and I know that road has a

1 straight section and then it gets a little bit curvy as  
2 you move on towards 29. Who owns those signs, the  
3 speed limit signs out there right now? Are those  
4 county signs or state?

5 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

6 TOM ALLEN: Those are county. If you  
7 and I went out there right now and yanked those signs  
8 out of the ground and stuck thirty-five mile an hour  
9 signs in, what would happen? What would the punishment  
10 be? Why couldn't we do that?

11 HOLT HOPKINS: Nobody's going to come write  
12 us a fine. I, I'm afraid to answer that because I may  
13 open a legal can of worms.

14 TOM ALLEN: I'm trying to simplify  
15 everything here as much as I can.

16 CINDY WILSON: That was brilliant, Mr.  
17 Allen.

18 HOLT HOPKINS: There could be some  
19 liability.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

21 EDDIE MOORE: That's my point. This is a  
22 county road, we're paying for it, county taxpayers.  
23 We've had every county tax paying citizen on that road  
24 who happens to be farmers and several of them have had  
25 near misses. One of them has had a hay baler  
26 completely totaled, they've had their fence five times  
27 tore down because of the speeding, and you're telling  
28 me, a county taxpayer, everyone on that road can't get  
29 their speed limit lowered. That's hog wash.

30 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE

31 TOMMY DUNN: Let's just try to check and  
32 see what we can do and I appreciate it, Mr. Hopkins.  
33 We ain't fussing at you, we're just sort of mad at the  
34 situation we're in. I think we're just aggravated  
35 about it.

36 EDDIE MOORE: That's right.

37 TOMMY DUNN: And we appreciate it.

38 Moving on to Item Number 8, Issues at Craytonville  
39 Convenience Center. Mr. Smith. Try that one over  
40 there. I think that's working if you can.

41 GREG SMITH: Good evening, Mr. Chairman  
42 and members of Council. I was asked to speak tonight  
43 on the Craytonville Convenience Center. Basically when  
44 we first began the convenience centers there was three  
45 that were bid out. Craytonville, Agnew, and, I forget  
46 the name of them now, and Friendship and we did that  
47 trying to get a, a good price on all three at once.  
48 Had a pretty good bid on them. About six hundred  
49 something, a little over six hundred thousand on all  
50 three. Anderson Construction won the bid on all three.

1 The Friendship, the Agnew site went up rather quickly  
2 and, and on time. We had some issues when the  
3 Craytonville site came. Basically we had seventy-one  
4 rain days that came during the, the process and that's  
5 just the days it rained during that and that's not the  
6 drying periods in which we had some grading issues. We  
7 couldn't grade and wind up having to move the dirt out  
8 to another project for the road maintenance and  
9 basically, we took dirt from the old jockey lot site.  
10 Took it over there so it'd give them something to work  
11 with. Basically that site is, it's taking longer to do  
12 this. We, we've talked with some residents. I know  
13 Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson have both been talking to some  
14 of their constituents and basically, the time line  
15 right now on Craytonville with some adjustments that  
16 we're making to try and make it more user friendly  
17 which was brought up to us. We're going to raise it up  
18 just a little bit so they can walk up a little better.  
19 I think it's going to be about an eight inch difference  
20 there. One storm water issue that came up -- Ms.  
21 Wilson brought up to us and we're getting that one  
22 corrected. So basically, right now we're shooting at  
23 September the tenth, Anders is supposed to be out of  
24 there. We should take just a few days after that to  
25 hook up the packers and have everything ready to go.  
26 So that's about where we stand right now.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. What was the  
29 date you anticipate opening?

30 GREG SMITH: As of today, September the  
31 tenth, Anders is supposed to be out of there. It'll  
32 take us a couple of days to get our compactors hooked  
33 up. We're going to try to do it during the process.  
34 We don't want to tear anything up during that, but we  
35 are going to try to get it all hooked up and ready to  
36 go. And day one, as soon as they're through, we've got  
37 those hooked, it's opened up. And I, you know, I'm  
38 just like everybody else. I use the Craytonville  
39 Convenience Center and I live in Honea Path so I want  
40 it open just as quick as anybody because my people  
41 around there, they, they let me know they want it back  
42 open too. So I, I hear it every week.

43 CINDY WILSON: I know. And may I, Mr.  
44 Chairman?

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: Folks who live over in that  
47 area other than road and maybe if there's a water line  
48 by, the only real modern convenience that they get for  
49 their tax money is the convenience center. That really  
50 is a difficulty for them because it's so far to all the

1 other ones. I, I was very concerned when we had our  
2 meeting down there, I -- to see what we're paying  
3 Alliance Consulting Engineers. It was kind of a shock  
4 to me to learn that they weren't even familiar with the  
5 specs of the equipment they're required to design  
6 around. I thought that was a bit of a surprise. And  
7 I, I just, you know, the amount of money we're paying  
8 them. I think it's like fifty-two thousand dollars a  
9 site -- I think some of the others might be fifty-  
10 seven, but that just troubles me that we spend that  
11 kind of money on engineering and can't get a better  
12 result.

13 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, we apologize for the  
14 inconvenience to our, our citizens. Like I said, it,  
15 it's something we have been trying to push. It is late  
16 on construction and we'll be addressing that in the  
17 near future and another thing also, just to make one  
18 announcement, we should be ready to go with Manse Jolly  
19 in about two weeks.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I know those  
21 folks will appreciate it. Thank you very much.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

24 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to comment.  
25 There's some good come out of that though because if  
26 you'll look on your back sheet that we got. They're  
27 going to put a taper. The biggest complaint that I've  
28 had from a lot of my senior citizens was having to  
29 reach up and put the garbage bags in. So what they're  
30 going to do is they're going to taper it down and so  
31 when you start to walk up it'll be eight inches shorter  
32 for them. It'll make it a lot better for a lot of our  
33 senior citizens so that they can put their garbage in  
34 there. So there's some good come out of all this ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Well, that's  
36 good.

37 EDDIE MOORE: -- fiasco. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: All right. Thank you.

39 Moving on to Item Number 9, Discussion of Standard  
40 Operating Procedures for the Civic Center of Anderson.  
41 Vice Chairman Eddie Moore. Mr. Moore.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
43 What this is about tonight is we have a committee that  
44 has been meeting out at the Civic Center and I just  
45 wanted to make sure that we were all privy to the  
46 information when they're going to have the meetings so  
47 that we could, you know, some of the Council members  
48 could go. And since it's losing so much money out  
49 there, I would like to go and listen in to some of the  
50 advisory meetings that we have. And what I would like



1 to do is to charge the advisory committee that we have  
2 out there at the Civic Center to come up with some  
3 ideas for an operating plan on the Civic Center to  
4 maybe to make it a little more productive and a little  
5 bit more money making so we don't lose quite as much  
6 money. We have a lot of good business people that are  
7 on our advisory committee out there and I think if we  
8 would listen to them a little bit and have some minutes  
9 from their meeting and get some ideas from them, I  
10 think it might would help us out a little bit on the,  
11 the Civic Center. And that was pretty much was what I  
12 was wanting to talk about tonight. And to mainly to  
13 make sure that when they are going to have a meeting  
14 that we're notified, the Council is notified so that we  
15 can attend. And I was noticing that they also said  
16 they were going to have meetings quarterly. I'd like  
17 to see them meet just a little more regularly than  
18 quarterly. And, and that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. I,  
20 too, I think that's something, Mr. Burns, we ought to  
21 look at. They ought to meet once a month. I've had --  
22 my person on there's even made comment about it. They  
23 ought to meet a little bit more often and try to get  
24 something -- some things -- be involved if we're going  
25 to have them I think.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like for the Civic  
29 Center committee to decide how often they would like to  
30 meet. We appointed them to do the job out there and I  
31 don't see why we need to sit here and tell them when to  
32 meet. They started meeting quarterly for a purpose.  
33 We should find out what that purpose was and ask them  
34 to look at it again to see if it needs to be changed or  
35 if they're comfortable and satisfied with the way  
36 things are there. We don't want to create another  
37 renegade committee. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. The reason I  
39 brought it up, my, my committee member's asked to be  
40 meeting more often. Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Oh, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
42 While we're talking about the Civic Center, would it be  
43 a good time to point out about Wolfstock being held out  
44 there Wednesday?

45 TOMMY DUNN: That would be great.

46 EDDIE MOORE: He thinks that's a good  
47 idea.

48 CINDY WILSON: You'll see a little poster  
49 in front of Mr. Crowder's seat. The animal shelter  
50 committee has put together a wonderful adoption event.

1 Wednesday, I think it's from eleven until eight at  
2 night, or something like that. And, and you can see  
3 this great character dog. I wonder if he's available  
4 to, to be adopted. He looks like a very good solid  
5 citizen to wear all that costume, but anyway, the  
6 people and citizens of the county are invited to go out  
7 there and hopefully, some wonderful pets will find  
8 wonderful homes. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I  
10 think it's a great idea. I just want to -- the  
11 committee's doing a wonderful job on that and helping  
12 out, but I think Mr. Burns and his staff's the ones  
13 that started this and I don't know who gets the credit  
14 for naming it Wolfstock, but I think it's a great idea  
15 and, and using the Civic Center. Taking the concern  
16 about the animals being in, in cool thing, but I know,  
17 I know the staff had a, had a big hand in this and  
18 putting this together under Mr. Burns directions. I'll  
19 stay in touch with that and I appreciate this right  
20 here.

21 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, one other  
22 thing, please.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: I think the adoption fees  
25 are reduced for that day.

26 TOMMY DUNN: They are. I think they're  
27 reduced to twenty-five dollars if I ain't mistaken. I  
28 think.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the fees will  
30 be reduced Wednesday to twenty-five dollars and that  
31 will last until Saturday.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

33 CINDY WILSON: Oh, great.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 10,  
35 Committee Reports. Animal Welfare Committee report,  
36 Chairman Mr. Moore.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As  
38 you know, we've been having meetings and you were at --  
39 we all had a meeting a couple of weeks ago and out of  
40 the meeting came a suggestion from our, our committee  
41 and basically, was to go with the standard operating  
42 procedure that was written a good while ago by the  
43 McNair Law Firm and the past Council. We think it's a  
44 pretty good document and what we have we've put in,  
45 each Council member has a copy of it. And we also have  
46 a copy of all of the recommendations from our  
47 committee. And so what I'd like for you to do is next  
48 -- at the next Council meeting, we'll have a first  
49 reading of an ordinance to install the standard  
50 operating procedure into our ordinances. And what I

1 would like for the Council members to do is maybe we'll  
2 try to have a meeting between now and Friday and each  
3 of us can sit down and look it over and every -- all of  
4 you, mark them up. If you've got any suggestions or  
5 additions. I know one that I was wanting. I've talked  
6 with Mr. Burns about and that was on the donations.  
7 You know, if any -- when the donations an addition  
8 would be that ---

9 TOMMY DUNN: Money spent.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Anytime anything's  
11 spent from the donations that the Administrator knows  
12 about it and informs the Council on how the money's  
13 being spent because we do have a lot of donations that  
14 comes in to the animal shelter and we need to make sure  
15 that we're getting the, the best for our money and best  
16 for our animals. And -- but be sure and look. All  
17 this information -- it's a lot of it -- a lot of  
18 information there. And a lot of suggestions from the  
19 Humane society. Mr. Burns called the Humane Society  
20 about the study and there's just a lot, a lot of  
21 information there for everybody to ... And then next  
22 Tuesday, we'll have us a good discussion and,  
23 hopefully, we can get the first reading for the  
24 ordinance and for our new animal shelter. So when we  
25 occupy it in October it'll be a first class, first run  
26 facility. If anybody had a chance to go out and look  
27 at it, it is really, really taking shape. It's  
28 beautiful. And I've had a lot of comments people from  
29 my end that drives up 29 Highway and so if any of you  
30 haven't seen it, you should ride by and look at it.  
31 It's really going to be a nice facility. It's  
32 something that Anderson County can be proud of and  
33 other counties can be proud of too because it's really  
34 a nice facility. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I'm  
35 finished.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
37 Burns, did you have a chance to study what I talked  
38 about -- about the, I'm sorry, about the paper issue?  
39 Help them out on the paper, shredding paper and stuff?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. We examined that  
41 situation and since we are the collection agent for the  
42 newspapers in many areas, we usually have a good supply  
43 of those newspapers. But the idea of possibly putting  
44 one closer to the shelter and prevent that travel, we  
45 are looking at that. Yes, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Helping them anyway. Make  
47 it easier. Thank you. Moving on to Acceptance of  
48 Hemlock Subdivision into the County Road System. Mr.  
49 West.

50 BILL WEST: This is -- relates to the

1 Hemlock Subdivision final plat. Mike Moniger,  
2 developer. It's in County Council District Four, Mr.  
3 Allen. Located off Mountainview Road near Highway 81.  
4 It includes four streets which will add about forty-  
5 eight hundred and eighty-five feet of paved roads, a  
6 little bit less than a mile, to the county maintenance.  
7 It has been completed and to the best of our knowledge  
8 and after inspections, has no issues to be dealt with.  
9 We would recommend acceptance of the subdivision.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody have any questions  
11 for Mr. West? Anybody have a motion?

12 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.

13 CINDY WILSON: Second.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Moore to  
16 accept. Second by Mr. Crowder. Any discussion?  
17 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
18 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
19 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. West. At this time,  
20 moving on to Item Number 12, Appointments to Various  
21 Boards and Commissions. Ms. Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: I have none at this moment,  
23 thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.

25 FRANCIS CROWDER: (?)

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
28 to make a nomination for the economic development  
29 information board on ACOG. I'd like to nominate Ms.  
30 Wilson for that slot.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
32 second?

33 TOM ALLEN: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
36 All opposed. Show the motion carries Ms. Wilson, Mr.  
37 Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd  
38 opposes. I have no appointments. Ms. Floyd. Mr.  
39 Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
42 Item Number 13, Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Burns.

43 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Carroll's  
44 not with us tonight, but the first we have is for audio  
45 visual equipment for the Ronald P. Townsend Building.  
46 If you will note the low bid is seventy-eight thousand  
47 dollars. I can tell you that the request for that  
48 audio visual equipment was much higher, but Judge  
49 Devine, our Chief Magistrate, went through it with a  
50 fine tooth comb and she reduced the amount of equipment

1 necessary and we would recommend that Council approve  
2 this bid.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, all of this is  
4 coming out of, out of the original, original pot of  
5 money?

6 RUSTY BURNS: (?), sir.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Still in budget. Thank you.  
8 Any, any motion on the floor?

9 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 CINDY WILSON: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
13 to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?  
14 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
15 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
16 unanimously. Moving on to next.

17 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the next item  
18 you will see is a change order to increase Stevenson  
19 Road project by thirty-two thousand three hundred and  
20 fifty dollars. It has to address a sub-grade issue.  
21 You have the supporting documentation here.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a, do we have a  
23 motion?

24 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept  
25 it.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
27 to accept. Do we have a second?

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any  
30 discussion? Ms. Floyd.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Stevenson Road is down in,  
32 down there in District Three, Mr. Hopkins, am I  
33 correct? This is the road that is going to be built in  
34 the swamp trying to get it -- it is in the swamp. The  
35 water is right in the road and even though there's  
36 another way to go around that area, we're going to  
37 build that road there anyway. Well, it's an additional  
38 thirty-two -- is that thirty-two thousand three hundred  
39 and fifty dollars? Where's the money coming from, Mr.,  
40 Mr. Burns? Do we have a -- was this in the budget?

41 RUSTY BURNS: We have that money. Yes,  
42 ma'am. We have that money. Yes, ma'am.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: That money was placed in the  
44 budget under ...? Okay. Well, I'm talking budget now.

45 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yeah.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

47 JUDY SHELATO: Ms. Floyd, we put a  
48 contingency amount in the budget because we had  
49 anticipated that we would have issues like this. When  
50 the engineers originally looked at it, they were --

1 well, they were sure that we would not run into this  
2 situation, but when, when time elapsed over the course  
3 of the project and more water built up in that area, it  
4 became more evident that we were going to have a  
5 problem. So when we made the budget, we put in some  
6 extra money to cover something like this.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So at first the  
8 engineers said that we wouldn't have a problem with it,  
9 right?

10 JUDY SHELATO: Yeah. That's when the water  
11 was about ---

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But now we've got a  
13 problem with it, right?

14 JURY SHELATO: Yeah.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now are we going to  
16 have any more problems we have to come up with some  
17 more money to fix that road that, that there's another  
18 way to go around that area.

19 JURY SHELATO: We're not anticipating.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: That -- well, you weren't  
21 anticipating the first one either.

22 JURY SHELATO: Well, not, not five years  
23 ago when they started working on the design, but we  
24 knew coming into this season that there was going to be  
25 -- more than likely there was going to be an issue  
26 there.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I had another  
28 question. Okay. How much will we have put into that  
29 project? The total amount?

30 JUDY SHELATO: Well, that was -- that  
31 change order is slightly over five percent of the, of  
32 the cost. I believe ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Right here in our  
34 documentation, the original price was six hundred  
35 thousand dollars, I believe. Six hundred and six  
36 thousand dollars.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: What a minute, I, I can't  
38 hear you. What did you say?

39 JUDY SHELATO: Yeah. It's six hundred --  
40 it's -- it was like six oh eight was the bid or  
41 something.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Six oh six.

43 JUDY SHELATO: Six oh six. And then that's  
44 an additional ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Six forty-two twenty-three.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I can't hear  
47 her.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Look at your document there,  
49 Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I, I'm talking to her. Now

1 I have the floor. Thank you. Please. Go ahead.  
2 JUDY SHELATO: Okay. With that change  
3 order, it would be around six hundred forty thousand  
4 dollars.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Six hundred and forty  
6 thousand dollars is what we've put into this.  
7 JUDY SHELATO: And that's for the  
8 construction. There's also construction engineering  
9 and testing that is under, under contract with Wilbur  
10 Smith.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: And that doesn't include  
12 this amount?  
13 JUDY SHELATO: That's not included in that  
14 amount.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh. Do you, do you have  
16 any idea how much that's going to cost?  
17 JUDY SHELATO: That will probably be in the  
18 twenty-five thousand dollar range.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty-five thousand. I  
20 thank you.  
21 JUDY SHELATO: You're welcome.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh. And I thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman.  
24 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead, Ms.  
26 Wilson.  
27 CINDY WILSON: Just to kind of put this  
28 into context, our -- a previous County Council in 2002-  
29 2003 added three hundred thousand dollars to a general  
30 obligation bond for that year for Stevenson Road  
31 Bridge. I asked numerous times during the past several  
32 years for an accounting of that. We don't know where  
33 all that three hundred thousand dollars went. I'm sure  
34 if we found that three hundred thousand dollars, that  
35 would offset the six hundred thousand dollars for the  
36 bridge. And by the way, the evidence is there that our  
37 own C and D landfill filtered it in and that's because  
38 of the road having to be closed. So the red clay that  
39 was pushed up against the back line eroded off into --  
40 it silted in a spring down there and silted in the  
41 creek, therefore it raised the water level to going  
42 over the bridge. I actually went out there and looked  
43 at it myself and we had someone fly over it and we had  
44 photographs and it's very clear where the damage came  
45 from. But that was the previous administration and  
46 Council that allowed that to, to take place. So now we  
47 fast forward to having to deal with the road now. But,  
48 Mr. Burns, do you think we can ever find that three  
49 hundred thousand dollars that went missing? Thank you.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Previous Council  
3 member did. I was against it then and I'm against it  
4 now. Thank you.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
6 All in favor of the motion to, to new and, like I said,  
7 we've got documentation in our thing. The new contract  
8 price will be six hundred and thirty-eight thousand  
9 dollars nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty-  
10 three cent. It's in our packet. All in favor of the  
11 motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion  
12 carries with Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
13 Dunn, and Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd opposes. Anything  
14 else, Mr. Burns?  
15 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have a  
16 furniture purchase for the new animal shelter. The  
17 price is thirty-six thousand one hundred and eighty  
18 dollars.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
20 motion?  
21 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion to accept by Mr.  
24 Moore. Seconded by Mr. Crowder. Any discussion? All  
25 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
26 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
27 Anything else, Mr. Burns?  
28 RUSTY BURNS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. At  
30 this time it will be Item Number Fourteen, Requests by  
31 Council Members. Mr. Allen.  
32 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I have three requests,  
35 please. I am appropriating one thousand dollars from  
36 the District Two's rec fund to the -- for the Greek  
37 Festival that's going to be held this year. We have  
38 done this once before and I'm putting this in the form  
39 of a motion.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the -- I'm  
41 sorry. We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a  
42 second?  
43 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
45 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
46 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
47 carries unanimously.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, maybe I  
49 should just go ahead and lump them together because ---  
50 TOMMY DUNN: That's your -- whatever you



1 choose to do will be fine.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. All right. Then  
3 the other appropriation I'd like to make from the  
4 District Two's rec fund is to the Eastside Community  
5 Organization of a thousand dollars for their Back to  
6 School Festival that they have each year in the park.  
7 That's in the form of a motion.

8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
9 have a second?

10 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

11 TOM ALLEN: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
13 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
14 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
15 carries unanimously.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: And the third one is to the  
17 Friends of Broadway Lake Association. Twelve hundred  
18 dollars from District Two's recreational account to use  
19 for their Family Day event that's held each year on  
20 the, on the lake. And that's in the form of a motion.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
25 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
26 unanimously.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

30 I'm going to do a little begging for other Council  
31 members. We have a team here representing Anderson  
32 County that had a 2010 summer season record of eleven  
33 and oh and they were the winners of the Anderson League  
34 Championship. This team then proceeded on to the South  
35 Carolina Babe Ruth State Championship which was held  
36 July 22nd through 24th which they won out here at the  
37 Anderson Memorial Stadium. And they have a record of  
38 three and oh. This team has captured this championship  
39 and they're going to represent the State of South  
40 Carolina and they're going to be in Demopolis, Alabama  
41 for the regional tournament and if they can win that  
42 one, they'll go on to the World Series. And this is a  
43 local team and I would ask that anybody with the  
44 Council members could spare a few dollars. But I would  
45 like to appropriate five hundred dollars to the CHS  
46 Homerun, Homerun Club and to help them out with their  
47 trip to Alabama representing the State of South  
48 Carolina from Anderson.

49 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
50 have a second? Have a second Ms. Wilson. Any

1 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
2 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
3 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Moore.  
4 EDDIE MOORE: Just one more, Mr. Chairman.  
5 I have a -- I would like to appropriate five hundred  
6 dollars from my recreational account to the Town of  
7 Belton for the Seniors at the Farmer's Market.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
9 have a second?  
10 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
12 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show  
13 of hand. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
14 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Moore?  
15 EDDIE MOORE: That's all, Mr. Chairman.  
16 Thank you very much.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
18 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have my first.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: They found out you had some  
20 money.  
21 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah. Oh well. I have a  
22 letter from the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department who  
23 is requesting three thousand dollars to assist with the  
24 substation located at 101 Wentzky Circle in completion  
25 of the facility so that they can have kitchen  
26 facilities for events out at the Fire Department. So I  
27 recommend that three thousand dollars be allocated out  
28 of the recreation.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
30 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
32 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr.  
33 Crowder's motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
34 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything  
35 else?  
36 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'd like to join Mr. Moore  
37 and I would be glad to allocate five hundred dollars.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: For the baseball team. We  
39 have, we have a motion by Mr. Crowder. Do we have a  
40 second?  
41 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
43 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
44 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
45 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Crowder?  
46 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
48 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
49 special privilege on a request? Mr. Chris Talley is  
50 here and he is with the Extension service and he sent

1 us a letter recently requesting some financial help  
2 with the -- what used to be the livestock show at the  
3 County Fairgrounds, but the Fairgrounds is now used for  
4 another purpose and they're trying to put the show on  
5 up at the Garrison Arena. Would, would Mr. Talley be  
6 allowed to come tell us just a little bit about that so  
7 we can start trying to help with this?

8 TOMMY DUNN: He can. Come on up, Mr.  
9 Talley.

10 CHRIS TALLEY: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. As  
11 she said, the Anderson County Livestock Show -- y'all  
12 already know that the fair disbanded what about three  
13 years ago. This is the third year that myself, along  
14 with Jessica Simpson, the 4-H agent in Anderson County  
15 have put together this show. It's held the last  
16 weekend of September and I think that's the 21st, 25th  
17 and 26th this weekend. It's a three day event. It is a  
18 livestock show open to Anderson County, as well as any  
19 other counties in the State of South Carolina, as well  
20 as Georgia or anyone else that wants to attend. We've  
21 had youth from as far down as below Columbia up to  
22 Clover-York area. We've had youth from Georgia and  
23 youth from North Carolina participate in this event in  
24 the past. During the three days, we'll have over three  
25 hundred head of livestock and we'll have probably a  
26 hundred and fifty plus head of kids, of youth  
27 participate in the event. Just as with the baseball  
28 teams, we have national winners in these livestock  
29 shows that go on and compete in Louisville at the  
30 national livestock shows and elsewhere. It's a huge  
31 event. The biggest expense that we have is the cost of  
32 the facility. Since we don't have anywhere else in  
33 Anderson County to do it, we hold it at T. Ed Garrison  
34 Livestock Arena and that cost is increasing on us  
35 continuously, along with everything else at Clemson.  
36 But we, we are asking for support in this program and  
37 we do have youth and we double checked the other day.  
38 I think we have youth from every district in the County  
39 participate in the event. So any support that y'all  
40 can provide us, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank  
41 you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Talley.

43 CINDY WILSON: You see, how much does it  
44 cost to rent the facility and for how long?

45 CHRIS TALLEY: It's a three day event and  
46 it'd be held in the cattle complex so this is not the  
47 main arena so that saves us a good bit. We're looking  
48 at somewhere in the neighborhood of two to -- two  
49 thousand to twenty-five hundred dollars for the three  
50 days. And what that includes ---

1 CINDY WILSON: Per day or ...  
2 CHRIS TALLEY: That's for the whole three  
3 days. That is a big savings to us. It keeps us from  
4 having to basically lift a, lift a finger when we go  
5 in. The trash is emptied for us, everything's set up  
6 for us, all of the equipment and panels and fencing,  
7 and everything's ready to go. So all we have to do is  
8 come in and leave. Don't really have to, don't really  
9 have to touch a thing.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Talley.  
11 CHRIS TALLEY: Thank you.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: What was the dates on that  
13 again?  
14 CHRIS TALLEY: This will be September 24th,  
15 the 25th, and 26th and if I'm not mistaken that'll be a  
16 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And, once again, we have  
17 all livestock. We'll have swine, sheep, meat goat,  
18 dairy goat, poultry, beef cattle, and dairy cattle.  
19 All of them, all of them will be represented. Thank  
20 you.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
23 Thank you for that accommodation. I would like to  
24 appropriate from District Seven five hundred dollars to  
25 support that event and perhaps between now and then,  
26 y'all will have a chance to look at it too.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
28 second to Ms. Wilson's motion?  
29 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
31 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
32 Anything else, Ms. Wilson?  
33 CINDY WILSON: Not now.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: I would like to five hundred  
35 dollars also to the Clemson livestock 4-H things, Mr.  
36 Talley's and also, if you would, do it all in one  
37 motion like. Give two hundred and fifty dollars to the  
38 ball team that Mr. Moore's talk, talking about. So a  
39 total of seven hundred and fifty dollars from my rec  
40 account.  
41 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Can we get a second?  
43 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
44 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
46 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
47 show of hands. Anybody else like to go back and  
48 revisit the livestock?  
49 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yeah. I  
50 would too.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes.  
2 TOM ALLEN: I was going to do this at  
3 the next meeting, but since Chris is here I'd like to  
4 go ahead and do the five hundred also to the 4-H. I  
5 was going to do that any way. And also to the ball  
6 team, Mr. Moore, two fifty.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
10 favor of Mr. Allen's motion, show of hands. Show the  
11 motion carries unanimously.  
12 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, may I join the  
13 livestock group with five hundred dollars?  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?  
15 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. Any  
17 discussion? All in favor, show of hands. Okay. Mr.  
18 Moore.  
19 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to allocate five  
20 hundred dollars to the livestock at T. Ed Garrison  
21 Arena also.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
23 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
25 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
26 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
27 carries unanimously.  
28 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might  
29 just ask Chris a question? Chris, do we get a good  
30 steak out of this?  
31 CHRIS TALLEY: (?)  
32 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
34 Item, Item Number 15, Administrator's Report.  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, only one  
36 request and that would be if Council could schedule  
37 some time for a work session. There's several issues  
38 that we have that we need to address that we've been  
39 having on hold for some time, but whatever Council's  
40 pleasure. But if we could do that, we would greatly  
41 appreciate it.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Burns, let  
43 Linda or some of your staff, Phyllis, just I'm  
44 available any time if y'all will just arrange it with  
45 the other Council members, get with them, or  
46 whatever's, whatever you need to do and the time will  
47 be fine. If that'll suit. I think Mr. Crowder's got a  
48 finance committee coming up.  
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: It's a -- I'm booked -- I  
50 have proposed a Finance Committee meeting on the 18th,

1 I believe it is, at ten o'clock and there'll be an  
2 extended agenda.

3 TOMMY DUNN: So just -- if y'all can  
4 handle that if that's the pleasure of everybody --  
5 dates will be fine.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I will send to  
9 you a list of -- I will send you a copy of my calendar  
10 for the month of August because I already have a lot of  
11 things on there. Okay. And I would like for --  
12 please, to have some type consideration about my  
13 schedule for a change. Okay.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. Citizens  
17 Comments. Please state your name and district again if  
18 you would, please. And address the Chair.

19 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, first up is  
20 Mark Powell.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell.

22 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
23 You know we've all seen the published prices that we  
24 pay some of the hired help we have working for this  
25 county. It behooves me, shocks me, and distresses me  
26 that we're paying fifty-two to fifty-seven thousand  
27 dollars for engineers to design something for a service  
28 center. It really distresses me that we're paying  
29 someone to do road traffic analysis for thirty, forty,  
30 fifty, whatever thousands of dollars that was. I can't  
31 imagine that within this vast, wonderful, all I hear  
32 when I say get rid of people, and I'm not being picky.  
33 Don't worry, Mr. Holt. But I'm not being picky, but  
34 all I hear when I say that is on the blog sites and  
35 Independent Mail is we've got so many good, well  
36 qualified, hard working staff. Why do we keep paying  
37 so many consulting fees? That's my main point there.  
38 The other thing is, you know, a question was brought up  
39 by a Council member is did we anticipate the  
40 possibility of the bridge costing us more money and  
41 having to put more money on it? My question would be  
42 is I wonder if we anticipated how many roofs Jebco  
43 might need? The other question is pertaining to -- I  
44 lost my train of thought on that one. It went right  
45 over my head like a roof. I've still got a few  
46 minutes. Let me -- I can't even read my own writing.  
47 Oh. The animal shelter. Rumor has it, on the  
48 blogosphere that there were possibly animals being  
49 taken from the animal shelter. This did not come from  
50 committee members. There were animals being taken from

1 the animal shelter, possibly not even paid sixty bucks  
2 for, by possible employees, and being sold for two,  
3 three, four hundred bucks. Those are what I call name  
4 brands. My question is has that ever been looked into  
5 and is it true? And if it was true, could we at least  
6 fire somebody for a change? Thank you..

7 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

8 ELIZABETH FANT: Glad to see the Civic Center  
9 going to be used Wednesday and Ms. Wilson has already  
10 mentioned it, but it's called to Wolfstock Adoption  
11 event where we hope fifty or more animals are going to  
12 be adopted. I understand there was some problem with  
13 animal shelter getting everybody's phone calls, if you  
14 wanted to be a volunteer. So if you want to volunteer  
15 for this event to help with it, meet at the animal  
16 shelter tomorrow at eleven o'clock to get an  
17 orientation on how to help with this event. And we  
18 need lots of people with different abilities to help us  
19 with this and we hope we get all these wonderful  
20 creatures adopted. Thank you.

21 MIKE PITTS: Chris Talley is signed up to  
22 speak. That's it, Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now moving on to  
24 comments, Remarks from Council Members. Mr. Allen.

25 TOM ALLEN: I, too, just like to throw  
26 my two cents in for Wolfstock. I think that's a, a  
27 great idea and I hope we can get all those animals  
28 adopted. My wife and I adopted an animal from out at  
29 the shelter about three months ago and somebody asked  
30 about spay and neutering. And at this time, when we  
31 picked the dog up and took her home, she had not been  
32 spayed and neutered but that was because she was so  
33 skinny. So we took her back in about thirty days after  
34 we got her all fixed up and this has turned out to be  
35 an absolutely fantastic dog. So I encourage everybody  
36 to, to make it to the adoption program.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.  
38 Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I had to miss, miss  
40 one Council meeting because of -- I was in  
41 Jacksonville, Florida with the Brownfield organization.  
42 I don't know if you know anything at all about  
43 brownfields. Some of you may and some of you may not.  
44 It's one of the best things that the federal government  
45 has done to help us clean up our neighborhoods and our  
46 communities. I was there and I, I learned so much and  
47 met so many people who can help us here in Anderson do  
48 more than what we've been doing. There is some  
49 exciting things that we're working on and I'm hoping to  
50 be able to tell you some more about it maybe at the

1 next meeting. But the, the trip was very, very  
2 helpful, beneficial, worthwhile, and anything else.  
3 Any Council member who has brownfield areas in their  
4 districts, you should have been there. And I just came  
5 back from Hilton Head where I spent a couple of days  
6 working and learning. They had some very worthwhile,  
7 very worthwhile classes there and I -- which I sat on  
8 and again, I found some interesting things that we can  
9 bring back here to Anderson. It's important that we do  
10 get out. We have to remember that Anderson is not the  
11 world. We have to remember that there's a bigger,  
12 bigger place out there where we can learn things that  
13 we can bring back that can help all of us. It's not  
14 all about our just little old corner of the state. And  
15 with that, I thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore.  
17 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
18 also was down for the conference at Hilton Head and I  
19 would like to congratulate our emergency management  
20 staff, the Sheriff and everybody that participated in  
21 the Red Dragon. We'll do more at the next Council  
22 meeting. We'll have everybody here and I want to  
23 remind everybody, please come back to the next Council  
24 meeting next week. And we're going to play the  
25 presentation that was given. A lot of you probably --  
26 I know we had the, the meeting, the Council meeting  
27 that was called with the exercises and everything, but  
28 we were head and shoulders above everybody else in the  
29 state. Everybody bragged about our presentation and I  
30 kept having different Council members from different  
31 parts of the state to come up to me and was talking  
32 about our presentation. It was just an absolutely  
33 outstanding presentation. And we're going to play it  
34 here at the next Council meeting and everybody please  
35 come watch it because you'll really be impressed about  
36 what Anderson County did. This was a regional, a  
37 regional operation with a lot of counties involved.  
38 And in the middle of all this, we actually had some  
39 disasters that was going on with the train derailment  
40 in Pickens and we, you know, went in in Pickens with  
41 the Pickens County authorities up there. And it was an  
42 absolutely outstanding accomplishment that Anderson  
43 County's done. So please join us at the next Council  
44 meeting and I think you'll be really proud of our  
45 emergency management staff, our Sheriff, and everyone  
46 that participated in this event. And with that, Mr.  
47 Chairman, I thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
49 Crowder.

50 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I'd like to comment on



1 the East-West Connector. I know that's a passionate  
2 subject in the hearts of many people, but keep in mind  
3 that I've only been on this Council for about eight or  
4 nine weeks now. But I have gathered all the  
5 information back to 2000 which actually is about that  
6 high from this table and I'm not joking you. I'll be  
7 glad to take you to my house and I have read every page  
8 of it. And I have not only read every page, but I've  
9 gone back through it and put all the highlight dates in  
10 chronological order so that I can make some sense out  
11 of it. I've read every citizen's comments. Many of  
12 you are sitting here in the audience tonight and so my  
13 heart sympathizes with each one of you. And so in  
14 order to try to keep you in the loop, many people came  
15 to me and said I would like to just know what's going  
16 on out there and what are they planning. And as a  
17 result of that, I talked with Chairman Dunn and Rusty  
18 Burns and it was agreed to ask South Carolina  
19 Department of Transportation to come to the Civic  
20 Center to have a informational meeting. Because I'm a  
21 great believer that information gives us the right to  
22 be able to make better decisions. And so in addition  
23 to that, I started emphasizing to the officials at  
24 South Carolina DOT based upon the knowledge that I had  
25 of the project over the years and being a neophyte in  
26 the office that I hold at this particular time, it  
27 appeared to me that they needed to reinstall the  
28 landscaping, the beautification, the burns for the  
29 aesthetics and sound reduction in the area. And I told  
30 them that they needed to do that and they  
31 wholeheartedly agreed with me. I discussed that with  
32 Chairman Dunn, with Mr. Burns, and they thought it was  
33 the necessary thing to do and so they did that. And  
34 they are now coming up with a revised cost estimate on  
35 the project to include all of those things to keep that  
36 neighborhood a neighborhood. Secondly, people have  
37 used the word that it needs to be a parkway. Well,  
38 quite frankly, the only way that that can be kept a  
39 parkway is to get agreement with the city that they  
40 will not encroach on in zoning the very moment that the  
41 parkway becomes reality and somebody wants to come in  
42 and create commercial property. So I have suggested  
43 that we try to meet with the city and see if we cannot  
44 work out some kind of agreement to hold harmless the  
45 area and make it a parkway for a specified period of  
46 time. Now quite frankly, when I think of that, that's  
47 probably an impossible task, but I've learned many  
48 years ago that if you don't ask for anything, you don't  
49 get it. And so we're going to try for that, but I  
50 cannot guarantee you any assurance because keep in mind

1 the city is the city ---

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3 FRANCIS CROWDER: -- as well as my taxpayer's  
4 dollars too. But I can assure you if Anderson County  
5 doesn't use the money, it's not going to reduce mine  
6 and your tax bill one cent because somewhere else in  
7 South Carolina, they're going to use that money. So  
8 the Catch 22 is how do we make the best of this  
9 situation where you get as much as you can get and we  
10 get progress. So you may not agree with that, but, you  
11 know, I'm open to all suggestions. You know my phone  
12 number. I don't mind meeting with you, but I am not a  
13 miracle worker, I'm not a miracle worker. And so --  
14 but I have a passion to be the best County Council  
15 member that I possibly can be within reason. And so I  
16 hope that you'll pull with me there, you know, life is  
17 a give and take situation. It's kind of like marriage.  
18 Okay. So let's try to get married for awhile. All  
19 right. And not be on the, you know, total opposition.  
20 Because the ditch is there whether we want it or not.  
21 It's not going to get filled up, so how can we make it  
22 as pretty a useful a ditch as we possibly can to serve  
23 the citizens, but still keep the area a neighborhood.  
24 So I apologize. I didn't mean to really say all that,  
25 but I had some encouragement so I thought I would just  
26 go ahead and say it and get it off my chest.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. Ms.  
28 Wilson.

29 CINDY WILSON: Thank you so much. And I  
30 have to tell you that we are so blessed to have Mr.  
31 Crowder. He walked into a hornet's nest. It's just  
32 been a very difficult situation. A lot of us have been  
33 familiar with the project going back many years and,  
34 and I think that there's a lot more that we can do to  
35 mitigate the situation. A number of us have talked  
36 back and forth the last few days. Perhaps there's some  
37 legislation that could be used to soften that situation  
38 out there too. But thank you, Mr. Crowder. See he's  
39 espoused the kind of philosophy most of us up here have  
40 now and that is that we want to take the information to  
41 the people. Take information from our citizens and try  
42 to have more of a partnership in how we evolve as a  
43 society in this county. So thank you, Mr. Crowder. A  
44 couple of things real quick. The municipal meeting is  
45 going to be in West Pelzer in Pelzer on Thursday and  
46 all of my Council members are invited. I hope y'all  
47 can come and if you'll let Phyllis with Mr. Burns'  
48 office know the head count maybe tomorrow that would be  
49 great. And I'm also going to request that we examine  
50 the possibility of having a resolution requesting and

1 imploring regulations to protect the people and  
2 properties from the ethanol transportation and facility  
3 over in the Cheddar area. I'm very, very concerned.  
4 There was a derailment Sunday and it's just a terrible  
5 situation over there and everywhere we've been so far,  
6 we've been told that there no appropriate regulations  
7 yet. I guess ethanol is still somewhat new to the  
8 United States and I, I would to see if we could develop  
9 one and send it to the EPA, DHEC, to our state and  
10 federal authorities to see if they could come up with  
11 something that's sensible that would protect life and  
12 properties over there. Now on a good note, I wanted to  
13 thank my fellow Council members who were able to come  
14 up to the 4-H Southeast championships. If none of you  
15 got up there, it was so exciting. Over six hundred  
16 horses from all over the southeast and all these dirty  
17 but young smiling faces and see their flag drill and  
18 just see such excitement there. That was really  
19 uplifting. And then we found out that it had all the  
20 hotels around here filled for several days, just  
21 packed. So thank you all for, for your help on that  
22 and it was fun. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I've  
24 got a few comments. I'd just like to appreciate the  
25 staff and everything they've done to make the airport  
26 expansion possible. We're kicking it off today. I  
27 think that's going to be a great addition for Anderson  
28 County and really pay off dividends. On the East-West  
29 Connector, I hope we can do something. I've talked to  
30 some delegations members today about some of the zoning  
31 issues. I think that's going to be a real thing to do  
32 that. And all for getting -- helping to get a meeting  
33 -- Mr. Crowder get a meeting set up with the city and  
34 see if we can work something out there. I'm really  
35 thankful and grateful for the job that Mr. Crowder's  
36 done in trying to get the people informed as much as  
37 possible. And the people that, that's been dealt this,  
38 you know, the hope is going to be with the ANATS  
39 committee and maybe talk to the -- some city  
40 councilmen. You know, we could vote, we could vote up  
41 here all day, but -- and they don't -- I talked -- me  
42 and Ms. Wilson was talking about it today and I told  
43 her, you know, they didn't ask me if it -- they wanted  
44 a go cart path or a two lane or four lanes. They  
45 didn't ask my opinion if they wanted it so they sure  
46 ain't going to ask my opinion if it don't make a hoot  
47 about two lanes or four lanes. But I do feel for y'all  
48 and anyway we can help we will on that line. And again  
49 I just want to remind everybody about the animal  
50 shelter adoption at the Civic Center Wednesday. I

1 appreciate what all the staff's doing, the committee's  
2 doing, and I hope we get, get this thing turned around  
3 and get on the right track. And let's all honestly do  
4 what's best for the animals. And that's what we all  
5 should be here for. I mean, getting to do what's best  
6 for them and get things going. I appreciate all the  
7 hard work and I said, like I said, the staff sort of  
8 started this ball on this thing here and see how it  
9 goes. And want to -- hope it's very, very successful  
10 and everybody comes out and supports it in a, in a big  
11 way. And if there's no objections, this meeting will  
12 be adjourned. Thank y'all so much.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – August 9, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### PRESENT:

Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District #1

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2

Eddie Moore – District #3

Tom Allen – District #4

Tommy Dunn – District #5

M. Cindy Wilson – District #7

Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator

Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney

Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

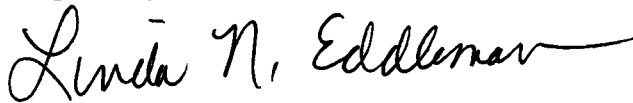
### ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER, SR.  
M. CINDY WILSON  
GRACIE FLOYD

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the Anderson County Council meeting of August 9,  
3 2010 to order. I'd like to welcome all -- everyone  
4 here and at this time I'd like to ask Ms. Floyd if  
5 she'd lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance,  
6 please.  
7 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD  
8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like, Mr.  
9 Pitts, if you would, time for Citizens Comments -- and  
10 take care of that. If you would when you come forward  
11 please state your name and district and keep your  
12 comments pertaining to the agenda items on the first go  
13 around and address the Chair, please. Mr. Pitts.  
14 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first  
15 citizen signed up this evening is Renea Brissey.  
16 RENEA BRISSEY: Mr. Chairman, my name is  
17 Renea Brissey and I am speaking on behalf of the people  
18 near the East-West Connector and according to the  
19 planning on the agenda -- the development planning.  
20 And it's going to be very brief. The Connector started  
21 out to be a two lane road with a turning lane, bike  
22 path, and landscaping with noise abatement in 2002 as  
23 presented to the people of the area of the East-West  
24 Connector at T. L. Hanna High School. When the road  
25 began in 2009, it was still the same a two lane road  
26 with a bike path, with abatement -- sound abatement,  
27 and landscaping. We have over six hundred names on a  
28 petition signed in opposing to commercialization on and  
29 around the East-West Connector. This includes  
30 expanding the road to five lanes and rezoning. I  
31 thought I was going to be speaking tonight about a  
32 rezoning request at the corner of Kings Road and the  
33 East-West Connector, but that request was withdrawn for  
34 now. There has been a large number of people, my  
35 neighbors, that have been meeting since June to fight  
36 against this rezoning. We feel this is going to be the  
37 tip of the iceberg for commercial development along the  
38 East-West Connector even though there is a numbered  
39 number of easements on the Connector, there's still  
40 thirteen in a three mile road. We have asked the South  
41 Carolina DOT, as well as other leaders in our  
42 community, why they feel this road needs to be expanded  
43 into a five lane instead of remaining a two lane and  
44 the main answer that we keep getting is because we have  
45 the money. The money had to come from somewhere and in  
46 this economic situation, I'm not sure that the money is  
47 justifying the means of the five lane road. Since this  
48 road has not been completed as a two lane, it's  
49 uncertain how the traffic patterns will actually affect  
50 Brown Road, Kings Road, and Concord and that is the

1 reason this road was looked at to begin with. Not --  
2 it was to take pressure off of those roads. They say  
3 that this will reduce traffic, but it may not. So  
4 spending that much money on a road that could be an  
5 awful waste. We want to thank you for your support so  
6 far and we want to ask for your continued support to  
7 help us keep the East-West Connector area a residential  
8 road that Anderson can be proud of. Thank you.

9 MIKE PITTS: Casey Maddox.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

11 CASEY MADDOX: I am Casey Maddox, District  
12 Five, and I wanted to comment on the animal shelter.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

14 CASEY MADDOX: I would like to find out or  
15 comment that -- about the adoption process of the  
16 animals. My partner and I, he tried to adopt a abused  
17 Great Dane and went there to try to get it and they  
18 told him that he couldn't adopt it. They gave him the  
19 runaround for a couple of days and he adopt it and they  
20 told him he would -- it belonged to another program.  
21 So he said, okay, fine. Can I get that information?  
22 So he got the information, went -- called the man, gave  
23 him all the information, never heard another word about  
24 the dog, never heard nothing. And I just feel like  
25 that needs to be addressed about where are these dogs  
26 and cats and animals going that are not getting  
27 adopted. And why can't we adopt them locally?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 MIKE PITTS: Cindy McGee.

30 CINDY MCGEE: Hello. I'm Cindy McGee. I  
31 live in District Four and I just wanted to make a  
32 comment. I think the Animal Shelter Committee is doing  
33 a fine job and I support them. I have read the  
34 recommendations and I think -- feel that they should be  
35 implemented right away. Animal welfare should be a  
36 non-partisan issue so we need to keep the politics, the  
37 gossip out of it and focus on what's important and  
38 that's the welfare of these animals. And also, I'm  
39 very unhappy with the lack of concern with the large  
40 animals. I am a volunteer with PEARL and I feel like  
41 we don't have the support from Anderson County like we  
42 used to. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

44 MIKE PITTS: Willie Hall.

45 TOMMY DUNN: She passes. Next.

46 MIKE PITTS: Kris Young.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yon.

48 MIKE PITTS: Yon. I'm sorry.

49 KRIS YON: Good evening. I am Kris Yon  
50 from District Four. I'm here tonight also to discuss



1 the East-West Connector and my concerns. Majority of  
2 this road is a county road. A small part of it is in  
3 the city so we're seeking county representation. As  
4 little as three weeks ago, we were told that the ANATS  
5 Committee in their fiscal year plan 2010-2015, a new  
6 three lane road, three miles in length was planned with  
7 bike lanes, limited access. It is -- the reason to do  
8 this road is to reduce traffic volume on existing  
9 neighborhood streets. Well, the other existing  
10 neighborhood streets are Reid Road, an artery, Concord  
11 Avenue, I learned to drive on when I was eighteen,  
12 Concord Road, Brown Road, Kings Road. All of our  
13 traffic land use plans are still changing even tomorrow  
14 and the next year. Our new high school, our new junior  
15 high, our new elementary schools. Now's not the time  
16 to waste more taxpayer money on an unneeded expansion  
17 to this project. The new money, I understand, came  
18 from federal highway money from our gas tax and I think  
19 there's other priorities for four million dollars than  
20 for two extra lanes. Thank you.

21 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

22 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
23 I'll start with the East-West Connector since that's  
24 come up. None of that money came from the gas tax as  
25 far as I know. I'm on that committee and we only get  
26 2.2 million and that definitely didn't come from us as  
27 far as our committee. That road was budgeted on that  
28 one penny sales tax that we all fought and I think our  
29 county beat by sixty-seventy percent saying no because  
30 we didn't want the East-West Connector. It was  
31 nineteen million dollars. A miraculous -- we're going  
32 to get it done for 6.7. Now they want to add four  
33 million to it. But do the math, it's still only about  
34 eleven million. Who is going to get and what were they  
35 going to do with the rest of the millions of dollars  
36 that they originally wanted at nineteen million? This  
37 whole thing stinks. Okay. Animal shelter. We have a  
38 committee that was formed. You guys came up with it.  
39 This committee was to look into the animals' welfare.  
40 They were looking into the animals' welfare. If toes  
41 get stepped on, if people get a hard time over the  
42 facts that are found, get over it. That's what the  
43 committee was formed for, the goodness of the animals.  
44 If people's toes get stepped on, let them holler. If  
45 you ask me, let them get laid off or fired. You know  
46 how I am about that. On the animal shelter, what I  
47 don't understand is these rescues and a lady mentioned  
48 it awhile ago. Are we giving first priority to people  
49 who say I will take all the Great Danes? I will take  
50 all Mastiffs? I will take all English Bulldogs? I

1 will take all whatever? My question to a committee  
2 meeting one day was answer me this, are these dogs  
3 spayed and neutered before they leave our county  
4 shelter? If not, how stupid is that? Because we're  
5 trying to prevent more animals from ending up at the  
6 animal shelter. If we're giving them out without being  
7 spayed and neutered, they can be bred and a person  
8 might get it and breed them to or accidentally have it  
9 breed to what I call a no name brand dog or as my dad  
10 would call -- you know, he don't like me using no name  
11 brand. But, you know, these dogs end up not being  
12 spayed and neutered and back in our county, it's  
13 costing us time, energy, and money. Please tell me  
14 these dogs are being spayed and neutered before they  
15 leave our county. There's eighty thousand dollars that  
16 this committee found in an account called donations.  
17 This money could have been used all along to help the  
18 welfare of these animals, but some how it just sits  
19 there. I don't understand that. But please check into  
20 the two, three, four, six thousand dogs that are  
21 "missing." I mean, come on now, if we have dogs that  
22 are quote taken into our animal shelter, I don't think  
23 the Heinz 57 variety are missing. Are the name brand  
24 dogs missing, you know? Purebreds, are they missing?  
25 Are they being gotten? I know with the correct  
26 credentials, you can get a fake piece of paper saying  
27 it's a registered dog if you've got other dogs. You  
28 can make that happen. What's happening to the dogs  
29 that we have missing? This committee is doing a  
30 wonderful job on the behalf of the dogs. If these dogs  
31 are given to the county -- my other question is are  
32 these rescues paying us sixty bucks for these dogs? If  
33 you left it there for a citizen to come in ---

34 MIKE PITTS: Time, Mr. Chairman.

35 MARK POWELL: -- they might pay you sixty  
36 bucks. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Powell.

38 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

39 ELIZABETH FANT: I don't live out in the area  
40 where the East-West Connector is, but I've been real  
41 concerned about what I've been reading. I hate to see  
42 the people of Anderson County, their wishes trampled  
43 on. We already saw it a year and a half ago when the  
44 people up at Lewis Drive in Williamston, their whole  
45 way of life, their whole community was disrupted for  
46 just economic greed is what I call it. If the road is  
47 to come through there at all, it should be a parkway.  
48 In my opinion, there shouldn't be anything commercial  
49 on that road at all. I'll say that again. In my  
50 opinion it should be a residential parkway. No

1 commercial at all. The people that live out in that  
2 area moved and built in that area on purpose to have a  
3 wonderful residential area with good schools, a nice  
4 community, no trash, no high volume of traffic. I  
5 question this extra money all of a sudden falling out  
6 of the sky. Where'd it come from all of a sudden? I  
7 think they had it planned all along and I think there's  
8 some people out here who've bought up property in the  
9 last five years just planning on capitalizing on that  
10 and that's wrong.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
12 Moving on to Item Number 4, Approval of Minutes of June  
13 21, 2010 Called Meeting. Are there any changes or  
14 corrections to be made? Do we have a motion?

15 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
17 to accept the minutes. Mr. Allen seconds. All in  
18 favor, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
19 motion carries unanimously. Moving on to Item 4(b),  
20 July 20, 2010 Regular Meeting. Any changes or  
21 corrections to be made? Is there a motion?

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
23 motion we accept the minutes.

24 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion of Mr. Moore  
25 to accept. Do we have a second?

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder seconds the  
28 motion. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

29 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
30 unanimously. Moving on to Item Number 5, Presentation  
31 of the 2010 Appalachian Region Comprehensive Economic  
32 Development Strategy. Mr. Chip Bentley. Mr. Bentley.

33 CHIP BENTLEY: Good evening everybody. I'm  
34 going to present to you what we do on an annual basis  
35 here. It's sort of the same show that we've done for  
36 several years now giving you an overview of the  
37 comprehensive economic development strategy. Several  
38 of you it's new for. I know some of you were here last  
39 year, but it was your first year so I'll kind of go  
40 through a summary of that. Then kind of an overview of  
41 the projects in it, why we do it, and take comments  
42 from you. The comprehensive economic development  
43 strategy is a document that we put together as a  
44 compilation of key projects within each of the  
45 communities in the upstate that support economic  
46 development as provided to us by all the local cities,  
47 counties, economic development agencies, public service  
48 providers, infrastructure providers. The SEDs is a  
49 requirement of the economic development agency which is  
50 a federal agency that supports local economic

1 development throughout the country. There are local  
2 development districts designated throughout the country  
3 that -- COG is one of those in South Carolina, tasked  
4 with carrying out the function of developing the SEDs  
5 document. We put it together by going out -- it was --  
6 the full update was done in 2007. It's a document or -  
7 - document that runs over a five year planning period.  
8 We do annual progress reports which is what this is  
9 this year. It's our third progress report on the 2007  
10 update to you. We go out and in 2007 in compiling it,  
11 we went and solicited input from local cities and  
12 counties. Anderson County has always been very good  
13 about getting all their departments to submit projects  
14 to us. We go out and talk to the different water  
15 districts, the sewer providers, economic development  
16 agencies, chambers, things like that. Solicit the key  
17 projects they have. We have -- we put those together  
18 into the document as a list for including into the SEDs  
19 that's submitted to EDA. EDA takes that and uses that  
20 as a basis to evaluate projects that are submitted to  
21 them for funding. Pardon me. We went through that  
22 process in 2007. We do an annual progress report each  
23 year which is what we're coming to you with today in  
24 which we go out and solicit information from each of  
25 the providers from before on the progress of projects  
26 that were submitted. Whether they've been completed,  
27 whether they've changed, whether they're in progress.  
28 We also ask for new projects to be submitted at that  
29 time. We've gone through that process over the last  
30 few months to solicit that and then we come back to  
31 each of the councils to ask for their support in it.  
32 And EDA's function in all of this is they are, as I  
33 said they support local economic development efforts.  
34 We like to refer to them sort of as a gap financier for  
35 funding infra -- large projects that support job  
36 creation within a community. They focus on any  
37 infrastructure project that would create -- help to  
38 create jobs or work force development projects.  
39 Helping the tech schools, things like that. So if you  
40 were building a -- trying to start up a new training  
41 program and you needed a building or equipment, they  
42 might be able to fund that. Those are the kinds of  
43 projects EDA's looking for and that's what we put in  
44 this document are things that directly support that.  
45 EDA looks at those through their funding process when  
46 they're taking applications and evaluates them. The  
47 key for all of this process is that for a project to be  
48 funded through the EDA application process, it first  
49 has to be included in the SEDs document. A case in  
50 point for Anderson County right now is First Quality.

1 There is a part of that project is to try and create to  
2 build a new water intake line, a raw water line for  
3 First Quality and other areas there. And as part of  
4 that, one of the projects included this year as a new  
5 project is that water line because at the time it's  
6 ready to be -- as we're going through looking for  
7 funding -- as the county's looking for funding and the  
8 COG is helping you look for funding, EDA will be one of  
9 the applicant -- one of the places we apply for funding  
10 for that project. So overall that's EDA's role is  
11 sort of a federal agency that comes in and helps  
12 support local economic development work. They do focus  
13 on larger projects that create seventy-five, a hundred  
14 and more jobs or work force development that will  
15 improve the base of employees within an area to help  
16 existing industry or new industries that might be  
17 looking to locate. As I said before, we go through a  
18 process -- we went through the process in 2007 of  
19 getting projects solicited from each of the counties  
20 that we submitted to EDA. Then each year we come back  
21 for the progress report, we ask for new projects in  
22 addition to updating existing projects, and that's  
23 where we are right now. Just to give you a quick  
24 summary of the projects, I believe in your packet you  
25 have a copy of the plan or the economic development  
26 SEDs document for Anderson County specifically. There  
27 are sixty-nine total projects right now in the SEDs  
28 document for Anderson County and there's a wide range  
29 of different types of projects. The majority of them  
30 are sewer and transportation right now. There is also  
31 a significant number of water projects in there as well  
32 as a category we call other which is a wide range of  
33 projects from convenience centers to local economic  
34 development work that's being done. Eight of the --  
35 seven of the projects have been completed up to now.  
36 Seven of those sixty-nine have been completed up to  
37 now. And that sixty-nine includes the eight or so that  
38 were added this year, but seven of those have been  
39 completed over the last three years. So in just over  
40 twenty-two million dollars and that's a significant  
41 amount of investment that's been made in the community  
42 to help support economic development to help build a  
43 foundation for future growth. Everything from the  
44 Beaver Dam sewer -- Beaver Dam Creek sewer line, to the  
45 convenience centers, to the municipal -- the city's  
46 municipal complex being built. So there's been a lot  
47 of work that's been done and, and that's all been  
48 local. It's to be commended to try and help build the  
49 foundation for continued growth here and it's probably  
50 helped with First Quality and things like that.

1     There's a lot of projects on the future horizon also  
2     moving forward. I think one key that I just want to  
3     point out in the process is that in going out and  
4     soliciting these projects, one role we have tried not  
5     to take is to go out and be the agency -- try and  
6     create another agency that's trying to do economic  
7     development planning for you out there. And recent  
8     discussions I think, you know, have proven there's a  
9     lot of different entities doing a lot of good work, but  
10    it's a little confusing who's, you know, doing  
11    everything. What we have really tried to do with this  
12    document is focus in going out and soliciting input  
13    from all those groups and try and bring that in because  
14    everybody's already done the work right now to identify  
15    those priorities. We don't need to go out and have the  
16    same discussion a sixth time to try and identify the  
17    same priorities. We asked for that and we, we compile  
18    that together and submit that to EDA. With that, you  
19    know, as I said one key -- actually the best example  
20    I've seen in the last four or five years of this  
21    process in place is the First Quality project and that  
22    raw water line that's being -- that needs to be built  
23    in order to be able to supply them because that is a  
24    direct project that is -- fits right within EDA's wheel  
25    house. As I said, they're, they're a gap financier.  
26    If you have a ten million dollar project and you can  
27    get about eight or nine million dollars of that  
28    together, but you don't quite have the extra million  
29    dollars or so to get over the hump, EDA is the kind of  
30    agency that wants to come in and fill that gap so they  
31    can support that project. They're not a full funding  
32    source for any project. They're also not a large  
33    source. A million to two million dollars is probably  
34    their max really. But that project really fits  
35    probably within the wheel house of EDA pretty well  
36    right now so we're pretty optimistic that that's going  
37    to be helpful in your process there. With that I'd be  
38    happy to take any questions. What we do each year in  
39    the progress report is compile this so we can submit it  
40    to EDA. We do ask each of our councils for their input  
41    and endorsement of that list and that section of the  
42    document before it goes back to EDA because this is  
43    really -- this process is two parts. One it's to make  
44    sure that we go out and talk to each of the communities  
45    and get their input, but two it's to make sure that  
46    council has a chance to look at it and make sure  
47    there's nothing that we've over, overlooked -- that  
48    we've missed in the process. We talk a lot with staff  
49    and everything, but this is our opportunity to speak  
50    with council on that list and get their input and

1 things like that. So if you have any questions, a  
2 project that you might know of that we haven't  
3 included, I'd be happy to take those comments.

4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, Ms. Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you so much, Mr.

7 Bentley, for coming. There are two projects that I  
8 wanted to do some correcting and modifying that are in  
9 my district.

10 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

11 CINDY WILSON: One is the Craytonville  
12 convenience center. It -- it was broken down in August  
13 of last year. It still has not been resurrected.  
14 We've got an item on the agenda to address that  
15 tonight.

16 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

17 CINDY WILSON: So it, it didn't get  
18 completed in 2009. There are plenty of phone calls  
19 from neighbors out there complaining. And the other  
20 one is the Midway Road project. I have been requesting  
21 since 2002 rather than 2007 for resurfacing and with  
22 the two foot pavement expansions on each side so that  
23 foot and bicycle traffic can move over and we've  
24 requested it. I had some collaboration with other  
25 Council districts because Midway starts up at Highway 8  
26 and if you go from Honea Path through Belton up to  
27 Williamston, they've already got the pavement  
28 extensions. And then when it comes into Pelzer,  
29 Highway 8 has some pavement expansion so that the bike  
30 and foot traffic can get over. But Midway is probably  
31 one of the most popular roads for joggers and bikers  
32 and it's a very dangerous road for vehicle traffic and  
33 we have begun getting -- trying to apply for grants  
34 back in, I think, 2003 for that.

35 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

36 CINDY WILSON: But if you wouldn't mind  
37 putting down there for the foot and bike expansion, the  
38 two foot expansion on each, each side. That would be a  
39 big help.

40 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

41 CINDY WILSON: Because we're wanting it to  
42 come all the way into Anderson so that the city of  
43 Anderson's bike paths can connect to that and there's  
44 several schools on it. And then at some point coming  
45 off Midway, if it could come across 81 onto Concord and  
46 go out Harris Bridge and Lebanon then that opens up  
47 another big part of the county for bike and foot  
48 traffic.

49 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

50 CINDY WILSON: We know that a lot of

1 industrial recruiters look at that type of access to  
2 the industrial areas too. So other areas in the county  
3 out with industrial sites that would be a big help.  
4 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.  
5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
7 Thank you, Mr. Bentley.  
8 CHIP BENTLEY: Thank you.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Do we have a  
10 motion on the floor to adopt?  
11 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to adopt.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson's changes. Ms.  
13 Wilson seconds. Any further discussion? Hearing none,  
14 all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed  
15 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank  
16 you, Mr. Bentley. Appreciate it. Moving on to Item  
17 Number 6, Ordinance First Reading Number 2010-014. An  
18 ordinance to authorize the leasing of certain property  
19 located at 101 Breazeale Street in the City of Belton,  
20 South Carolina, and other matters related to. Mr.  
21 Burns and Mr. Pitts, which one wants to -- Mr. Pitts.  
22 MIKE PITTS: I'll hop in here, Mr.  
23 Chairman. This is before you tonight as an ordinance  
24 on first reading to lease some property the County owns  
25 there in Belton. It's about a six hundred foot, six  
26 hundred square foot office building. It was put out  
27 for bids and Mr. Brett, Brett Hanks was the high bidder  
28 at nine hundred dollars a quarter. It's a one year  
29 lease that can be extended up to four. One year each  
30 for four more years, but totally at the County's  
31 discretion. And have to have the County's approval to  
32 extend it beyond the year.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anybody have any  
34 questions for Mr. Pitts? Anybody want to make a  
35 motion?  
36 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
38 to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds. Now are there any  
39 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
40 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
41 carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Moving on  
42 to Item Number 7 and the Presentation on Lowering the  
43 Speed Limit on Cox Road. Mr. Hopkins.  
44 HOLT HOPKINS: Thank, thank you, Mr.  
45 Chairman, members of Council. I just handed you the  
46 long version of the study, but I'm just going to try to  
47 summarize what's in the study. Our staff had studied  
48 this speed limit for many years because we had a  
49 request probably five years ago that it was too low.  
50 So we had to go and do a study to see the proper speed.



1 We've checked it twice in subsequent years and came up  
2 with the same finding, but this last go round when  
3 Council passed the resolution, we thought it best to go  
4 out and hire an engineering firm that's expertise is  
5 traffic engineering. And we, we hired Gaye Sprague  
6 with Sprague and Sprague Consulting Engineers out of  
7 Greenville and they are recognized as, as a leader in  
8 this type of stuff. So -- and I'll get right to the  
9 punch line of it. They did recommend, or Gaye Sprague  
10 recommended, that we go out and look at our advisory  
11 curve signs. You know the yellow signs with the speed  
12 limit underneath, that's an advisory speed sign and we  
13 did adjust one or two, I believe, to a more appropriate  
14 speed. She did recommend that we eliminate all the  
15 passing lanes on the road and we will be doing so. We  
16 have a pave -- striping contractor that will be coming  
17 in later -- probably in the next thirty to sixty days  
18 and they'll, they'll re-stripe it for no passing. The  
19 one thing that she couldn't recommend was to lower the  
20 speed limit. And I -- let me go into a little more  
21 detail on how speed limits are, are set. The South  
22 Carolina law pertaining to setting speed limits does  
23 point out that it has to have an engineering basis for  
24 setting the speed limit. The factors that she  
25 considered and our engineers considered in previous  
26 times is the eighty-fifth percentile, and I'll explain  
27 that in just a few minutes, pace feed, the road  
28 characteristics, roadside development and environment,  
29 parking practices and pedestrian activity, and the  
30 crash data. Now the eighty-fifth percentile. What  
31 that means is the maximum speed that eighty-five  
32 percent of the people drive. Now it could be like in  
33 some of the data we have shows, five percent of, of our  
34 drivers going -- using that road stayed around the  
35 thirty-five mile an hour mark. About fifty percent  
36 were driving at the forty-six, forty-seven mile per  
37 hour so. But the eighty-fifth percentile is something  
38 that comes from the federal guidelines on how to set  
39 speed. So that's the, again that's the -- that's the  
40 maximum speed that eighty-five percent of the driver's  
41 are driving. The other -- the upper fifteen percent  
42 are the ones that are driving seventy-five miles an  
43 hour and all kinds of other speeds. All right. That's  
44 just -- that's the main factor that engineers use to  
45 set speed, but it's not the only factor. And we did go  
46 back and ask Ms. Sprague would she look at the other  
47 factors. One of the factors that can be used in  
48 setting speed is the pace speed. What that means is  
49 each one of these columns represents ---

50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Hopkins, if you could, I

1 just want to get a question before you get too far off.  
2 I understood about the eighty-five percent percentile.  
3 If I understand you right, if eighty-five percent of  
4 them was driving seventy miles an hour, would we have  
5 the speed limit?

6 HOLT HOPKINS: No. Then the, then the  
7 South Carolina state law would kick in again and say  
8 you can't go above fifty-five.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

10 HOLT HOPKINS: On, on non-interstate  
11 highways.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Just wanted to check.  
13 Okay. Mr. Crowder?

14 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. If, if you're  
15 exceeding fifty-five miles an hour. If the eighty --  
16 if we have a straight line -- section of road where  
17 people are driving seventy miles an hour and that's the  
18 majority of the people are driving that, state law  
19 requires that it -- if anything other than an  
20 interstate, you can't exceed fifty-five miles an hour.  
21 I mean, that -- it's very specific on that.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: (?)

23 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. The, the law  
24 setting the speed -- there's a law and I can't quote it  
25 exactly, but there's one that says interstate highways  
26 maximum speed is seventy miles an hour. All other  
27 roads, maximum fifty-five miles per hour. And that one  
28 kicks in and it doesn't matter what everybody's driving  
29 -- I mean the rest of -- I mean the majority. But in  
30 this particular case what this is doing, what the  
31 eighty-five percentile does and the pace feed does, you  
32 would -- if you drop this down to say twenty-five miles  
33 an hour, you're making all these, the majority of  
34 prudent drivers is what they're called -- I mean what  
35 everybody thinks of them being. The prudent driver  
36 that's driving around forty miles an hour, less than  
37 fifty in this pace feed, you're making all them to be  
38 lawbreakers. I mean, because they're going to drive it  
39 and I'm going to show you that in just a second.  
40 They're going to drive it regardless of what speed  
41 limit we put up there. If you'll look at this, this is  
42 one section of Cox Road. Four different times we  
43 checked the speed on it and the eighty-five -- eighty-  
44 fifth percentile and the pace feed -- well, the eighty-  
45 fifth percentile was fifty-one, fifty-four, and fifty-  
46 two. I mean, it's kind of -- but it's in that range.  
47 The pace feed where, you know, that ten mile an hour  
48 section where the majority of the folks are driving.  
49 You can see that, it's forty-one to fifty miles an  
50 hour, but if you'll notice down at the bottom back in

1 '05 when we did this. Right before we changed the  
2 speed limit. It hasn't changed. People are still  
3 driving the same speed whether it was thirty-five mile  
4 an hour or forty-five mile an hour speed limit. This  
5 is the middle of the road down near the bridge,  
6 basically the same type thing. And this is the Old  
7 Williamston Road end of the road. Again about the same  
8 thing. So, again, people are going to drive what they  
9 feel comfortable that the road will drive and unless  
10 there's some hidden reasons why you should change the  
11 speed limit such as there's a hidden area where a lot  
12 of pedestrians are, or there's parking, or a -- blind  
13 spots that's unforeseen to the driver. You have to put  
14 a lot of weight into these factors. Now this is  
15 straight out of, straight of the report and this is  
16 what her comment was. There has been little change in  
17 speed regardless of the speed limit. All right. The  
18 other considerations that she looked into was, again,  
19 the road characteristics. She said all that was in  
20 order for a speed limit of forty-five. Roadside  
21 development -- well, this is a rural road so that  
22 wasn't an issue. Parking practices and pedestrian  
23 activities -- there's very little, if any, of that.  
24 And reported crash data. Now the crash data is  
25 important, but in this case it, it's averaging one  
26 crash a year. I don't know of any fatalities on the  
27 road that's been reported. Now I've heard that there's  
28 been fence crashes and stuff and they disappear, but  
29 they're not officially reported to the police. And  
30 again, this is, this is the, again, the findings of  
31 the, of the study from an outside firm.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Let me ask, ask you this,  
33 Mr. Hopkins. Legally, can we, can -- have we got to  
34 the bottom of this or can we change the speed limit if  
35 the Council so chooses?

36 HOLT HOPKINS: I don't believe you can  
37 change it because of -- it's four conclusions from  
38 engineers -- come up with the same conclusion. That  
39 one being an outside party. I don't think we can  
40 legally change it because we have no engineering basis  
41 to do it.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

43 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Was that speed limit at one  
45 time thirty-five?

46 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. It was.

47 EDDIE MOORE: You can raise it. Why can't  
48 you lower it back to where it was? I don't understand  
49 that logic at all. We had, we had the citizens on that  
50 road come up here with a petition. Every landowner on

1 that road said they wanted it lowered. There's been  
2 two accidents on that road. I don't know what, why  
3 you're not reporting accident. One guy had his hay  
4 baler completely torn up. If you come off of 29  
5 Highway and you're coming down towards the creek, when  
6 he pulls out of his driveway, he has had several near  
7 misses. One of them ran all the way over in the ditch  
8 and wiped his fence out four times. And that is the  
9 only section of road where he's wanting the speed limit  
10 lowered is because he doesn't have time to get out in  
11 the road. And you've got citizens -- do you have to  
12 wait until somebody's killed before you do something?  
13 You've got everybody on that road has signed a petition  
14 to lower the speed limit and every one of them want it  
15 lowered up on that side towards the creek. And if you  
16 can raise it from thirty-five then surely you can lower  
17 it back to where it was. The very minimum forty miles  
18 an hour up on that end. I just don't understand your  
19 logic at all.

20 HOLT HOPKINS: It's not my logic, Mr.  
21 Moore.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. ---

23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts, can you check on  
25 that for us and see if we can legally -- I'm in the,  
26 I'm in the thing. I travel that road out there and,  
27 like I said, everybody on that road I've talked to --  
28 and they have got a petition for it. They do want that  
29 speed limit reduced and I can't see -- and I understand  
30 what Mr. Hopkins is saying. They're going to drive  
31 what they're going to drive anyway. But if that makes  
32 the people get a little bit comfortable with the thing,  
33 if we can split the difference and lower it to forty  
34 miles an hour and that's what we try to do is safety.  
35 I know this probably wouldn't help none if the speed  
36 limit was thirty-five or twenty-five, but a couple of  
37 people I've talked to has had animals dead -- get  
38 killed out there and they're very upset about that.  
39 And it comes. So could you check and see if we can  
40 legally?

41 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

42 TOMMY DUNN: What you can do? I mean, if  
43 we can't do it, we can't do it. But I want you to  
44 check, check all the thing. Ms. Wilson.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
46 This is in my district and I have lots of friends there  
47 and exactly what Mr. Moore is saying is the problem  
48 there. One day they woke up and the speed limit was  
49 forty-five. Nobody ever addressed them or asked them.  
50 There was one party that asked for the speed limit to

1 be raised. He didn't live any where near. He was  
2 going from his home on one side of the county to a  
3 business on the other side of the county. That  
4 gentleman is no longer alive. He was the only person  
5 that asked for that. There have been animals killed,  
6 mailboxes down, fences down, and I've said from the  
7 very beginning by whatever process we raised the speed  
8 limit then that's exactly what we should have done in  
9 lowering the speed limit. And it just seems silly to  
10 have spent money on something that's pretty much common  
11 sense.

12 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Mr. Hopkins, please.  
14 HOLT HOPKINS: I may have not been clear.  
15 These are the guidelines set by the federal highway  
16 administrator.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
18 HOLT HOPKINS: They come in a manual about  
19 this thick that we follow on placing signs on, on all  
20 roads. There are many roads that have inappropriate  
21 speed limits in our county. They were set fifteen-  
22 twenty years ago. When we get a complaint though, we  
23 have to go in and do it by the book. Now when we run  
24 across a, a speed limit, we double check it, you know.  
25 When it's brought to our attention or one that's just  
26 obvious to us that we need to change, but when we have  
27 to do a study, we have to follow the book. And if it  
28 goes up, we have to take it up. If it goes down, we  
29 have to take it down. And -- but a lot of the things  
30 we have to do because we don't have an engineer that  
31 can, can travel all the roads, but we have to wait a  
32 lot of times for that phone call to come in. But  
33 things could change on this road, I mean, two-three  
34 houses built on this road would change factors that we  
35 would need to study it again. But that's why we can't  
36 just arbitrarily take it back down and stay in  
37 compliance with state law.

38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: I understand. It's just  
40 that and it might have did -- I wasn't on Council back  
41 then but I do know when it was, when it was changed to  
42 go up, the citizens I talked to -- the couple of people  
43 out there that I talked to, they didn't know nothing  
44 about it going up. So, you know, they ought to have  
45 had a say -- and it just looks like, you know, we ought  
46 to have a say on setting speed limits in our, in our  
47 roads instead of some federal bureaucrat that don't  
48 travel that road. Them people out there live on that  
49 stuff. And another thing to take into consideration on  
50 that road and I don't know if Ms. Garrison or Ms.

1 Sprague talking about went by, but there's a lot of  
2 farm machine that moves up and down that road on  
3 tractors and stuff and everything.  
4 CINDY WILSON: Yes.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Moving hay and stuff and  
6 everything on that going from here and there. But,  
7 like I said, if we can do it, I'd like to help the  
8 people, but if we can't we can't. Ms. Wilson.  
9 CINDY WILSON: Well, thank you, Mr.  
10 Chairman. Where was the study that was used to  
11 increase the speed limit? Do we have one that  
12 increased the speed limit?  
13 HOLT HOPKINS: Not from, from this firm,  
14 but she used a lot of the data that we had, but it, it  
15 ---  
16 CINDY WILSON: So we didn't have a ---  
17 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. We had a study, but  
18 it was done in house and the data from that study is  
19 incorporated into table one, or some of the tables that  
20 I showed, but it's like on page, page two. It shows  
21 the dates of each one -- each study that we did and the  
22 comparison data. I encourage you to read through this  
23 whole study because it does kind of -- I gave you the  
24 summary version, but there's a lot of information in  
25 here.  
26 CINDY WILSON: Well, what can be done,  
27 particularly where Mr. Davis is on somewhat of a blind  
28 curve and he's got equipment coming in and going out  
29 and the Glenns also have a lot of heavy equipment  
30 moving up and down the road from one field to another?  
31 HOLT HOPKINS: We could put the tractor  
32 symbol signs up near the Glenns farm. I need to look  
33 at it a little more about Mr. Davis' driveway to see if  
34 there's some other kind of signage that we could warn  
35 the motorist on.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: I want to look at that and,  
37 Mr. Pitts, just double check that thing and next  
38 Council meeting so we can study out of your report too  
39 and see what we can do. Let's try to give them people  
40 some help.  
41 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
43 TOM ALLEN: Chairman, yeah.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Allen go ahead just  
45 a second.  
46 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a quick  
47 statement and a question. I, I agree with Mr. Hopkins  
48 on one thing. Regardless of what you post out there,  
49 people are probably going to drive at whatever they  
50 feel comfortable driving on and I know that road has a

1 straight section and then it gets a little bit curvy as  
2 you move on towards 29. Who owns those signs, the  
3 speed limit signs out there right now? Are those  
4 county signs or state?

5 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

6 TOM ALLEN: Those are county. If you  
7 and I went out there right now and yanked those signs  
8 out of the ground and stuck thirty-five mile an hour  
9 signs in, what would happen? What would the punishment  
10 be? Why couldn't we do that?

11 HOLT HOPKINS: Nobody's going to come write  
12 us a fine. I, I'm afraid to answer that because I may  
13 open a legal can of worms.

14 TOM ALLEN: I'm trying to simplify  
15 everything here as much as I can.

16 CINDY WILSON: That was brilliant, Mr.  
17 Allen.

18 HOLT HOPKINS: There could be some  
19 liability.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

21 EDDIE MOORE: That's my point. This is a  
22 county road, we're paying for it, county taxpayers.  
23 We've had every county tax paying citizen on that road  
24 who happens to be farmers and several of them have had  
25 near misses. One of them has had a hay baler  
26 completely totaled, they've had their fence five times  
27 tore down because of the speeding, and you're telling  
28 me, a county taxpayer, everyone on that road can't get  
29 their speed limit lowered. That's hog wash.

30 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE ONE

31 TOMMY DUNN: Let's just try to check and  
32 see what we can do and I appreciate it, Mr. Hopkins.  
33 We ain't fussing at you, we're just sort of mad at the  
34 situation we're in. I think we're just aggravated  
35 about it.

36 EDDIE MOORE: That's right.

37 TOMMY DUNN: And we appreciate it.

38 Moving on to Item Number 8, Issues at Craytonville  
39 Convenience Center. Mr. Smith. Try that one over  
40 there. I think that's working if you can.

41 GREG SMITH: Good evening, Mr. Chairman  
42 and members of Council. I was asked to speak tonight  
43 on the Craytonville Convenience Center. Basically when  
44 we first began the convenience centers there was three  
45 that were bid out. Craytonville, Agnew, and, I forget  
46 the name of them now, and Friendship and we did that  
47 trying to get a, a good price on all three at once.  
48 Had a pretty good bid on them. About six hundred  
49 something, a little over six hundred thousand on all  
50 three. Anderson Construction won the bid on all three.

1 The Friendship, the Agnew site went up rather quickly  
2 and, and on time. We had some issues when the  
3 Craytonville site came. Basically we had seventy-one  
4 rain days that came during the, the process and that's  
5 just the days it rained during that and that's not the  
6 drying periods in which we had some grading issues. We  
7 couldn't grade and wind up having to move the dirt out  
8 to another project for the road maintenance and  
9 basically, we took dirt from the old jockey lot site.  
10 Took it over there so it'd give them something to work  
11 with. Basically that site is, it's taking longer to do  
12 this. We, we've talked with some residents. I know  
13 Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson have both been talking to some  
14 of their constituents and basically, the time line  
15 right now on Craytonville with some adjustments that  
16 we're making to try and make it more user friendly  
17 which was brought up to us. We're going to raise it up  
18 just a little bit so they can walk up a little better.  
19 I think it's going to be about an eight inch difference  
20 there. One storm water issue that came up -- Ms.  
21 Wilson brought up to us and we're getting that one  
22 corrected. So basically, right now we're shooting at  
23 September the tenth, Anders is supposed to be out of  
24 there. We should take just a few days after that to  
25 hook up the packers and have everything ready to go.  
26 So that's about where we stand right now.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. What was the  
29 date you anticipate opening?

30 GREG SMITH: As of today, September the  
31 tenth, Anders is supposed to be out of there. It'll  
32 take us a couple of days to get our compactors hooked  
33 up. We're going to try to do it during the process.  
34 We don't want to tear anything up during that, but we  
35 are going to try to get it all hooked up and ready to  
36 go. And day one, as soon as they're through, we've got  
37 those hooked, it's opened up. And I, you know, I'm  
38 just like everybody else. I use the Craytonville  
39 Convenience Center and I live in Honea Path so I want  
40 it open just as quick as anybody because my people  
41 around there, they, they let me know they want it back  
42 open too. So I, I hear it every week.

43 CINDY WILSON: I know. And may I, Mr.  
44 Chairman?

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

46 CINDY WILSON: Folks who live over in that  
47 area other than road and maybe if there's a water line  
48 by, the only real modern convenience that they get for  
49 their tax money is the convenience center. That really  
50 is a difficulty for them because it's so far to all the



1 other ones. I, I was very concerned when we had our  
2 meeting down there, I -- to see what we're paying  
3 Alliance Consulting Engineers. It was kind of a shock  
4 to me to learn that they weren't even familiar with the  
5 specs of the equipment they're required to design  
6 around. I thought that was a bit of a surprise. And  
7 I, I just, you know, the amount of money we're paying  
8 them. I think it's like fifty-two thousand dollars a  
9 site -- I think some of the others might be fifty-  
10 seven, but that just troubles me that we spend that  
11 kind of money on engineering and can't get a better  
12 result.

13 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, we apologize for the  
14 inconvenience to our, our citizens. Like I said, it,  
15 it's something we have been trying to push. It is late  
16 on construction and we'll be addressing that in the  
17 near future and another thing also, just to make one  
18 announcement, we should be ready to go with Manse Jolly  
19 in about two weeks.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I know those  
21 folks will appreciate it. Thank you very much.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.

24 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to comment.  
25 There's some good come out of that though because if  
26 you'll look on your back sheet that we got. They're  
27 going to put a taper. The biggest complaint that I've  
28 had from a lot of my senior citizens was having to  
29 reach up and put the garbage bags in. So what they're  
30 going to do is they're going to taper it down and so  
31 when you start to walk up it'll be eight inches shorter  
32 for them. It'll make it a lot better for a lot of our  
33 senior citizens so that they can put their garbage in  
34 there. So there's some good come out of all this ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Well, that's  
36 good.

37 EDDIE MOORE: -- fiasco. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: All right. Thank you.

39 Moving on to Item Number 9, Discussion of Standard  
40 Operating Procedures for the Civic Center of Anderson.  
41 Vice Chairman Eddie Moore. Mr. Moore.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
43 What this is about tonight is we have a committee that  
44 has been meeting out at the Civic Center and I just  
45 wanted to make sure that we were all privy to the  
46 information when they're going to have the meetings so  
47 that we could, you know, some of the Council members  
48 could go. And since it's losing so much money out  
49 there, I would like to go and listen in to some of the  
50 advisory meetings that we have. And what I would like

1 to do is to charge the advisory committee that we have  
2 out there at the Civic Center to come up with some  
3 ideas for an operating plan on the Civic Center to  
4 maybe to make it a little more productive and a little  
5 bit more money making so we don't lose quite as much  
6 money. We have a lot of good business people that are  
7 on our advisory committee out there and I think if we  
8 would listen to them a little bit and have some minutes  
9 from their meeting and get some ideas from them, I  
10 think it might would help us out a little bit on the,  
11 the Civic Center. And that was pretty much was what I  
12 was wanting to talk about tonight. And to mainly to  
13 make sure that when they are going to have a meeting  
14 that we're notified, the Council is notified so that we  
15 can attend. And I was noticing that they also said  
16 they were going to have meetings quarterly. I'd like  
17 to see them meet just a little more regularly than  
18 quarterly. And, and that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. I,  
20 too, I think that's something, Mr. Burns, we ought to  
21 look at. They ought to meet once a month. I've had --  
22 my person on there's even made comment about it. They  
23 ought to meet a little bit more often and try to get  
24 something -- some things -- be involved if we're going  
25 to have them I think.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like for the Civic  
29 Center committee to decide how often they would like to  
30 meet. We appointed them to do the job out there and I  
31 don't see why we need to sit here and tell them when to  
32 meet. They started meeting quarterly for a purpose.  
33 We should find out what that purpose was and ask them  
34 to look at it again to see if it needs to be changed or  
35 if they're comfortable and satisfied with the way  
36 things are there. We don't want to create another  
37 renegade committee. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. The reason I  
39 brought it up, my, my committee member's asked to be  
40 meeting more often. Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Oh, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
42 While we're talking about the Civic Center, would it be  
43 a good time to point out about Wolfstock being held out  
44 there Wednesday?

45 TOMMY DUNN: That would be great.

46 EDDIE MOORE: He thinks that's a good  
47 idea.

48 CINDY WILSON: You'll see a little poster  
49 in front of Mr. Crowder's seat. The animal shelter  
50 committee has put together a wonderful adoption event.

1 Wednesday, I think it's from eleven until eight at  
2 night, or something like that. And, and you can see  
3 this great character dog. I wonder if he's available  
4 to, to be adopted. He looks like a very good solid  
5 citizen to wear all that costume, but anyway, the  
6 people and citizens of the county are invited to go out  
7 there and hopefully, some wonderful pets will find  
8 wonderful homes. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I  
10 think it's a great idea. I just want to -- the  
11 committee's doing a wonderful job on that and helping  
12 out, but I think Mr. Burns and his staff's the ones  
13 that started this and I don't know who gets the credit  
14 for naming it Wolfstock, but I think it's a great idea  
15 and, and using the Civic Center. Taking the concern  
16 about the animals being in, in cool thing, but I know,  
17 I know the staff had a, had a big hand in this and  
18 putting this together under Mr. Burns directions. I'll  
19 stay in touch with that and I appreciate this right  
20 here.

21 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, one other  
22 thing, please.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: I think the adoption fees  
25 are reduced for that day.

26 TOMMY DUNN: They are. I think they're  
27 reduced to twenty-five dollars if I ain't mistaken. I  
28 think.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the fees will  
30 be reduced Wednesday to twenty-five dollars and that  
31 will last until Saturday.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

33 CINDY WILSON: Oh, great.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 10,  
35 Committee Reports. Animal Welfare Committee report,  
36 Chairman Mr. Moore.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As  
38 you know, we've been having meetings and you were at --  
39 we all had a meeting a couple of weeks ago and out of  
40 the meeting came a suggestion from our, our committee  
41 and basically, was to go with the standard operating  
42 procedure that was written a good while ago by the  
43 McNair Law Firm and the past Council. We think it's a  
44 pretty good document and what we have we've put in,  
45 each Council member has a copy of it. And we also have  
46 a copy of all of the recommendations from our  
47 committee. And so what I'd like for you to do is next  
48 -- at the next Council meeting, we'll have a first  
49 reading of an ordinance to install the standard  
50 operating procedure into our ordinances. And what I

1 would like for the Council members to do is maybe we'll  
2 try to have a meeting between now and Friday and each  
3 of us can sit down and look it over and every -- all of  
4 you, mark them up. If you've got any suggestions or  
5 additions. I know one that I was wanting. I've talked  
6 with Mr. Burns about and that was on the donations.  
7 You know, if any -- when the donations an addition  
8 would be that ---

9 TOMMY DUNN: Money spent.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Anytime anything's  
11 spent from the donations that the Administrator knows  
12 about it and informs the Council on how the money's  
13 being spent because we do have a lot of donations that  
14 comes in to the animal shelter and we need to make sure  
15 that we're getting the, the best for our money and best  
16 for our animals. And -- but be sure and look. All  
17 this information -- it's a lot of it -- a lot of  
18 information there. And a lot of suggestions from the  
19 Humane society. Mr. Burns called the Humane Society  
20 about the study and there's just a lot, a lot of  
21 information there for everybody to ... And then next  
22 Tuesday, we'll have us a good discussion and,  
23 hopefully, we can get the first reading for the  
24 ordinance and for our new animal shelter. So when we  
25 occupy it in October it'll be a first class, first run  
26 facility. If anybody had a chance to go out and look  
27 at it, it is really, really taking shape. It's  
28 beautiful. And I've had a lot of comments people from  
29 my end that drives up 29 Highway and so if any of you  
30 haven't seen it, you should ride by and look at it.  
31 It's really going to be a nice facility. It's  
32 something that Anderson County can be proud of and  
33 other counties can be proud of too because it's really  
34 a nice facility. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I'm  
35 finished.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
37 Burns, did you have a chance to study what I talked  
38 about -- about the, I'm sorry, about the paper issue?  
39 Help them out on the paper, shredding paper and stuff?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. We examined that  
41 situation and since we are the collection agent for the  
42 newspapers in many areas, we usually have a good supply  
43 of those newspapers. But the idea of possibly putting  
44 one closer to the shelter and prevent that travel, we  
45 are looking at that. Yes, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Helping them anyway. Make  
47 it easier. Thank you. Moving on to Acceptance of  
48 Hemlock Subdivision into the County Road System. Mr.  
49 West.

50 BILL WEST: This is -- relates to the

1 Hemlock Subdivision final plat. Mike Moniger,  
2 developer. It's in County Council District Four, Mr.  
3 Allen. Located off Mountainview Road near Highway 81.  
4 It includes four streets which will add about forty-  
5 eight hundred and eighty-five feet of paved roads, a  
6 little bit less than a mile, to the county maintenance.  
7 It has been completed and to the best of our knowledge  
8 and after inspections, has no issues to be dealt with.  
9 We would recommend acceptance of the subdivision.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody have any questions  
11 for Mr. West? Anybody have a motion?

12 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.

13 CINDY WILSON: Second.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Moore to  
16 accept. Second by Mr. Crowder. Any discussion?

17 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
18 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
19 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. West. At this time,  
20 moving on to Item Number 12, Appointments to Various  
21 Boards and Commissions. Ms. Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: I have none at this moment,  
23 thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.

25 FRANCIS CROWDER: (?)

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
28 to make a nomination for the economic development  
29 information board on ACOG. I'd like to nominate Ms.  
30 Wilson for that slot.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
32 second?

33 TOM ALLEN: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
36 All opposed. Show the motion carries Ms. Wilson, Mr.  
37 Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd  
38 opposes. I have no appointments. Ms. Floyd. Mr.  
39 Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
42 Item Number 13, Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Burns.

43 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Carroll's  
44 not with us tonight, but the first we have is for audio  
45 visual equipment for the Ronald P. Townsend Building.  
46 If you will note the low bid is seventy-eight thousand  
47 dollars. I can tell you that the request for that  
48 audio visual equipment was much higher, but Judge  
49 Devine, our Chief Magistrate, went through it with a  
50 fine tooth comb and she reduced the amount of equipment

1 necessary and we would recommend that Council approve  
2 this bid.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, all of this is  
4 coming out of, out of the original, original pot of  
5 money?

6 RUSTY BURNS: (?), sir.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Still in budget. Thank you.  
8 Any, any motion on the floor?

9 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 CINDY WILSON: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
13 to accept. Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?  
14 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
15 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
16 unanimously. Moving on to next.

17 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the next item  
18 you will see is a change order to increase Stevenson  
19 Road project by thirty-two thousand three hundred and  
20 fifty dollars. It has to address a sub-grade issue.  
21 You have the supporting documentation here.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a, do we have a  
23 motion?

24 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to accept  
25 it.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
27 to accept. Do we have a second?

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Ms. Wilson. Any  
30 discussion? Ms. Floyd.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Stevenson Road is down in,  
32 down there in District Three, Mr. Hopkins, am I  
33 correct? This is the road that is going to be built in  
34 the swamp trying to get it -- it is in the swamp. The  
35 water is right in the road and even though there's  
36 another way to go around that area, we're going to  
37 build that road there anyway. Well, it's an additional  
38 thirty-two -- is that thirty-two thousand three hundred  
39 and fifty dollars? Where's the money coming from, Mr.,  
40 Mr. Burns? Do we have a -- was this in the budget?

41 RUSTY BURNS: We have that money. Yes,  
42 ma'am. We have that money. Yes, ma'am.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: That money was placed in the  
44 budget under ...? Okay. Well, I'm talking budget now.

45 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yeah.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

47 JUDY SHELATO: Ms. Floyd, we put a  
48 contingency amount in the budget because we had  
49 anticipated that we would have issues like this. When  
50 the engineers originally looked at it, they were --

1 well, they were sure that we would not run into this  
2 situation, but when, when time elapsed over the course  
3 of the project and more water built up in that area, it  
4 became more evident that we were going to have a  
5 problem. So when we made the budget, we put in some  
6 extra money to cover something like this.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So at first the  
8 engineers said that we wouldn't have a problem with it,  
9 right?

10 JUDY SHELATO: Yeah. That's when the water  
11 was about ---

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But now we've got a  
13 problem with it, right?

14 JURY SHELATO: Yeah.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now are we going to  
16 have any more problems we have to come up with some  
17 more money to fix that road that, that there's another  
18 way to go around that area.

19 JURY SHELATO: We're not anticipating.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: That -- well, you weren't  
21 anticipating the first one either.

22 JURY SHELATO: Well, not, not five years  
23 ago when they started working on the design, but we  
24 knew coming into this season that there was going to be  
25 -- more than likely there was going to be an issue  
26 there.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I had another  
28 question. Okay. How much will we have put into that  
29 project? The total amount?

30 JUDY SHELATO: Well, that was -- that  
31 change order is slightly over five percent of the, of  
32 the cost. I believe ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: Right here in our  
34 documentation, the original price was six hundred  
35 thousand dollars, I believe. Six hundred and six  
36 thousand dollars.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: What a minute, I, I can't  
38 hear you. What did you say?

39 JUDY SHELATO: Yeah. It's six hundred --  
40 it's -- it was like six oh eight was the bid or  
41 something.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Six oh six.

43 JUDY SHELATO: Six oh six. And then that's  
44 an additional ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Six forty-two twenty-three.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I can't hear  
47 her.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Look at your document there,  
49 Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I, I'm talking to her. Now

1 I have the floor. Thank you. Please. Go ahead.  
2 JUDY SHELATO: Okay. With that change  
3 order, it would be around six hundred forty thousand  
4 dollars.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Six hundred and forty  
6 thousand dollars is what we've put into this.  
7 JUDY SHELATO: And that's for the  
8 construction. There's also construction engineering  
9 and testing that is under, under contract with Wilbur  
10 Smith.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: And that doesn't include  
12 this amount?  
13 JUDY SHELATO: That's not included in that  
14 amount.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh. Do you, do you have  
16 any idea how much that's going to cost?  
17 JUDY SHELATO: That will probably be in the  
18 twenty-five thousand dollar range.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty-five thousand. I  
20 thank you.  
21 JUDY SHELATO: You're welcome.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh. And I thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman.  
24 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead, Ms.  
26 Wilson.  
27 CINDY WILSON: Just to kind of put this  
28 into context, our -- a previous County Council in 2002-  
29 2003 added three hundred thousand dollars to a general  
30 obligation bond for that year for Stevenson Road  
31 Bridge. I asked numerous times during the past several  
32 years for an accounting of that. We don't know where  
33 all that three hundred thousand dollars went. I'm sure  
34 if we found that three hundred thousand dollars, that  
35 would offset the six hundred thousand dollars for the  
36 bridge. And by the way, the evidence is there that our  
37 own C and D landfill filtered it in and that's because  
38 of the road having to be closed. So the red clay that  
39 was pushed up against the back line eroded off into --  
40 it silted in a spring down there and silted in the  
41 creek, therefore it raised the water level to going  
42 over the bridge. I actually went out there and looked  
43 at it myself and we had someone fly over it and we had  
44 photographs and it's very clear where the damage came  
45 from. But that was the previous administration and  
46 Council that allowed that to, to take place. So now we  
47 fast forward to having to deal with the road now. But,  
48 Mr. Burns, do you think we can ever find that three  
49 hundred thousand dollars that went missing? Thank you.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.



1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Previous Council  
3 member did. I was against it then and I'm against it  
4 now. Thank you.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
6 All in favor of the motion to, to new and, like I said,  
7 we've got documentation in our thing. The new contract  
8 price will be six hundred and thirty-eight thousand  
9 dollars nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty-  
10 three cent. It's in our packet. All in favor of the  
11 motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion  
12 carries with Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
13 Dunn, and Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd opposes. Anything  
14 else, Mr. Burns?  
15 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have a  
16 furniture purchase for the new animal shelter. The  
17 price is thirty-six thousand one hundred and eighty  
18 dollars.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
20 motion?  
21 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion to accept by Mr.  
24 Moore. Seconded by Mr. Crowder. Any discussion? All  
25 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
26 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
27 Anything else, Mr. Burns?  
28 RUSTY BURNS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns. At  
30 this time it will be Item Number Fourteen, Requests by  
31 Council Members. Mr. Allen.  
32 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I have three requests,  
35 please. I am appropriating one thousand dollars from  
36 the District Two's rec fund to the -- for the Greek  
37 Festival that's going to be held this year. We have  
38 done this once before and I'm putting this in the form  
39 of a motion.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the -- I'm  
41 sorry. We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a  
42 second?  
43 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
45 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
46 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
47 carries unanimously.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, maybe I  
49 should just go ahead and lump them together because ---  
50 TOMMY DUNN: That's your -- whatever you

1 choose to do will be fine.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. All right. Then  
3 the other appropriation I'd like to make from the  
4 District Two's rec fund is to the Eastside Community  
5 Organization of a thousand dollars for their Back to  
6 School Festival that they have each year in the park.  
7 That's in the form of a motion.

8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
9 have a second?

10 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

11 TOM ALLEN: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
13 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
14 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
15 carries unanimously.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: And the third one is to the  
17 Friends of Broadway Lake Association. Twelve hundred  
18 dollars from District Two's recreational account to use  
19 for their Family Day event that's held each year on  
20 the, on the lake. And that's in the form of a motion.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
25 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
26 unanimously.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

30 I'm going to do a little begging for other Council  
31 members. We have a team here representing Anderson  
32 County that had a 2010 summer season record of eleven  
33 and oh and they were the winners of the Anderson League  
34 Championship. This team then proceeded on to the South  
35 Carolina Babe Ruth State Championship which was held  
36 July 22nd through 24th which they won out here at the  
37 Anderson Memorial Stadium. And they have a record of  
38 three and oh. This team has captured this championship  
39 and they're going to represent the State of South  
40 Carolina and they're going to be in Demopolis, Alabama  
41 for the regional tournament and if they can win that  
42 one, they'll go on to the World Series. And this is a  
43 local team and I would ask that anybody with the  
44 Council members could spare a few dollars. But I would  
45 like to appropriate five hundred dollars to the CHS  
46 Homerun, Homerun Club and to help them out with their  
47 trip to Alabama representing the State of South  
48 Carolina from Anderson.

49 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
50 have a second? Have a second Ms. Wilson. Any

1 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
2 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
3 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Moore.  
4 EDDIE MOORE: Just one more, Mr. Chairman.  
5 I have a -- I would like to appropriate five hundred  
6 dollars from my recreational account to the Town of  
7 Belton for the Seniors at the Farmer's Market.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we  
9 have a second?  
10 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any  
12 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show  
13 of hand. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
14 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Moore?  
15 EDDIE MOORE: That's all, Mr. Chairman.  
16 Thank you very much.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
18 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have my first.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: They found out you had some  
20 money.  
21 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah. Oh well. I have a  
22 letter from the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department who  
23 is requesting three thousand dollars to assist with the  
24 substation located at 101 Wentzky Circle in completion  
25 of the facility so that they can have kitchen  
26 facilities for events out at the Fire Department. So I  
27 recommend that three thousand dollars be allocated out  
28 of the recreation.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
30 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
32 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr.  
33 Crowder's motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
34 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything  
35 else?  
36 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'd like to join Mr. Moore  
37 and I would be glad to allocate five hundred dollars.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: For the baseball team. We  
39 have, we have a motion by Mr. Crowder. Do we have a  
40 second?  
41 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
43 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
44 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
45 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Crowder?  
46 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
48 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
49 special privilege on a request? Mr. Chris Talley is  
50 here and he is with the Extension service and he sent

1 us a letter recently requesting some financial help  
2 with the -- what used to be the livestock show at the  
3 County Fairgrounds, but the Fairgrounds is now used for  
4 another purpose and they're trying to put the show on  
5 up at the Garrison Arena. Would, would Mr. Talley be  
6 allowed to come tell us just a little bit about that so  
7 we can start trying to help with this?

8 TOMMY DUNN: He can. Come on up, Mr.  
9 Talley.

10 CHRIS TALLEY: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. As  
11 she said, the Anderson County Livestock Show -- y'all  
12 already know that the fair disbanded what about three  
13 years ago. This is the third year that myself, along  
14 with Jessica Simpson, the 4-H agent in Anderson County  
15 have put together this show. It's held the last  
16 weekend of September and I think that's the 21st, 25th  
17 and 26th this weekend. It's a three day event. It is a  
18 livestock show open to Anderson County, as well as any  
19 other counties in the State of South Carolina, as well  
20 as Georgia or anyone else that wants to attend. We've  
21 had youth from as far down as below Columbia up to  
22 Clover-York area. We've had youth from Georgia and  
23 youth from North Carolina participate in this event in  
24 the past. During the three days, we'll have over three  
25 hundred head of livestock and we'll have probably a  
26 hundred and fifty plus head of kids, of youth  
27 participate in the event. Just as with the baseball  
28 teams, we have national winners in these livestock  
29 shows that go on and compete in Louisville at the  
30 national livestock shows and elsewhere. It's a huge  
31 event. The biggest expense that we have is the cost of  
32 the facility. Since we don't have anywhere else in  
33 Anderson County to do it, we hold it at T. Ed Garrison  
34 Livestock Arena and that cost is increasing on us  
35 continuously, along with everything else at Clemson.  
36 But we, we are asking for support in this program and  
37 we do have youth and we double checked the other day.  
38 I think we have youth from every district in the County  
39 participate in the event. So any support that y'all  
40 can provide us, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank  
41 you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Talley.

43 CINDY WILSON: You see, how much does it  
44 cost to rent the facility and for how long?

45 CHRIS TALLEY: It's a three day event and  
46 it'd be held in the cattle complex so this is not the  
47 main arena so that saves us a good bit. We're looking  
48 at somewhere in the neighborhood of two to -- two  
49 thousand to twenty-five hundred dollars for the three  
50 days. And what that includes ---

1 CINDY WILSON: Per day or ...  
2 CHRIS TALLEY: That's for the whole three  
3 days. That is a big savings to us. It keeps us from  
4 having to basically lift a, lift a finger when we go  
5 in. The trash is emptied for us, everything's set up  
6 for us, all of the equipment and panels and fencing,  
7 and everything's ready to go. So all we have to do is  
8 come in and leave. Don't really have to, don't really  
9 have to touch a thing.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Talley.  
11 CHRIS TALLEY: Thank you.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: What was the dates on that  
13 again?  
14 CHRIS TALLEY: This will be September 24th,  
15 the 25th, and 26th and if I'm not mistaken that'll be a  
16 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And, once again, we have  
17 all livestock. We'll have swine, sheep, meat goat,  
18 dairy goat, poultry, beef cattle, and dairy cattle.  
19 All of them, all of them will be represented. Thank  
20 you.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
23 Thank you for that accommodation. I would like to  
24 appropriate from District Seven five hundred dollars to  
25 support that event and perhaps between now and then,  
26 y'all will have a chance to look at it too.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
28 second to Ms. Wilson's motion?  
29 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Second.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
31 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
32 Anything else, Ms. Wilson?  
33 CINDY WILSON: Not now.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: I would like to five hundred  
35 dollars also to the Clemson livestock 4-H things, Mr.  
36 Talley's and also, if you would, do it all in one  
37 motion like. Give two hundred and fifty dollars to the  
38 ball team that Mr. Moore's talk, talking about. So a  
39 total of seven hundred and fifty dollars from my rec  
40 account.  
41 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Can we get a second?  
43 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
44 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
46 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
47 show of hands. Anybody else like to go back and  
48 revisit the livestock?  
49 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yeah. I  
50 would too.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes.  
2 TOM ALLEN: I was going to do this at  
3 the next meeting, but since Chris is here I'd like to  
4 go ahead and do the five hundred also to the 4-H. I  
5 was going to do that any way. And also to the ball  
6 team, Mr. Moore, two fifty.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in  
10 favor of Mr. Allen's motion, show of hands. Show the  
11 motion carries unanimously.  
12 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, may I join the  
13 livestock group with five hundred dollars?  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?  
15 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. Any  
17 discussion? All in favor, show of hands. Okay. Mr.  
18 Moore.  
19 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to allocate five  
20 hundred dollars to the livestock at T. Ed Garrison  
21 Arena also.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
23 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
25 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion,  
26 show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
27 carries unanimously.  
28 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might  
29 just ask Chris a question? Chris, do we get a good  
30 steak out of this?  
31 CHRIS TALLEY: (?)  
32 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
34 Item, Item Number 15, Administrator's Report.  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, only one  
36 request and that would be if Council could schedule  
37 some time for a work session. There's several issues  
38 that we have that we need to address that we've been  
39 having on hold for some time, but whatever Council's  
40 pleasure. But if we could do that, we would greatly  
41 appreciate it.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Burns, let  
43 Linda or some of your staff, Phyllis, just I'm  
44 available any time if y'all will just arrange it with  
45 the other Council members, get with them, or  
46 whatever's, whatever you need to do and the time will  
47 be fine. If that'll suit. I think Mr. Crowder's got a  
48 finance committee coming up.  
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: It's a -- I'm booked -- I  
50 have proposed a Finance Committee meeting on the 18th,

1 I believe it is, at ten o'clock and there'll be an  
2 extended agenda.

3 TOMMY DUNN: So just -- if y'all can  
4 handle that if that's the pleasure of everybody --  
5 dates will be fine.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I will send to  
9 you a list of -- I will send you a copy of my calendar  
10 for the month of August because I already have a lot of  
11 things on there. Okay. And I would like for --  
12 please, to have some type consideration about my  
13 schedule for a change. Okay.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. Citizens  
17 Comments. Please state your name and district again if  
18 you would, please. And address the Chair.

19 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, first up is  
20 Mark Powell.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell.

22 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
23 You know we've all seen the published prices that we  
24 pay some of the hired help we have working for this  
25 county. It behooves me, shocks me, and distresses me  
26 that we're paying fifty-two to fifty-seven thousand  
27 dollars for engineers to design something for a service  
28 center. It really distresses me that we're paying  
29 someone to do road traffic analysis for thirty, forty,  
30 fifty, whatever thousands of dollars that was. I can't  
31 imagine that within this vast, wonderful, all I hear  
32 when I say get rid of people, and I'm not being picky.  
33 Don't worry, Mr. Holt. But I'm not being picky, but  
34 all I hear when I say that is on the blog sites and  
35 Independent Mail is we've got so many good, well  
36 qualified, hard working staff. Why do we keep paying  
37 so many consulting fees? That's my main point there.  
38 The other thing is, you know, a question was brought up  
39 by a Council member is did we anticipate the  
40 possibility of the bridge costing us more money and  
41 having to put more money on it? My question would be  
42 is I wonder if we anticipated how many roofs Jebco  
43 might need? The other question is pertaining to -- I  
44 lost my train of thought on that one. It went right  
45 over my head like a roof. I've still got a few  
46 minutes. Let me -- I can't even read my own writing.  
47 Oh. The animal shelter. Rumor has it, on the  
48 blogosphere that there were possibly animals being  
49 taken from the animal shelter. This did not come from  
50 committee members. There were animals being taken from

1 the animal shelter, possibly not even paid sixty bucks  
2 for, by possible employees, and being sold for two,  
3 three, four hundred bucks. Those are what I call name  
4 brands. My question is has that ever been looked into  
5 and is it true? And if it was true, could we at least  
6 fire somebody for a change? Thank you..

7 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

8 ELIZABETH FANT: Glad to see the Civic Center  
9 going to be used Wednesday and Ms. Wilson has already  
10 mentioned it, but it's called to Wolfstock Adoption  
11 event where we hope fifty or more animals are going to  
12 be adopted. I understand there was some problem with  
13 animal shelter getting everybody's phone calls, if you  
14 wanted to be a volunteer. So if you want to volunteer  
15 for this event to help with it, meet at the animal  
16 shelter tomorrow at eleven o'clock to get an  
17 orientation on how to help with this event. And we  
18 need lots of people with different abilities to help us  
19 with this and we hope we get all these wonderful  
20 creatures adopted. Thank you.

21 MIKE PITTS: Chris Talley is signed up to  
22 speak. That's it, Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now moving on to  
24 comments, Remarks from Council Members. Mr. Allen.

25 TOM ALLEN: I, too, just like to throw  
26 my two cents in for Wolfstock. I think that's a, a  
27 great idea and I hope we can get all those animals  
28 adopted. My wife and I adopted an animal from out at  
29 the shelter about three months ago and somebody asked  
30 about spay and neutering. And at this time, when we  
31 picked the dog up and took her home, she had not been  
32 spayed and neutered but that was because she was so  
33 skinny. So we took her back in about thirty days after  
34 we got her all fixed up and this has turned out to be  
35 an absolutely fantastic dog. So I encourage everybody  
36 to, to make it to the adoption program.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.  
38 Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I had to miss, miss  
40 one Council meeting because of -- I was in  
41 Jacksonville, Florida with the Brownfield organization.  
42 I don't know if you know anything at all about  
43 brownfields. Some of you may and some of you may not.  
44 It's one of the best things that the federal government  
45 has done to help us clean up our neighborhoods and our  
46 communities. I was there and I, I learned so much and  
47 met so many people who can help us here in Anderson do  
48 more than what we've been doing. There is some  
49 exciting things that we're working on and I'm hoping to  
50 be able to tell you some more about it maybe at the



1 next meeting. But the, the trip was very, very  
2 helpful, beneficial, worthwhile, and anything else.  
3 Any Council member who has brownfield areas in their  
4 districts, you should have been there. And I just came  
5 back from Hilton Head where I spent a couple of days  
6 working and learning. They had some very worthwhile,  
7 very worthwhile classes there and I -- which I sat on  
8 and again, I found some interesting things that we can  
9 bring back here to Anderson. It's important that we do  
10 get out. We have to remember that Anderson is not the  
11 world. We have to remember that there's a bigger,  
12 bigger place out there where we can learn things that  
13 we can bring back that can help all of us. It's not  
14 all about our just little old corner of the state. And  
15 with that, I thank you.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
18 also was down for the conference at Hilton Head and I  
19 would like to congratulate our emergency management  
20 staff, the Sheriff and everybody that participated in  
21 the Red Dragon. We'll do more at the next Council  
22 meeting. We'll have everybody here and I want to  
23 remind everybody, please come back to the next Council  
24 meeting next week. And we're going to play the  
25 presentation that was given. A lot of you probably --  
26 I know we had the, the meeting, the Council meeting  
27 that was called with the exercises and everything, but  
28 we were head and shoulders above everybody else in the  
29 state. Everybody bragged about our presentation and I  
30 kept having different Council members from different  
31 parts of the state to come up to me and was talking  
32 about our presentation. It was just an absolutely  
33 outstanding presentation. And we're going to play it  
34 here at the next Council meeting and everybody please  
35 come watch it because you'll really be impressed about  
36 what Anderson County did. This was a regional, a  
37 regional operation with a lot of counties involved.  
38 And in the middle of all this, we actually had some  
39 disasters that was going on with the train derailment  
40 in Pickens and we, you know, went in in Pickens with  
41 the Pickens County authorities up there. And it was an  
42 absolutely outstanding accomplishment that Anderson  
43 County's done. So please join us at the next Council  
44 meeting and I think you'll be really proud of our  
45 emergency management staff, our Sheriff, and everyone  
46 that participated in this event. And with that, Mr.  
47 Chairman, I thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
49 Crowder.

50 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I'd like to comment on

1 the East-West Connector. I know that's a passionate  
2 subject in the hearts of many people, but keep in mind  
3 that I've only been on this Council for about eight or  
4 nine weeks now. But I have gathered all the  
5 information back to 2000 which actually is about that  
6 high from this table and I'm not joking you. I'll be  
7 glad to take you to my house and I have read every page  
8 of it. And I have not only read every page, but I've  
9 gone back through it and put all the highlight dates in  
10 chronological order so that I can make some sense out  
11 of it. I've read every citizen's comments. Many of  
12 you are sitting here in the audience tonight and so my  
13 heart sympathizes with each one of you. And so in  
14 order to try to keep you in the loop, many people came  
15 to me and said I would like to just know what's going  
16 on out there and what are they planning. And as a  
17 result of that, I talked with Chairman Dunn and Rusty  
18 Burns and it was agreed to ask South Carolina  
19 Department of Transportation to come to the Civic  
20 Center to have a informational meeting. Because I'm a  
21 great believer that information gives us the right to  
22 be able to make better decisions. And so in addition  
23 to that, I started emphasizing to the officials at  
24 South Carolina DOT based upon the knowledge that I had  
25 of the project over the years and being a neophyte in  
26 the office that I hold at this particular time, it  
27 appeared to me that they needed to reinstall the  
28 landscaping, the beautification, the burns for the  
29 aesthetics and sound reduction in the area. And I told  
30 them that they needed to do that and they  
31 wholeheartedly agreed with me. I discussed that with  
32 Chairman Dunn, with Mr. Burns, and they thought it was  
33 the necessary thing to do and so they did that. And  
34 they are now coming up with a revised cost estimate on  
35 the project to include all of those things to keep that  
36 neighborhood a neighborhood. Secondly, people have  
37 used the word that it needs to be a parkway. Well,  
38 quite frankly, the only way that that can be kept a  
39 parkway is to get agreement with the city that they  
40 will not encroach on in zoning the very moment that the  
41 parkway becomes reality and somebody wants to come in  
42 and create commercial property. So I have suggested  
43 that we try to meet with the city and see if we cannot  
44 work out some kind of agreement to hold harmless the  
45 area and make it a parkway for a specified period of  
46 time. Now quite frankly, when I think of that, that's  
47 probably an impossible task, but I've learned many  
48 years ago that if you don't ask for anything, you don't  
49 get it. And so we're going to try for that, but I  
50 cannot guarantee you any assurance because keep in mind

1 the city is the city ---

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3 FRANCIS CROWDER: -- as well as my taxpayer's  
4 dollars too. But I can assure you if Anderson County  
5 doesn't use the money, it's not going to reduce mine  
6 and your tax bill one cent because somewhere else in  
7 South Carolina, they're going to use that money. So  
8 the Catch 22 is how do we make the best of this  
9 situation where you get as much as you can get and we  
10 get progress. So you may not agree with that, but, you  
11 know, I'm open to all suggestions. You know my phone  
12 number. I don't mind meeting with you, but I am not a  
13 miracle worker, I'm not a miracle worker. And so --  
14 but I have a passion to be the best County Council  
15 member that I possibly can be within reason. And so I  
16 hope that you'll pull with me there, you know, life is  
17 a give and take situation. It's kind of like marriage.  
18 Okay. So let's try to get married for awhile. All  
19 right. And not be on the, you know, total opposition.  
20 Because the ditch is there whether we want it or not.  
21 It's not going to get filled up, so how can we make it  
22 as pretty a useful a ditch as we possibly can to serve  
23 the citizens, but still keep the area a neighborhood.  
24 So I apologize. I didn't mean to really say all that,  
25 but I had some encouragement so I thought I would just  
26 go ahead and say it and get it off my chest.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. Ms.  
28 Wilson.

29 CINDY WILSON: Thank you so much. And I  
30 have to tell you that we are so blessed to have Mr.  
31 Crowder. He walked into a hornet's nest. It's just  
32 been a very difficult situation. A lot of us have been  
33 familiar with the project going back many years and,  
34 and I think that there's a lot more that we can do to  
35 mitigate the situation. A number of us have talked  
36 back and forth the last few days. Perhaps there's some  
37 legislation that could be used to soften that situation  
38 out there too. But thank you, Mr. Crowder. See he's  
39 espoused the kind of philosophy most of us up here have  
40 now and that is that we want to take the information to  
41 the people. Take information from our citizens and try  
42 to have more of a partnership in how we evolve as a  
43 society in this county. So thank you, Mr. Crowder. A  
44 couple of things real quick. The municipal meeting is  
45 going to be in West Pelzer in Pelzer on Thursday and  
46 all of my Council members are invited. I hope y'all  
47 can come and if you'll let Phyllis with Mr. Burns'  
48 office know the head count maybe tomorrow that would be  
49 great. And I'm also going to request that we examine  
50 the possibility of having a resolution requesting and

1 imploring regulations to protect the people and  
2 properties from the ethanol transportation and facility  
3 over in the Cheddar area. I'm very, very concerned.  
4 There was a derailment Sunday and it's just a terrible  
5 situation over there and everywhere we've been so far,  
6 we've been told that there no appropriate regulations  
7 yet. I guess ethanol is still somewhat new to the  
8 United States and I, I would to see if we could develop  
9 one and send it to the EPA, DHEC, to our state and  
10 federal authorities to see if they could come up with  
11 something that's sensible that would protect life and  
12 properties over there. Now on a good note, I wanted to  
13 thank my fellow Council members who were able to come  
14 up to the 4-H Southeast championships. If none of you  
15 got up there, it was so exciting. Over six hundred  
16 horses from all over the southeast and all these dirty  
17 but young smiling faces and see their flag drill and  
18 just see such excitement there. That was really  
19 uplifting. And then we found out that it had all the  
20 hotels around here filled for several days, just  
21 packed. So thank you all for, for your help on that  
22 and it was fun. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I've  
24 got a few comments. I'd just like to appreciate the  
25 staff and everything they've done to make the airport  
26 expansion possible. We're kicking it off today. I  
27 think that's going to be a great addition for Anderson  
28 County and really pay off dividends. On the East-West  
29 Connector, I hope we can do something. I've talked to  
30 some delegations members today about some of the zoning  
31 issues. I think that's going to be a real thing to do  
32 that. And all for getting -- helping to get a meeting  
33 -- Mr. Crowder get a meeting set up with the city and  
34 see if we can work something out there. I'm really  
35 thankful and grateful for the job that Mr. Crowder's  
36 done in trying to get the people informed as much as  
37 possible. And the people that, that's been dealt this,  
38 you know, the hope is going to be with the ANATS  
39 committee and maybe talk to the -- some city  
40 councilmen. You know, we could vote, we could vote up  
41 here all day, but -- and they don't -- I talked -- me  
42 and Ms. Wilson was talking about it today and I told  
43 her, you know, they didn't ask me if it -- they wanted  
44 a go cart path or a two lane or four lanes. They  
45 didn't ask my opinion if they wanted it so they sure  
46 ain't going to ask my opinion if it don't make a hoot  
47 about two lanes or four lanes. But I do feel for y'all  
48 and anyway we can help we will on that line. And again  
49 I just want to remind everybody about the animal  
50 shelter adoption at the Civic Center Wednesday. I

1 appreciate what all the staff's doing, the committee's  
2 doing, and I hope we get, get this thing turned around  
3 and get on the right track. And let's all honestly do  
4 what's best for the animals. And that's what we all  
5 should be here for. I mean, getting to do what's best  
6 for them and get things going. I appreciate all the  
7 hard work and I said, like I said, the staff sort of  
8 started this ball on this thing here and see how it  
9 goes. And want to -- hope it's very, very successful  
10 and everybody comes out and supports it in a, in a big  
11 way. And if there's no objections, this meeting will  
12 be adjourned. Thank y'all so much.  
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

# Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

**Regular Meeting – August 17, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

## MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of the meeting in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

## PRESENT:

Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District #1

Gracie S. Floyd – District #2

Eddie Moore – District #3

Tom Allen – District #4

Tommy Dunn – District #5

Ron Wilson – District #6

M. Cindy Wilson – District #7

Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator

Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney

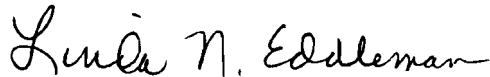
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

Chase Heatherly – County Council Intern

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County   of       Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

August 17, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER, SR.  
M. CINDY WILSON  
GRACIE FLOYD  
RON WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: ... Anderson County Council meeting to order. At this time Mr. Wilson's not here. I'll lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOMMY DUNN

TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to Item Number 3, Citizens Comments. Mr. Pitts. You'll have to call the names out and, please, state your name and district and keep it on the agenda items and address the Chair, please.

MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first citizen signed up this evening is Sandi Jean.

SANDI JEAN: Good evening, Council members. My name is Sandi Jean and I'm at 1212 Crestview Road here in Anderson. That's County District Seven. And I'm here to speak on Item 11(b), 2010-017 concerning the Anderson County animal shelter. Currently our animal shelter is not a place to be proud of. With the building of a new shelter, I would like to see a stream lined efficient and caring shelter that is responsive to the animals' needs and that is a place our county residents will go to adopt an animal without hesitating because of the shelter's environment. Many changes need to be made to cause this to happen. A standard operating procedural manual is explicit and absolutely necessary as it addresses the actual operations of the shelter's needs to be functional base of shelter actions. With this as a base, shelter needs can be addressed and programs can be implemented that will help our deserted animals, our shelter staff, and our potential adopters. In conclusion, our main goal should be providing the best care and humane treatment for all of the animals no one else wants. They have no voice to speak for themselves. They must depend on us so let us put personal -- our personalities and differences aside and work together for the betterment of our devoted and lifelong friends. Make Anderson County's shelter a model of excellence. Thank you very much and God bless.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Brooks Brown, the Fourth.

BROOKS BROWN, IV: Brooks Brown, Council District One. I have a question about 2010-011. A gentleman



is asking for a rezoning. We've seen these rezoning requests come up before and they never tell us what they're rezoning for. The standard answer seems to be, oh, I just want to expand my possibilities. Well that's bunk. He knows what he's going to put in there. I'd like to know if a liquor store's going in there, adult book club, tattoo parlor. Yes. It's surrounded by other C-2 property, but there are residences all around the back area there. We also have a problem with traffic. A little side road comes out from Sam's Club and Wal-Mart -- people trying to cut across that little short area. You've also got traffic coming in off of Clemson Boulevard and it ties it up. If he's going to put in a high traffic or high volume traffic area where are these cars going to go? I think this Council needs some questions answered. I think the gentleman needs to come up and say this is what I plan on putting in and here are my traffic studies before y'all vote on this. And I urge you to table this matter until we get some more information. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:

Thank you.

MIKE PITTS:

Mark Powell.

MARK POWELL:

Mark Powell, District Seven.

I'm confused. If I'm not mistaken, we paid thousands of dollars -- twenty, thirty, some odd thousands of dollars to have a law firm write up the operational procedural manual that the lady was speaking of earlier. I do not understand why it hasn't been followed. I do not understand why people who are maybe part of the Anderson County authority haven't made this manual be abided by. It was a very expensive thing to have done. It ought to be enforced. Another thing I'd like to talk about is this resolution down here. Ambulance subsidizing. You've got to be kidding me. My Mom fell and hit her head. That wasn't the problem, she had rib problems. She drove -- my Dad drove her to the hospital over in Anderson to the new one. They got there and she had blood on her head so they said, oh, head trauma. You've got to go to the other hospital to the emergency room. They wouldn't let my Dad drive her. It cost four hundred and eighty dollars to the ambulance service to take her from the new hospital to the older hospital. After she got there, she sat on a Gurney -- laid on a Gurney for almost four and a half

-- four hours and forty-five minutes actually before a doctor or a nurse walked up and said, how are you. I am appalled that this guy already is paid member of the Anderson County coroner -- I am appalled that we give him any money because he charged four hundred and eighty bucks to transport about what, five miles, four miles? A hundred dollars a mile. Please don't give any more money to these people. We've got to have competition and an ambulance service and I wish somebody would come in and help with that because this seems ridiculous unless there's something I don't understand. And I don't think I don't understand, he just keeps getting more and more money. It's called a monopoly. Stop it. Thanks.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman. Rick Freemantle from District Six. I would also like to speak on Ordinance Item (b) 2010-017. I would like to speak in favor of accepting and administering this standard operating procedures manual that was, I understand, discovered through the committee that was put together to look into the animal shelter. I'd like to give them kudos for the good work on the things they have found and the suggestions that they have given back to this body. Also I see here that you're going to address donations to the shelter. I find it rather appalling that there was eighty thousand dollars sitting over there that no one knew about and for two years all we heard was mealy mouth stories about how we needed dog food when they had that kind of money laying around. That's disgraceful. I also heard that in an effort to cut down on costs over there that they're reducing the anesthesia used during the spaying process of animals. You know even our convicted felons are treated more kindly than that. I would like to invite everyone of you to go over to the hospital and have some sexual reduction surgery and do it with a little bit less anesthesia and then see if you think it's worth cutting down on costs. Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District Three. Mr. Chairman and Council. I'm on the Advisory Committee for the animal shelter and all we want is the very best for the animals. I do want us to be

following a standard operating procedure, but I don't believe that there should be any kind of clause in there that says that at the whim of the shelter that they can not follow those rules. I think that's ludicrous.

MIKE PITTS: Doreene Montepara.

DOREENE MONTEPARA: Good evening, Mr. Chair. Doreene Montepara, District Five. I also wanted to speak on the SOP. I do think they're a good idea. As far as taking out the clause to let the shelter change it if they need to, sometimes there are circumstances where things have to be changed. We do know that sometimes there are people that are raided and we end up with two, three hundred animals at one time brought into the shelter. Unfortunately people don't spay and neuter their animals and we end up with a large amount of animals and puppies and kittens at this time of year especially. I think we need to start instead of looking at blaming shelter staff and putting out nasty emails, we need to start looking at changing the laws in Anderson, South Carolina and South Carolina as a whole. You need dog licensing, you need cat licensing. Yes. I have animals and I'm willing to pay for the licensing for my animals. One it protects if the animal is lost, you're able to get it returned to you. How many people are out there looking for their animals? There's an ad in today's paper. A twenty-five year old cat is missing. These people are devastated looking for their cat. If we had licensing laws or we made them micro-chip -- my animals are micro-chipped so I feel much safer. Yeah. I have to pay a fee for them every year, but it's worth it. We need to start looking at other ways to change things instead of attacking people who are in there day in and day out. Do you think they're happy when they have to take those animals in there and euthanize them? They're not. I've been involved with animals for over twelve years. I was on the board of the Humane Society for years. Yes. I left so I could do my own thing in trying to help people in my community, but I've never stopped working with the animals. You really need to start looking elsewhere besides blaming the shelter staff. Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts. Item Number 4, Approval of July 13, 2010 Called Meeting.

Do we have a -- are there any corrections or changes to be made?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Ms.

CINDY WILSON: On page eleven, I'm sure it was hard to hear on the tape, but on line forty-five and forty-six the actual wording was rail siding and they misunderstood that. So if we could just make the correction to rail siding and I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Are there, are there --

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EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: -- are there any other corrections or changes to be made? Hearing none, we'd -- Ms. Wilson's got a motion to adopt the minutes with those, with those changes. Mr. Moore seconds.

EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We all in -- all in favor of Ms. Wilson's motion, show of hands. Opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, Ms. Wilson in favor. None opposed and Ms., Ms. Floyd abstains. Thank y'all. Moving on to Item Five, the Regional Storm Water Management and Clemson Carolina Clear Presentation.

CAL SAWYER: Good evening. My name is Cal Sawyer. I've come to talk to y'all tonight about storm water. It looks like I picked a pretty good night. I know we need rain around here, but I, I wish I was a rainman and rain could follow me a little more than it has been lately. I am an Assistant Professor in the department of Biosystems Engineering at Clemson and also a Water Quality Specialist with the Clemson Extension Service. Before I get started, I do want to recognize Marty Watt. I think most of y'all know him. He's the lead agent here for Clemson Extension in Anderson County and I've known Marty for a long time so I just want to recognize him as well. The other person that I do want to recognize who's not here who's also on the agenda, but she fell ill and was unable to come up from Charleston, that's Katie Jackolony. The remarks that I make this evening are the remarks on behalf of her as well as myself. What I have come to do is to talk to you all about the benefits of a regional storm water educational

strategy, developing that strategy, and then the potential of involvement with Clemson's Carolina Clear program. I think as some of you all know, back in 2006 EPA and the Department of Health and Environmental Control promulgated some new regulations that resulted in some permits that were requiring smaller, what are referred to as MS4s -- Municipal separate storm sewer systems. I'm going to call them MS4s for the rest of the time that I that I speak. It's a bit of a mouthful. But it's essentially requiring those who develop a storm water management plan that has a, that has some pretty significant and far reaching ramifications. And essentially, it, it's requiring these MS4s to develop a process to deal with water quality. And, and previously these regulations only existed for three different municipalities and then one agency in the state and now there's seventy-two. Okay. So this program has, has broadened quite significantly. The way that this storm water management program has been required to be developed - - there's six minimum control measures that each municipality and county -- each MS4 has to come up with. We at Clemson have worked with several MS4s on all six of these measures to some degree, but clearly as a university, we intend to focus strictly on two which are public education and outreach and public participation and involvement. And we don't think it's any coincidence that these are the first two of these six required minimum control measures. Just as a little bit of background, the environmental Protection Agency and DHEC have both recognized that polluted runoff, essentially the runoff that results from the rain like we're experiencing right now, is the number one water quality problem in South Carolina and, indeed, the nation. And the latest 2010 303(d) list which is a list of impaired waters in the state shows that forty percent of the monitored surface water bodies in the state are impaired for one or more pollutants. Again, the federal and state regulations are requiring communities to begin and implement outreach and education programs for their citizens and they're requiring that these involve data -- the collection of data, the use of research, and really aspiring to have innovation utilized in this as well. And we feel its, it almost goes without saying that education is better than enforcement for address, for

addressing this issue. And enforcement action has been taken in the state already and what we're trying to do is at least with respect those first two minimum control measures try to help municipalities and counties and MS4 communities deal with trying to minimize that potential. You know, why Clemson Extension? I'm sure Marty could get up here and give a thousand reasons why, but, but clearly education is our mission. It's been our mission for over a century now. We do have a presence in every county and, and every major water basin in the state. We have significant experience in not only water quality, but also soils, horticulture and other relevant natural resource issues and, and we feel it's critical to have a unified message and that's the real beauty of being able to work together as MS4 communities. The, the state bound these together in these urbanized areas, but didn't require working together and we really feel like working together is going to save money, it's going to save time, and it's going to present an opportunity for a strengthened message. We do have an expertise at Clemson in evaluating program effectiveness and we have sound and very thorough reporting processes and mechanisms already in place. So what is Carolina Clear? Carolina Clear is a, a Clemson run program that's essentially a comprehensive storm water education and public involvement program that's, that's conducted to target outreach and awareness programs and really we focus on behavior change. What can we teach people to change their behavior because polluted runoff storm water is really just a people pollution and, and if we can change the attitudes and behavior of individuals then we can have an impact on the larger good. Essentially, our bottom line is to develop and implement a very broad based education program that's going to inform citizens about the issues of storm water, but also explain to them what their role is and the impacts that they have. In addition, we want to provide outreach that fulfills the MS4 requirements for publication -- public education and public involvement. And there you can see some photos of just some of the different programs that we have implemented around the state. There are currently seven consortiums. What we try to do is, is urge the different MS4 communities that are part of an urbanized area to work together in a

consortium fashion. You can see here that we have seven that range all the way up and down the coast, up into the Midlands area, Sumter, Florence, and even in Pickens, we've got a, we've got a great program that's going up over there. I gave Ms. Wilson an example of our annual plan, our annual report. You know, I don't want to call it a bottom line issue, but I think there are some colleagues that work with me in storm water that will say that the Environmental Protection Agency and DHEC are very concerned about reporting and making sure that you dot all your i's and cross all your t's. And that's really one of the benefits that we have is that we are very experienced in creating reports. And it's not just about the reporting, but at the end of the day, you've got to be able to demonstrate that you have done what you said you were going to do and it's all part of this process. But, but we are working statewide right now and, and we're having quite an impact all around. Essentially where we begin is, is kind of where we are now is to determine the desire and if there's a willingness for a regional consortia. Talk to the different entities that are involved and see if there is an interest. We then follow that up with a survey and -- but we have to be able to demonstrate that what the -- and identify what the priority target audiences are, what the particular topics or pollutants are. I mentioned the 303(d) list which is the list of impairments that the state generates. We want to make sure that we're focusing on those, but are there any areas of special significance that the community has that we need to focus on. Is there, is there a particular water body of concern that rises above potentially that 303(d) list of impaired waters and focus on those? What's the available infrastructure, are there websites, are there newsletters, are there things that we can capitalize that already exist? Public access television, for example, that we can utilize to be able to help get the message out and then try to get a handle on what the current knowledge is. We have worked with the Department of Sociology on campus to develop a survey and, and actually the first iteration of that survey has already been published and it really demonstrates that there's a lot of room for improvement in terms of our understanding of the storm water. We follow that up with filling in the elements

of the storm water management plan and develop a plan for the activities in year one. We develop a, a -- or capitalize on existing broad range of partnerships and, and not that it -- we conclude with the development of a web page, but that's a fantastic way of getting information out. Just a little bit more about the education plan, we do develop that collaboratively to meet the needs of the permit requirement. That's one of our primary goals, but also meet, meet the needs of the citizens and the audiences involved and we do make that annual and adaptive. We, we develop -- what we try to do is develop a three year plan, but then we go back and adjust that every year based on the needs of the ... Now I know that sometimes when you look at a matrix like this you can tend to glaze over, but I'll just point a couple of things out here. This is a sample education plan. This is focused on youth K-12 and teacher education. This happens to be from our, our storm water consortium down in Richland County. You can see there that on the, on the far left you've got lead service provider which would be Carolina Clear. The Richland County has a, a robust program themselves. There's also another partner that we have down there, Gills Creek Watershed Association. And then you can move across and see what the activity is, what the target pollutants are, what the target audience is, and this is the way for us to go through and check off and make sure that we're addressing each and every component. The other thing that I want to point out here is that all of the activities of the consortium that we engage in, we have a consistent dialog with the Department of Health and Environmental Control with their office of compliance. We routinely work with them and have specific meetings with them to make sure that we're on the right track, to make sure that we're doing everything we can to try to make -- try to insure compliance with these, with these permits. Just a couple of slides about, for example, a sample public education involvement program, we pilot a number of different outreach efforts to try to figure out what worked because what works in one community may not work in another. We do a series of, of technical workshops, we've done household hazardous waste cleanup, we try to let folks understand when they need to call a particular hotline, for example.



Development of appropriate education materials. You can see there that is a slide from -- or a card from, from some of our rain barrel workshops. Increasingly rain barrels and water harvesting are real, a real hot button topic and, and we have, we have sold out rain barrel workshops all over the state. People are very interested in this as a term -- as a way to conserve water and, and address the storm water problem. We've got adopt-a programs, adopt a wetland, adopt a stream, adopt a creek. We are involved with cleanups, storm drain marking, you name it, we're doing it. And, and really there's no way to get the message across better than mass media. Well, I shouldn't say there's no way. Mass media represents a broad way for us to get the message across. I, I don't want to leave out public involvement. But we have public service announcements on TV and radio, we've got billboards, government access channels, newsletters, websites, any number of things. This just happens to be an example of a billboard that we've got in some areas across the state and increasingly we're looking at social networking as a way to get the message out, including things like Facebook. Again, just some sample technical workshops. For elected and appointed officials we have a number of different offerings, low impact development. This happens to be some case studies in quality growth. We just did a cistern installation workshop for design engineers. We've done design engineer training for pervious concrete -- again, that's a, that's a big area of growth in the state. And then we also, we also do inspector certification programs for, for the state general permit on construction. Again, technical assistance. We are involved with county storm water program development, as well as demonstration projects for best manager practices and where possible, we also try to leverage our outreach component with grant submittals. Increasingly grants are a good way to leverage money and get more money from federal agencies to be able to do a best manager -- install best manager practices to try to address storm water. Essentially in terms of formalizing the process, we initiate or re-establish contact with some of the MS4s, we try to coordinate a meeting, exchange information, and we talk to them about the, a scaled fee structure. When I first started this program a

number of years ago, I made a promise I said that I'm not a salesman. You know, I'm a teacher and an educator and I'm not going to, to beat anybody over the head about trying to sell them anything, but, you know, we try to offer this as a, as a tool that people can use in their tool box or their arsenal as a way to address storm water. But essentially we try to obtain a memorandum of understanding between the MS4 and the University. It's, it's pretty straight forward, it's just a two pager. And it basically says where, whereas Clemson has this particular type of expertise and where the MS4 has a requirement for these minimum control measures resolve that their going to work together. And we make sure that we do this not just for a single MS4, but for the MS4s in a, in a given urbanized area. There is a scaled fee structure. It's based on, on population. You know, it does work better on an economy of scale where multiple MS4s are involved. You know, we felt like it was, it was important for us to differentiate between a town, for example, or city the size of North Charleston with another of their neighbors that's an MS4 community that's as small as Lincolnville. But you've got a community that may have three thousand individuals in it and, and we felt like it was critical for us to develop a sliding scale. And, and we do reserve the right to decline involvement and, and I don't want that to come out the wrong way, but, but there have been smaller MS4 communities that, that we have not been able to develop a, a long term program with simply because they're too small and their neighbors couldn't get, couldn't come together to, to be able to fund enough for us to be able to, to develop a program for them. In any case, that's -- we do reserve the right to, to decline involvement. Again that's only had, that's only happened one time. In terms of the other bottom line, this is just a for an example, if we were to develop a program and work with Anderson County and the city and Belton, these would be the fees or the rate structure that we would be working with. And again, this is, this represents the urbanized area that would be part of Greenville, as part of Greenville County, as well. Now the contact information that I have here is for Katie. My contact information is on the information that I handed to Ms. Wilson and I want to thank the Council for giving us

the opportunity to come talk about this. I want to thank Ms. Wilson for inviting us to, to have this opportunity to talk and with that, I'll entertain any questions you might have.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: We probably will

optimistically look forward to the next wave of development in the not too distant future even though our economy's really bad now. Would your group be able to work with us in planning and development to address our land use regulations and subdivision standards and then actually involve our developers and landowners to come up with some measures that would be useful?

CAL SAWYER: Yes. We have worked with several of our MS4 communities to help them with their ordinance process primarily in terms of making recommendations that would be specific to addressing storm water and, and trying to minimize the impacts of storm water, increase infiltration, follow some of those low impact development guidelines. And we routinely work with elected and appointed officials, we work with developers, contractors, it's, it's really -- when we go to the process of working with each community, we identify through that survey process what it is that that community feels like it needs and then work to develop programs or, or pull programs that we already have to address those.

CINDY WILSON: One example that has always intrigued me is our current requirements on large parking lots. Most of them are required to have the curbed, mounded medians and, of course, that's going to create more runoff, but one of the recommendations or remedies for that that I heard that your group presented some years back would be like an inverted, concave and do some vegetation that could take the inundation and the drought that would help clean and hold the water. And from what I could tell, that actually was less expensive than our developers and contractors having to do the mounded medians and so forth. So those are the type things that I think would be very helpful for our business people who are involved in that industry to know about and for us to have some other options in our land use regulations

and standards so that we can work with other possibilities. I know just this week I went out looking at some land and it had had timber cut and they weren't observing their BMPs. They had actually cut timber down to the water and pushed the debris in the stream and I was really surprised. And then I've seen some other large grading projects going on with no runoff measures and I, I'm concerned about what we've got here tonight. But, anyway, I appreciate y'all coming and I look forward to learning more.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

RON WILSON: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: Let me just wonder and you were talking about the two main pollutant. What are they?

CAL SAWYER: Well, the state recognizes right now the number one impairment is bacteria. Okay. They, they currently monitor for fecal chloroform bacteria, but they're in the process of switching to the e-coli in, in terms of the, the standard for bacteria. But bacteria is the number one pollutant that's listed on the 303(d) list. Currently there is no standard for sediment. Turbidity is used as a proxy for sediment related pollution, but sediment is typically considered the, the second ---

RON WILSON: And what is the second one?

CAL SAWYER: Sediment.

RON WILSON: Okay. And you said the primary one is bacteria?

CAL SAWYER: Yes, sir.

RON WILSON: Is this from feed lots or what?

CAL SAWYER: That is a question that would have to be answered on a case by case basis. It would depend on what water shed you're talking about. You know bacteria can come from livestock, it can come from pets, it can come from humans, or it can come from background wildlife. And ---

RON WILSON: Is it safe to say it's coming from farming?

CAL SAWYER: Well, you might have an urban water shed that has a, an impairment for bacteria that has no, that has no agricultural activity in it that's still impaired for bacteria, so that would be human or pet as the primary contributors.

RON WILSON: What you're -- what are you suggesting is the remedy?

CAL SAWYER: How much time do we have?

RON WILSON: You've got less than a minute.

CAL SAWYER: Less than a minute. That's, that's a loaded question and I understand and ---

RON WILSON: Well, it's these loaded questions that's got to be answered.

CAL SAWYER: Yes. And, and I guess my point is that it's difficult to answer. These are complicated questions and it's difficult to answer in a short period of time. You know, if the problem can be pinpointed to failing septic systems, for example, then you know, you have to consider what kind of infrastructure you might have to bring into the area. If it were agricultural say related to, you know, animals grazing in the stream, then you could fence animals out of the stream. There are a number of different practices that might be brought to bare, but it takes a little investigation to figure out. Bacteria is a broad category and it ---

RON WILSON: I know.

CAL SAWYER: -- it takes -- I mean, it's a very difficult issue. If -- I, I'll -- in defense of my, my regulatory colleagues in Columbia, if there were an easy fix, they would have tried it already. It's a very difficult issue and, and there are a number of our colleagues in Extension that have been putting in best management practices in Anderson County, Pickens County, Oconee County, and all over the state designed to address this. But, but it's a continuing problem and, and investigating where that bacteria's coming from is a big issue.

RON WILSON: Well, a lot of things that you had in the slide implies that it needs some government involvement and it's my experience that most of the time when you get government involved in a simple problem, it becomes complex. And so I, you know, and we're living in an economy that's not doing so well. And so to look to try to get government involved to pay for a lot of these things to me is out of the question and so I, you know, I appreciate your presentation, but it seems to me to be dreadfully un - - incomplete. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wilson. Ms.

Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I? I think we need to have a workshop type meeting so we can have greater detail. The EPA issued standards back in '76. They didn't necessarily tell us how we were going to achieve them and the usual knee jerk reaction has been to create big departments, big budgets, and there's relatively little improvement to the issues at hand, the very underlying issue. And I first began learning about this particular group back in 2001, 2002 before the first permitting came about and since that time without our being educated and working with our regulations and standards to -- and trying to avoid where we can the runoff impacts. Look around you. There's been nothing that has improved yet we've got these huge departments. And if we're not careful, we going to have huge fines because we haven't accomplished anything. And I think it would be a big help if we could just learn a little bit more and see if this might be a measure that could absolve us of future problems. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Dr. Sawyer, we appreciate it. I think time has run out.

CAL SAWYER: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you so much.

CINDY WILSON: Dr. Sawyer said he would be out in the hall for a moment if any of our municipal people or any citizens wanted to talk with him before he had to leave. Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 6, a Presentation by the Young Marines. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: It gives me great honor to have this group here. Every time they come it lifts my spirits and it gives me hope for Anderson County because these are our young people. I'm going to ask now that, that the Young Marines please come front along with their advisors, Mr. Terry Chapman.

TERRY CHAPMAN: (Unable to transcribe - not speaking at microphone).

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TERRY CHAPMAN: (Unable to transcribe - not speaking at microphone).

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 7, Resolutions and Proclamations and Pride Awards Presentations -- 7(a), Resolution R-2010-053. A resolution recognizing the Honea Path 10 and Under and

12 and Under baseball teams for winning the District title. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to read this and then have it made in the form of a motion and then invite our young people and their coaches and families down.

Whereas, Anderson County wishes to honor youth in our County who strive to be successful and are dedicated in their area of athletics; and

Whereas, Anderson County has a great history of raising and teaching young people and students to show dedication and perseverance in all aspects of their lives; and

Whereas, the Town of Honea Path Recreational 10 and Under and 12 and Under Baseball Teams have displayed such motivation and talent; and

Whereas, the 10 and Under and 12 and Under teams recently won their respective District titles bringing great honor to their families, town, county and themselves; and

Whereas, on Saturday, August 21, 2010, the Town of Honea Path will be hosting a parade in honor of these teams' victory and continued success;

Whereas, this parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. will take place on Main Street in Honea Path and will be an expression of gratitude to the teams for both winning their District titles and for reaching the state championships; and

Whereas, County Council believes that all children and youth who display dedication, teamwork, selflessness, and resolve such as the Honea Path 10 and Under and 12 and Under teams have done is very deserving of recognition and praise.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson County Council wishes to sincerely thank the Honea Path Recreational 10 and Under and 12 and Under Baseball Teams for bringing this honor to our County and to the Town of Honea Path. Their passion to grow in the sport of baseball and all areas of your lives is commendable. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of August, 2010. And this in the form of a motion, please.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands.

CINDY WILSON: And now if we can have this large group ---

TOMMY DUNN: Wait -- we've got a motion carries unanimously. Go ahead.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I think anyone attending our Council meetings the last few months will have to agree, we have some of the finest young people in the country. We've had two great examples here and we appreciate the dedication of families and schools and communities. And with this, I'd like to present to our 10 and Under team and we have one for our 12 and Under team. I'd like to give all these coaches and families a big hand. Would any of our coaches like to say anything?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, before these young people leave us, if you look around in the back, we have some more people back there and these are the real reasons why these kids are up here. I want you folks who are in the back to come down. If you've got a child here, just stand behind your child and that's going to be the picture that we want. With so much going on in this world now days, Mr. Chairman, it's hard to find parents who are involved. And every time we see parents who are involved, we need to show it. Just keep coming, keep coming. Push your child in front of you because we want to see the Mamas and we want to see the Daddys.

CINDY WILSON: I think we need a standing ovation now.

GRACIE FLOYD: I'll grant you that, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Thank you all very much. And as you leave, if you'll come here, I'd like to shake everybody's hand.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: I would just like to recognize -- we have the Mayor of Belton that's leaving and he



had a couple of Council members that was visiting us tonight. Mayor.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all for being here.  
Yes, sir.

GRACIE FLOYD: Isn't that the Mayor of ...

TOMMY DUNN: At this time moving on to 7(b), a Pride Award for Logan Lange for attending the National Junior Leadership Class. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Folks, you have, you've heard so much about what's wrong with Anderson. You've heard a lot about who's wrong in Anderson, but tonight you have seen what's right in Anderson and you've got one more to go. I'd like to call Mr. Chapman back again -- down. And I would like for this young man to join me down. His name is Logan Lange and not only that, I want his Mom with me and his grandparents. Please come to the front and help me honor this young man.

TERRY CHAPMAN: (Unable to transcribe - not speaking into microphone).

GRACIE FLOYD: But Logan passed it. Yes, yes. Mr. Chapman.

TERRY CHAPMAN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: He might have been in your unit, but it was I who discovered him. Okay. It was I who brought him here. Okay. My story -- I met this young man one day. I was at a certain place and this young man came up to me, he didn't know who I was. He came up to me and what this child, did Logan have it? This child did -- unbelievable. He asked me, Ma'am, may I help you? He talked to me like I was somebody and sometimes I don't feel that way. But this young man gave me a lot of hope and encouragement (?). Talk to him, y'all need to talk to him. This child's mother, she needs to be patted on her back. Grandmother and his grandfather. There's only two other kids I know in Anderson County that had the kind of manners he had and that was Greg and Kenny, my boys. Logan, acting by and through Anderson County Council, and the County Administration, in special recognition of your outstanding representation of Anderson County and the State of South Carolina by being selected to attend the National Junior Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., Anderson County and it's residents hereby confer upon you, Logan Lange, the Anderson County Pride Award. We are

so proud of you. We commend your pursuit of excellence by sharpening your leadership skills through the examinations of successful leaders of the past in order to empower yourself to make a positive social image and some more stuff. Well, Honey, let me tell you about leaders. Okay. A leader is the one who can look behind them and see people following. In your life, I will follow you because you are truly a leader. And, Logan, you make me so proud, you make Anderson County proud. Whether they get a chance to tell you this or not, but you make me proud, Sweetie.

LOGAN LANGE: Thank you. Thank you so much.

GRACIE FLOYD: Council members, I'd like to thank you, please. I know we went over time, but thank you for your indulgence with this.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Just not to short change nobody and make sure it goes in the record, I'm sure you want to make that in the form of a motion and do we have a second on this to get this Pride Award?

RON WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson seconds. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson. Moving on to Item Number (c), Proclamation designating -- designating the month of May of each year as Confederate Heritage Month to properly honor the history of the Confederate States of America, the American Civil War, and the courageous men and women who sacrificed greatly during the time period, and matters related thereto. Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you and, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to read this and put it in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

CINDY WILSON: Whereas, in year 1861, eleven states of the United States of America chose to withdraw from the Union and later form a new nation known as the Confederate States of America Confederacy; and

Whereas, following the birth of the Confederacy, the nation saw the four bloodiest years in it's history known as the American Civil War; and

Whereas, the Civil War consumed our nation and forced men, women, and children alike to bravely protect their homes, stand for their beliefs, and sacrifice their lives; and

Whereas, during the four years of the Civil War over six hundred thousand Americans lost their lives; and

Whereas, Confederate Memorial Day began informally shortly after the Civil War's end as the women of both the North and South decorate graves of fallen soldiers; and

Whereas, since that time local governments and municipalities have begun observing Confederate Memorial Day as a Holiday and often recognize the month of May as Confederate Heritage Month to properly observe the sacrifice of those men, women, and children; and

Whereas, Anderson County Council believes that these Americans fighting under both flags are to be properly honored and remembered for their great sacrifice; and

Whereas, therefore County Council hereby proposes that the month of May each year be proclaimed as Confederate Heritage Month.

Now, therefore, it is hereby proclaimed by the Anderson County Council that Anderson County Council proclaims that the month of May each year henceforth be designated as the Confederate Heritage Month. County Council further wishes to express admiration and pay tribute to the brave citizens of the Southern states who gave their all for their beliefs. This proclamation shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

Resolved in meeting duly assembled the 17th day of August, 2010. And this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any discussion?

RON WILSON: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: I just want to say our, our national convention was held here a few weeks ago. It was the most successful convention that the Sons of Confederate Veterans has ever held anywhere at any

time. It was one of the largest in attendance in recent years going back to '03. So I'm very happy that this is being done. The only thing I would suggest or just say is we few the term Civil War as revisionist history because a civil war is a war within a nation. It was accurately called the War Between the States. So I would simply say that. It's up to y'all whether you want to change it or not, but I'm thrilled to death this is being done. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Well, we used to call it in our household the War of Northern Aggression.

RON WILSON: Well, I mean, either term will work. I'll go along with that one.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any other discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: And if we have any of our U.D.C. members if they would please come forward. I understand they're going to a convention soon. I'd like to present this to you and wish you well in your travels and I want to point out that Dr. Julia Barnes has done a great deal to bring the history of that era alive for young people in this County. I took children down, I guess, to the first Battle of Anderson. It was absolutely astonishing and so educational. I highly recommend that people go. It was a really, really difficult time of our history and hopefully by recognizing this we'll avoid any such horrible thing to come about again. Would you like to say anything?

Julia Barnes: On behalf of Belton Chapter 1843, we express our appreciation for the recognition of this the first year of the sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, War of Northern Aggression, Civil War, whatever you want to call it. May is now Confederate Heritage Month henceforth. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Council members if there's no, no objections, let's take about a ten minute -- you want to take about a ten minute recess? Thank you.

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TOMMY DUNN: Call the meeting back into session. We'll be moving on to item #8 - Discussion

of Building Permits - Mr. Henry and Annette Holley

ANNETTE HOLLEY: I'm Annette Holley from Iva, South Carolina, District 3. Lived in Iva almost 8 decades. On July 23, 2010 a Stop Work Order was posted on the structure of the Farmers Market in Iva, South Carolina by Kevin a Building and Codes employee. The order was for no permits, no inspections performed and encroachment problems. Within the hour the mayor of Iva had taken the order down. The Mayor made the statement to two bystanders, one on the premise that the Acting County Administrator had given him permission to continue with the building. This building will be used by the public and is sponsored by a grant and some taxpayers' money from Anderson County and Iva. Is the permit and inspection law not for everyone? I know a person that was building a 4-room house in this County and was made to re-construct the house because he failed to get a permit. The Farmers' Market involves many people. The house involves 2 residences. The residents broke the law and have since gotten a permit. The Farmers' Market joins my property so I talked to my County Councilman about the situation. He stated that if they were made to take the structure down and everything passed then the town could sue the County. Did he not realize that the Town had broken the law and that private citizens are required to obey the law? What a joke. On July 26 a citizen went to Building and Codes and asked for a copy of the Building permit. The lady at the desk made the statement that she had issued it that morning. She printed out a copy. The Councilman was notified again that no permit was issued until July 26, 2010 of which Councilmember again said it was issued 4 weeks prior to beginning construction. The citizen was sitting in Barry Holcombe's office and asked Mr. Holcombe if he would tell the Councilman that a permit had been issued that morning (7/25/2010). At this point in time, the cement floor has been poured, restroom walls are up and roof rafters are up. Kevin was working the territory for another employee that I ...think I'm telling it right...and saw the structure and knew there had been no permit or inspection. Did no one at Iva Town Hall not know that all buildings being built have to be inspected by law especially if they are going to house

the public? No individual reported the above information. It was discovered by an alert County employee. I was wronged by the Town and County in the past. The Town Council and Mayor stated they raise their right hand to do everything right by law. I am going to help them and not be thrown under the bus again. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Where does the situation stand now? Ok, Sir.

MR. HOLLEY: I'm Henry Holley, District 3. I went to Building and Codes yesterday to find out and I ... In other words "they don't tell the same lie twice." I couldn't get an answer out of them yesterday---now it stands. As of yesterday, I went over there to see if the inspections had been made and he couldn't show me if the inspections had been made at Building and Codes.

GRACIE FLOYD: OK. I'm trying to understand what is going on here. You brought this to us to tell us that there were some improprieties going on that somebody is getting...

HENRY HOLLEY: I guess the best way to say it is "do as I say not as I do" on that part of it. They are enforcing the laws on citizens in the County, yet the Town of Iva can go a month on a building without a permit and they deny it and I called my Councilman and he says that they've had permits for months and that was 7/23/2010 and I go up there on July 26 to Building and Codes and the permit had just been issued that day. So somebody lied to me about 4 weeks about the permit being issued 4 weeks before. I just can't understand why they lied to me.

GRACIE FLOYD: You from District 3?

HENRY HOLLEY: Three.

ANNETTE HOLLEY: I have a copy of the Stop Work order and the reasons why it was stopped. The Mayor tore it down and then talked ugly to 2 bystanders and this is where the building was on July 23 with no permit, no inspection at all. Then we have the other paperwork.

RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: Go Ahead.

ANNETTE HOLLEY: You have other papers. I

think nobody is above the law. I don't care how educated, un-educated, rich or poor, black or white ...everybody should abide by the same laws.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: I'm like Ms. Floyd. I'm trying. Do y'all own this property?

ANNETTE HOLLEY: I own the property. (some words unclear)

RON WILSON: So who is building this?

HENRY HOLLEY: Town of Iva.

RON WILSON: Town of Iva.

HENRY HOLLEY: That's who owns the property.

RON WILSON: And they're building this building?

HENRY HOLLEY: Yes.

RON WILSON: So what is your interest in it? Did you go to see if they had a permit?

HENRY HOLLEY: No. I went over there to see if they were encroaching on my property.

RON WILSON: Oh.

HENRY HOLLEY: And when I did, started over to the City Hall, the Building and Codes man happened to be putting a stop work order on the building. We asked him, stopped and asked him about the encroachment and he told us if we see the Mayor of Town of Iva, tell him not to do any more work. (Words unclear.) We went to Town Hall. We, being me and Dennis Smith, went to Town Hall to tell him and when we told him, the Mayor came over to the Farmer's Market and he tore the stop work order off the building and put it in my face and cussed me out.

RON WILSON: Who did this?

HENRY HOLLEY: This is the Mayor of Iva and said that he had just got off the phone with the Administrator and to go ahead and work that everything was taken care of.

RON WILSON: The Administrator being?

HENRY HOLLEY: The County Administrator.

RON WILSON: And the stop work order was issued by the County?

HENRY HOLLEY: Issued by the County. Just had been put on within an hour.

RON WILSON: I see that here. So then you called your Councilman to ask him?

HENRY HOLLEY: I called my Councilman to tell

him what was going on, about a stop work order. I was always under the impression you weren't supposed to jerk a stop work order off a building. I figured that would be against the law. Plus not stop working when it would have been issued by the County.

RON WILSON: This County's stop work orders don't work very well. They were ignored numerous times by the land fill and Three and Twenty. So you can have a stop work order all day long and that means nothing in this County apparently. So, your Councilman said what?

HENRY HOLLEY: Well, he tried to help me but when it came to the question he was telling me, I forget who he told me with the County, that the permits had been issued four weeks earlier but they just had not picked them up. So, I went over there to Building and Codes; and I believe I can't recall the name of the woman at the desk; I asked "I want to see the permits issued." This is the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June. I want to see the permits for the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July. I want to see the permits issued for the Iva Farmer's Market. So she said - Oh, we just issued that permit this morning - and the stop work order was put in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the permit was issued until the 26<sup>th</sup>.

RON WILSON: My question is when was the permit issued?

HENRY HOLLEY: The 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

RON WILSON: 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

HENRY HOLLEY: That's correct.

RON WILSON: Then please tell me how on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, all of this could have been done without a permit, Rusty.

RUSTY BURNS: I believe everybody in Iva - they are fine, wonderful, honest people. It has long been the custom of Anderson County to grant building permits at no cost to any municipality that is doing a town project; and I believe there might have been some miscommunication on the fact. And yes you can have a building permit and not pay for it. I believe a slight communication problem resulted - them going ahead, then it was brought to our attention, a stop work order was issued on that work; and the Town of Iva was told if they apply for a building permit and followed all the proper procedures they could begin work again.

RON WILSON: Did they do that?



RUSTY BURNS: They did that.

ANNETTE HOLLEY: I'd like to say - see on that picture how much has been constructed? No packing of soil. How (unclear)? There weren't anybody down there but the workers working. Far as the fee, I've always known that Town of Iva and the County would be all tax money. That wasn't an issue, at all.

RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Quick question. Is this building encroaching on your land?

HENRY HOLLEY: We still don't know for sure yet.

TOM ALLEN: Still don't know?

ANNETTE HOLLEY: We don't think so, but we still don't know.

M. CINDY WILSON: Have you surveyed?

ANNETTE HOLLEY: My land is surveyed.

TOM ALLEN: So if it's not encroaching or anything, there is nothing wrong - other than the fact they didn't have their permit in time.

ANNETTE HOLLEY: And didn't check it. If I was building a house, I'd have to get a permit and they'd have to come and make sure everything was in order. (unclear)

HENRY HOLLEY: As of yesterday, they couldn't show me a "pack" test at Building and Codes. (unclear)

TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank ya'll.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, the whole thing is, the whole thing is you were here to make Council aware that things like this should not go on. Ok, alright. Speaking for District two (2), I'm glad you are here. I thank you. I wish more citizens would come forward with what they think are things that happen in Anderson County that's not right for everybody; and I just thank you for standing up and coming up.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item #9 - an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain vehicular traffic on Bluebird Lane (C-5-44) and other matters related thereto. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this please step forward and state your name and address to the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing no-one - the public hearing will be closed. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, the only thing I have to say is we've discussed this a couple of times before. This is just a small side road where some large trucks are going down to try to get to an industry. We don't need to travel that road at all. There are already some signs up over there. I believe Mr. Hopkins has put them up stating that no trucks are to go down that way and those are preliminary signs that are up right now until this ordinance can get passed. It, it's really not much of a problem I don't think just to go ahead and make a motion to pass this.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson. Moving on to Item Number 10, Second Reading. Number 2010-014, Ordinance to authorize the leasing of certain property located at 101 Breazeale Street in the City of Belton, South Carolina, and other matters related thereto. At this time we'll have a -- there'll be a public a hearing on this. Anyone wishing to step forward, please, state your name and district and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all?

MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, if I might, I believe that the agenda indicates that the public hearing will be third reading.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Y'all have to correct me. All I'm seeing is a public hearing no time limit. Yeah. Third reading. But it is public hearing, right?

MIKE PITTS: No, sir. Public hearing will be on third reading.

TOMMY DUNN: Oh. I'm sorry.

GRACIE FLOYD: This is the second reading.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, that's what I thought, but it's got down here third reading. Okay. I'm sorry. Scratch that back. Can you -- we got anybody want to make a motion? Or you -- any discussion from you, Mr. Pitts, besides that correcting me?

MIKE PITTS: No, Mr. Chairman. It's

just that this second reading of the ordinance to lease a small county office building there in Belton. It's been bid out and a copy of the lease is attached to the ordinance.

CINDY WILSON: So move.

EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we pass.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes a motion. We've got a second, Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Pitts, one more time. I think you told me the last meeting, but just, again, just once more. What is this building going to be used for?

MIKE PITTS: I believe it's going to be used for a produce operation and it was put out for bid and the gentleman, Mr. Hanks, was the high bidder. He may have been the only bidder. Mr. Carroll can address that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Sort of like a Farmer's Market or store?

MIKE PITTS: I think this is going to be a produce stand more than anything.

GRACIE FLOYD: A produce stand. Okay.

MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. It's a small building over there. It's right directly behind the library. I think this is the same gentleman that was using it for produce and stuff. He'd been over there for, I know, two or three years and he just wanted to rent the building and he, he's been trying to rent it now for I know at least a year or so. Just a little bit more explanation about it.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson. Moving on to Item Number 11(a). Number 2010-011, a rezoning request by Joey Leonard owner of 0.67 acres at 3702 Liberty Highway, Anderson from C-1 to C-2 to allow for different types of businesses within the C-1 zoning

district. This will be a public hearing. Mr. Wilson -- Mr. West, do you want to make a comment first?

BILL WEST: You stated the purpose is rezoning to C-2. This is, you know, near the corner of Liberty Highway and Clemson Boulevard. The applicant -- a little history of the area is, is when this was zoned back in the early 2000's there -- the area over here was C-1. There was an annex -- there were annexations that occurred and it is now surrounded by essentially city property that is C-2 or equivalent to the -- to our C-2. And the applicant has requested that, you know, he be rezoned to C-2 to allow him more options to use his business -- his buildings, excuse me, he leases all the buildings. And this was recommended in favor by the advisory group, Zoning Advisory group for District One, and also by the Planning Commission.

TOMMY DUNN: And since while you're up here, I want to say, I want to make -- if I remember right, and you correct me if I'm wrong. If, if he says he's going to put such and such there at that building, we can't hold him to that, right? He can do, I mean, that's the way our zoning ordinances and the way the state law.

BILL WEST: He might say he's going to put a supermarket in there, but if he doesn't there's really nothing we can do.

TOMMY DUNN: Good thing.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I want to make sure I understand the location of this property. That is -- is that his existing office building there on the corner where he has a swimming pool business?

BILL WEST: It's a pool business, there are offices, there's a stereo or auto -- an automobile stereo shop in some of the space. It's been a lot of different things. And there's half a dozen, you know, store fronts in it.

CINDY WILSON: I know where it is.  
Thank you.

BILL WEST: Okay.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. West, am I to understand what you just said that if this man tell us -- told us that he was going to put a church there and it ended up being a bar, there's nothing we could do about it?

BILL WEST: If it's zoned for C-2, it can be anything that's allowed in the C-2 zoning district.

GRACIE FLOYD: No matter what it is?

BILL WEST: That's correct.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Well, listen. Tell me what the zone is for girly girls, what do you call them, strip clubs? What's the number for that?

BILL WEST: There in our industrial or service zone, S-1.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So a service zone.

BILL WEST: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: So are you sure it's not a service zone?

BILL WEST: This is C-2.

GRACIE FLOYD: And you're sure about that now?

BILL WEST: That's on the application that the -- that you have. Yes.

GRACIE FLOYD: I sure would like to know what's in C-2 though.

BILL WEST: I ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I mean, before we go out and do, before we go out and say ---

BILL WEST: It's a rather long list that's basically a highway commercial zoning district.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

BILL WEST: Is the brief name of it.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. What is the worst thing on your C-2 list that could be put out there?

BILL WEST: May I, Mr. Pitts -- may I borrow your book?

CINDY WILSON: I have something while we're checking that.

GRACIE FLOYD: No. I had the floor.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead,

Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I just want to point out, aren't there rules about what goes into C-2 when it's within a thousand feet of a church?

BILL WEST: Correct, correct.

CINDY WILSON: And I would think that would be ---

BILL WEST: There are, there are some restrictions on certain uses that a thousand feet of a church or school or something like that. There are things you cannot do and that, you know, if he chooses to, for instance, a, a tattoo ---

GRACIE FLOYD: My question was, my question was what is the worst thing that could be put out there in a C-2? When the gentleman spoke today, you know, ---

BILL WEST: I mean, there's a difference of opinion. To some people's opinion a, a bar or restaurant -- a bar would be the worse thing that you could do.

GRACIE FLOYD: In your opinion, what is the worst thing on that list that could be put out there? When the gentleman spoke today, it made sense to me. We are saying you can go ahead and do this, but, you know, what's on that list. I remember one time -- twice before Anderson County had its hands full with a strip club. There's was one on one end of time and one on the other end of town.

BILL WEST: Well, that's clearly not allowed in the C-2 district. The worse thing ---

GRACIE FLOYD: How big is the list?

BILL WEST: It's two pages of the book.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. What reading is this, Mr. Pitts? Okay. Good. All right. Mr. Chair, I will, I will stop my questioning because I have time to look it up for myself. Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: That's a good idea. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. West, at the next meeting, I'd like a list of all the service zones, if that's possible?

BILL WEST: Excuse me?

TOM ALLEN: All the service zones. I'm kidding. Too late. Seriously, I do have a

question though. Of this piece of property, what's being zoned? Is it, is it the vacant area behind those buildings or is it right beside?

BILL WEST: The actually vacant area beside -- behind it. And then you've got the new Sonic and Golden Corral and there's vacant area then on the other side of them.

TOM ALLEN: Is that included in it, too, that vacant?

BILL WEST: No. This is just the corner lot. And it's just the corner lot.

TOM ALLEN: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

BILL WEST: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Have you got any? Now we'll be going into the public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter, please step forward and state your name and district and address the Chair, please.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District Three. I wonder why we're having a public hearing on the first reading.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

BROOKS BROWN, IV: Again before you -- excuse me, Brooks Brown, District One. Before you consider this, consider the traffic implication. You've got traffic coming off of Clemson Boulevard. This place is directly on the corner. Where -- if they increase the traffic, where are these cars going to go? How are they going to get in and out of there safely? He's got a little pool business in there. That's fine. They don't generate a whole lot of traffic. He's got a little car stereo place in there. As far as I know, he's pretty much full up, I don't know why he needs to change anything. But I think that at the very least a traffic impact study should be done before any changes are made to this area. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else? Anyone else at all? Hearing or seeing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion?

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move forward with the zoning request. Do we have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: If I'm reading this correctly, he's surrounded by C-2 zoning already and this speaks to an issue later in the agenda where landowner have requested to be annexed into the city so that they can take advantage of a greater, I guess, zoning -- greater laxity in the zoning. I'd have to say at least he came and asked us first instead of asking to be zoned, zoned -- I mean, annexed into the city. I hear the questions that the folks are asking out there and they're certainly legitimate questions. Would it be appropriate to maybe table this until our next meeting so we can get our homework together?

TOMMY DUNN: Well, whatever, whatever y'all's pleasure. We've got a motion on the, on the floor, but keep in mind this is only first reading.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Keep in mind the neighborhood committee's voted on this, the Planning Commission's voted on this.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: We've all got our -- or should all have a book of lists to find out what all can got in a C-2 and again, the way our ordinance and state law is, he could come and tell us it's going to be XYZ and if he don't do it, there's nothing we can do about it. That's -- and that's for anything in zoning. He can do anything in that zone in there. So are there any, anything else? Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions. So the motion carries. Mr. Wilson in favor, Mr. Allen in favor, Mr. Dunn in favor, Mr. Moore in favor, and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposed and Mr. Crowder abstains. Second reading. Moving on to 11(b), Ordinance to adopt the Standard Operating Procedures for the Anderson County Animal Shelter and amending Section 42-120(b) of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining the disposition of Animal Shelter donations, and other matters related thereto. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to go ahead and read the ordinance. An ordinance adopting the Standard Operating Procedure



for Anderson County Animal Shelter and amending Section 42-120 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to the disposition of Animal Shelter donations, and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, Anderson County owns and operates the Anderson County Animal Shelter; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter staff in cooperation with the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee have compiled updated Standard Operating Procedures, a copy of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A;" and

Whereas, Anderson County, acting by and through it's County Council, desires to formally approve the Animal Shelter's Standard Operating Procedures and further to amend Section 42-120(b) of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances to address Animal Shelter donations.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

1. The Anderson County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in order to add the following sentences at the end of Section 42-120(b): Following such approval, the policies and procedures developed by the Animal Shelter shall be binding. The expenditure of all Animal Shelter donations shall be approved by the Administrator with notification to County Council.

2. Should any term, provision, or content of this ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall have no effect on the remainder of this ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

3. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of the Anderson County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and superseded.

4. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after the public hearing and the third reading in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina.

And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.  
 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
 EDDIE MOORE: If I make it ---  
 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore. I'm sorry.  
 EDDIE MOORE: I got a -- one stipulation. There was a note on there on two and basically, we're, we're trying to put in a Standard Operating Procedure and in note two, we have an important note. These procedures serve as a guide only and is not possible to anticipate every possible situation and contingency. Animal Shelter staff at all times have the authority to deviate from these procedures when, in their sole discretion, deviation would be in the interest of the animals. Further, to the extent of these procedures conflict with any ordinance or policy of Anderson County, the latter shall control. The Animal Shelter staff reserves the right to change or modify these policies at any time without notice. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to put this in the form of a motion to amend any deviation must have the Administrator approval with County Council notification and ratification. And I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second. May I?  
 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion on the amendment?

CINDY WILSON: May I, please?  
 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
 CINDY WILSON: It says in our actual ordinance 2010-017 following such approval, the policies and procedures developed by the Animal Shelter shall be binding and then it continues on and that seems to be a very clear statement. And then you turn the page and you've got all this deviation business. I'm old school and I want to point out that in farming operations and dealing with -- in animal husbandry, there are specific protocols and methods of handling nutrition and disease control and so forth and we've had so much discussion out there. I don't -- I agree with Mr. Moore on this issue, there should

be absolutely no deviation from the Standard Operating Procedures except and unless there -- the staff member who finds themselves in a questionable situation should have a chain of command and authorization to deviate and the County Council would be notified with complete details in writing within two weeks. Because, quite frankly, running cows and horses, there are specific things. You know when you're supposed to deworm, you know what they're supposed to be dewormed with, and you know when animals are to be quarantined. I mean everything is highly specific or you would be out of money and out of business pretty quick. And considering that we've had many parvo outbreaks out there over the years, I used to get regular calls from the TV media and that was a big concern and we have other issues too. So I'm going to support Mr. Moore on this effort to make the -- a Standard Operating Procedure is just that, it's an operating procedure that's to be followed. And if there's a need to be -- to deviate, then perhaps they should contact Mr. Burns and get a further review, but we need to have a report within two weeks.

TOM ALLEN: Mr.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr., Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just, I just had several questions. An SOP by definition is a living document, it's something that you've got to be able to work with. I mean, I, I spent several years in the military and we lived, breathed and ate SOPs and they were things that you used as a guideline, but you had to be able, from time to time, to -- I mean, we spent a lot of time rewriting those things fairly frequently because of new updates, new things that needed to be done. And honestly, I don't know of any SOP that was followed exactly, precisely to one hundred percent. If you incorporate this into an ordinance, this SOP has so much minutia in it as to how you do things on a daily basis that if an animal's cage, for instance, is not cleaned out without -- within the first five minutes of them having an accident, let's say, what -- are you going to call the Sheriff because now the law's been broken? Who's going to enforce this thing? I think you need to leave an SOP as an SOP which is a living document. Something you work with from day to day. If you

chisel it in stone in law, you've defeated the purpose of what an SOP is. I think that, as I said, these things are frequently rewritten and it would just be kind of going reverse to try and lock this into law. And, then too, who is going to enforce it? That is all I had to say.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We've been

throwing this SOP, SOP, but I believe in letting people know what you're talking about. Okay. Now I know and you know, but there may be some people out there who's listening to us who don't know about what an SOP is. It's standard operational procedures, standard operational procedures. In other words, this is what you will use to go through -- I mean, to work with as you do your job. As Mr. Allen just explained, it is a living document, a living, workable document. It has to be changed. I'm from the school system. Okay. Thirty something years with the school system and my SOP said that the bell had to ring at a certain time. Kids had to be in their classes. But when things happen, when the things happen, we had to deviate from our procedures, from our standard operational procedures to do other things -- and a decision had to be made immediately in some cases. There was no time to call the administrator, or excuse me, the superintendent. You have to be able to change things on a dime if necessary. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, anyone else?

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: A standard operating

procedure is what most every animal shelter I -- I've done visited like five animal shelters from Habersham County in Georgia, Greenville County, and all of them have a standard operating procedure. Now you've got a supervisor out there that has all these expensive cell phones and have instant communications, all they have to do is pick up that phone and call Mr. Burns and it can be deviated from with the Administrator's approval. There's no issue here. All they have to do is pick up that phone and every one of them -- all these Blackberries that's floating around the county

right now, all they have to do is send a text message and say we have such and such going on, and within a matter of seconds you've got approval right there. The man, I talked to Rusty before the meeting, and he had no problem with it. So there's not an issue here because you're going to be notified.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Everybody has an SOP but are they all codified in these counties? Are they part of the -- of an ordinance? Are they a legal document or are they a freestanding SOP?

CINDY WILSON: Well, our personnel policy's part of an ordinance. Of course, it was routinely ignored by the previous regime.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I just ask the Council members, let me just get through this first reading and I've got a couple more amendments to this and I think once I get the amendments out on the table, I think you'll understand where I'm going with this. I just ask for your patience. We've got three readings on this. Let me get by this first reading and y'all will have an opportunity to make any kind of changes that you would like to on it, but I have a couple more amendments I would like to make too after we get this amendment passed, I hope.

TOMMY DUNN: Uh.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Starting, I guess, in '03 or '04, I had so many phone calls from citizens and from the media regarding issues out at the Animal Shelter. It, it really has had some serious problems. Parvo outbreaks, puppies that were adopted out died, you know, so we had to refund money. It definitely is a very contagious disease. The protocols in here should prevent that. I heard of issues of where in cleaning the actual pens, animals were chemically burned. Some of them had to be euthanized. That's another issue you've got people like trustees and volunteers who don't understand what chemicals maybe that they're using. That -- there was an issue there. There were stories of drugs being taken out by unauthorized personnel. There was also the issue in 2004 of an employee being arrested for embezzling. I,

I've asked

For a report. I never got it from the prior Administrator, but the stories I heard range from forty thousand to a hundred and forty thousand dollars and that's very, very troubling. And we have got some other issues, but I, I'm going to personally request that we have a standard operating procedure in place. Give it a month or two, three months and if it doesn't work, then we come back and address as we need to. But we've had so many problems that have gone unabated out there. It's very deeply troubling.

TOMMY DUNN: Any, anyone else? Mr. Crowder.

FRANCIS CROWDER: Frankly, what I'm having a hard time with is if we're going to have a standard operating procedure not required. You know, when do we draw the line in the sand and say something is required or something is just recommended?

CINDY WILSON: Or discretionary.

FRANCIS CROWDER: Discretionary. I talked to Mr. Pitts this morning about my concern. I read this as my bedtime reading last night, about three hours of it. And, of course, one of my real problems was the words shall, will, and should are dispersed tremendously in the document and I told him that in the old school that I used to belong to -- so -- that I was always badgered with the concept that the word shall that it's mandatory. Where the word will meant do it if you wanted to do it, but you can't get penalized if you don't do it. And then, of course, the word should -- I'm not quite sure exactly where it fit in. My distinguished Council told me that was really not a problem now legally. But I think that the document needs to be cleaned up so that we don't have the inconsistency -- that's just from technical. But I do think that we need to have some kind of Standard Operating Procedure where the staff clearly know what is mandatory.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

FRANCIS CROWDER: And then ...

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. I'd just like to add and say this, number one I wish we all as citizens, committee members, and Council members, before we go repeating something we know it to be fact and can back it up. Let's just be very careful about

that. There's been a lot of people hurt and missed some things. Just because somebody says something that don't mean it's true. We shouldn't be repeating it. That's just the bottom line and I'm about tired of hearing stuff that -- what's called will he take it. Now I'm intending -- I'm going to vote for this amendment tonight, but if it don't change, it needs a lot of work done to it. Because number one if y'all have read this Standard Operating Procedure, the number one thing on there it don't even tell you -- it tells you in the section back in the back -- I think page twenty-four about euthanizing animals, different size animals, they can't tell you to do this and this because it depends on the animal. It plainly says that. There's no guidelines to do that. You've got to have a thing. And I'm saying that to say this, there's got to be some things that's got to be cleaned up and you can't tie everybody's hand exactly to something. They've got to have wiggle room. I agree with Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, there's got to be -- we need some standard operating guidelines and to know what is right. So I want to move forward with this. Let's make it, make it work. And I think our committee with Mr. Moore, Mr. Allen, needs to have a meeting this week and we can come up with something and, and that we can all live with and work and move on. And let's keep what, what this is in our mind for this is best for the animals. I know I've said before. I know it's a very passionate topic and issues on both sides and we'll do it. But let's just make sure we stick to the facts and do what's best for the animals. That's what I very hope for. So hearing nothing, let's vote on Mr. Moore's ---

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, just very quickly. We've -- it's been noted that this may need some work, but if we make an ordinance out of this, it's going to take three readings every time we want to change anything.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I'm saying ---

TOM ALLEN: It's defeats the purpose of ---

TOMMY DUNN: If you ask me, Tom, and I know what you're saying. I'm saying we're going to

have a public hearing and all and we can put a, we can put a hold on this any time. I'm just trying to get through the first reading tonight.

TOM ALLEN: All right.

TOMMY DUNN: And we've got two more readings. And I want -- if I don't get satisfaction, I won't vote for it again.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson's next.

CINDY WILSON: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: In view of everything that's said here and especially what Mr. Crowder and other reservations held by other members of the Council, I'm going to make a motion this is tabled until those things are straightened out and that's my motion.

GRACIE FLOYD: And I second it.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion and a second on the floor that this be tabled until we ---

EDDIE MOORE: We've already got a motion on the floor on my amendment. You've got to vote on that first.

TOMMY DUNN: I think that -- is that correct, Mr. Pitts? I thought we had -- any time a table overrides that?

GRACIE FLOYD: It does.

TOMMY DUNN: You know, it takes precedent. And there's no discussion. So all in favor of the motion to table, show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion fails with Mr., Mr. Wilson in favor, Mr. Allen in favor, Ms. Floyd in favor. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn opposed. Going back to the original amendment to the motion now. Voting on that now. You want to repeat that again, Mr. ...

EDDIE MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate it. Mainly, that -- what I wanted to do is make sure that any deviation must have the Administrator approval and then at the next Council meeting, the County Council, any deviation from it, will have notification in their packet the next Council meeting. And I had talked with Mr. Burns and he didn't have any problem with that and he said that was a good idea. So all of those -- all of them have



Blackberries and they can get instant message to the Administrator or whatever they need to do and I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We've already discussed it and we've got a motion to second. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Or the amendment to the motion. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Ms. Wilson in favor ---

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EDDIE MOORE: -- and due to the confusion that I have been hearing, I would like to make a motion that -- and I talked this over with Mr. Burns and he also don't have a problem with this. Since there's been so many things said, I think that we should put in this ordinance that any person from Anderson County -- the animals when they come into the facility, they should be maintained for fifteen days until a citizen of Anderson County have the opportunity to go out and adopt them. We have so many animals that are going to these and, believe me, I love these rescue shelters and I think they're doing an outstanding job in this County saving animals. But, you know, there's some awful lot of nice animals that are coming in the Animal Shelter and they're being passed over and I think a lot of the Anderson County citizens would love to adopt some of these animals. We saw a few of them this week that went out to the -- well, this past week that went out and were adopted like the little Cocker Spaniels and there were some Terriers and, I mean, just absolutely beautiful dogs. And a lot of them are being gathered up and sent to other counties and the other states when they could probably be adopted here in our own county. And I would just like for the citizens of Anderson County to have first shot at these dogs because we're paying the taxes on this multi million dollar facility and if there's some animal out there -- and once we get our promotional that we've had some commitments from the radio, radio shows, and also, even the television shows said they would show some of the animals on TV. So if we get this going, we can have more adoptions and less kill. When you're having hundreds of dogs put down every week, if we get the word out there that those animals -- some of the nice animals coming in are going to be there for fifteen days to give our

citizens an opportunity to adopt some of these animals, I think we'll, we'll get more animals adopted and less animals that are, that are euthanized. And we all want the best for our Animal Shelter and we want the best for our animals and I would like to put that -- I know it's kind of dragged out, but I'd like to put that in the form of a motion that the fifteen day waiting period to give the citizens of Anderson County an opportunity to adopt the dogs or animals period.

CINDY WILSON: I'll second that and may I have the floor to discuss?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

CINDY WILSON: I'd like to clean that up maybe a little bit and would ask your consideration of maybe this form of the same idea. That all animals will first be offered to Anderson County citizens via the Animal Shelter website, advertisements, or other documented forms of public notification for a period of two weeks prior to transfer to rescue. And make it two weeks from the posting date on whatever website or advertising. Would that work better you think, Mr. Moore?

EDDIE MOORE: Be fine with me.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Can our animals -- what are the stipulations now? Mr. Smith, can you answer that question, please? I mean, what do we have in place now? How many days does it -- you know?

GREG SMITH: Generally state law states that we have to have them for five days. We have been keeping them seven days. They do go as quick as we can get them on to Pet Finder to give everybody an opportunity to adopt. That's all County residents and all that. You know, we get Cocker Spaniels, we get Beagles, we get a lot of mixed breeds, and it's kind of a first come first serve, but we do put -- I know a lot of people said things. There's labs on the floor, there's been beagles on the floor, Cocker Spaniels you talk about that went to the thing. They were already on the floor and came back off the floor.

GRACIE FLOYD: But I don't understand what you mean by on the floor and off the floor.

GREG SMITH: Adoption floor. Some -- we keep them ---

GRACIE FLOYD: They were -- okay.

GREG SMITH: -- for a certain amount of time. We try to keep on the floor twenty-one days.

GRACIE FLOYD: So anybody can adopt them in or out of town -- those twenty-one days?

GREG SMITH: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. With the situation like what's being proposed, would that cause any, any hardship on the staff if we're keeping animals like that, that long?

GREG SMITH: Let me say, we already have it -- we do have a Standard Operating Procedure.

GRACIE FLOYD: I know.

GREG SMITH: It's been there since 2005.

GRACIE FLOYD: I know. Yeah.

GREG SMITH: This is to improve the Standard Operating Procedures with Council making recommendations, the Administrator, myself, staff, the committee. Everybody working on something to try to make it better. We will follow the Standard Operating Procedure, we have no problem with that, but there may be a time that may need to deviate. And one thing I would say for -- to be considered, if I have to call the Administrator for -- or the Animal Shelter manager, the operations supervisor has to call Mr. Burns. What if there's a quick decision and there needs to be a backup to that also.

GRACIE FLOYD: But my question is also the proposal is that we keep these dogs in house on hand for one proposal is what? Twenty-one days?

CINDY WILSON: Fifteen.

GRACIE FLOYD: Fifteen.

GREG SMITH: Days.

GRACIE FLOYD: Fifteen. Yeah. Fifteen days. If we did that, would that create a backlog of animals? Would that create a, a hardship on the staff?

GREG SMITH: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

GREG SMITH: With the current shelter, yes.

GRACIE FLOYD: With the current

shelter. What about with the new shelter?

GREG SMITH: At times it will. Looking at spring time. There's, you know, basically two times a year we can expect nature to take course and, you know, we get extra in the springtime and back in the fall and all that. There's, you know, it does occur.

GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh. Mr. Smith, do we offer the citizens of Anderson first pick first choice now?

GREG SMITH: The way, with our current shelter, we, we put them on Pet Finder to give everybody an equal opportunity. We put what we can on the floor, do everything we can to get every animal adopted. The longer they stay on the floor, there's more chances of things happening with disease and all that. But we clean every day, bleach or other chemical that we can use that staff has been trained to use. We do use inmate labor. That is true to take care of the animals.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Smith, we're talking about the newspaper -- I mean, I was told that the Wolf whatever it was called -- Wolfstock?

GREG SMITH: Yes.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I was told it was a wonderful idea done by our County staff and everything and I do appreciate the work you guys put in it, but on the newspaper account because that's all I have to go on. On the newspaper account, I was told -- I read where sixty something or seventy something dogs were taken out there. How many dogs was it that was taken out? I intended to bring that -- but it was an only forty-two dogs were adopted?

GREG SMITH: Forty -- counting what got adopted at the Shelter that day and all forty-nine got adopted, one was returned the next morning, knocking it down to forty-eight. We heard that there was an escapee, but luckily Animal Control got it and it came in and we were able to get that back to the owners so we stayed at forty-eight.

GRACIE FLOYD: And according to the newspaper account that was just a drop in the bucket that was just a drop in the bucket. It said it would take that many a day or something in that area.

GREG SMITH: That would be nice. We

take over fourteen thousand animals almost fifteen thousand last year.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So, you know, I'm thinking that, that the people of Anderson County kind of showed us that, that I don't know -- I just don't know. But I just think that a, a time should be given for the people of Anderson County. I think it needs to be advertised three to four days if that animal is still there and if there is someone viable, someone who has credentials that could take that poor animal, I think it should be, I think it should be taken. And I know that there was a whole lot of rigamarole about the animals being sold for sixty -- the animals being sold here. Let me just put up some fictitious figures because I don't know. Animals are being sold for ten dollars from the Shelter and then they're being taken up north and they're being sold for fifty. All right. And I'm still trying to figure out what's the point? I mean, you know, what's the problem here if we've got somebody who's going to put in gas, bring a car, bring a truck, bring cages, and put an animal in it, and take the animal back, and put it in a good home. Hey, more power to him. But I'm concerned now that this ruling, this proposal now will over -- will over flow our Shelter, the one we have now as well as the others. I thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just to give you an example of the concern and I hope Mr. Burns has been able to find out the answer to this, but due to the Wolfstock project, I noticed this darling little Chihuahua and I'm not a small dog person at all. But it was it just was so compelling, it looked so lonely and like it had given up hope and I came home. It hadn't been adopted and I made some calls to some people. There was a lady who had lost her's due to old age and I told her about it. She called up on Friday afternoon late, probably about quitting time, and was told that the animal was still available and that they'd open up at eleven. The next morning she went out there at eleven and suddenly between 4:30 that night and eleven the next morning, it had been adopted out. So I'm curious how that could happen. I'm, I'm glad it got adopted out, but that was an

Anderson County citizen that wanted to adopt out and I don't even know if it went to an Anderson County citizen. Did we find out anything about that?

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Wilson, I looked into that and I believe that that Chihuahua had kennel cough and was put in the back to be treated for kennel cough if we are talking about the same Chihuahua.

CINDY WILSON: Well, they were told they could go back and look at it and it had been adopted out.

RUSTY BURNS: Okay. Well, there were several Chihuahuas there, but I'm not sure exactly which one we're talking about, but I'll be happy to look into it again because we do have the records on that.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Is any preferential treatment given to some of these agencies that come in and take a good amount of dogs?

GREG SMITH: No, sir.

EDDIE MOORE: Well, that was interesting when Mr. Beckwith was back there. We were all standing in line, the volunteers, a whole bunch of us in line and we were standing there in line and I was refused to go -- be able to go into the Shelter. And then one of these groups, the lady went around me and went around -- matter of fact went around about fifteen or twenty of us. I think what -- there were twenty-five or thirty people there -- went around us all and went to the front of the line and they let them through and it was one of these groups that was, you know, gathering up dogs. That's the reason I'm asking a question. But, you know, we're on the committee and I think I would have had the right at least to go in and inspect and look, you know, but I was turned away. And that, that kind of pestered a lot of us, but we stood out there way after eleven before we finally got in. So that was just a point I'm asking so.

GREG SMITH: Mr. Moore, if you came in and I saw you out there, I promise you, I'd let you in the gate and I'd expect my staff to let you in the gate.

EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly, I was just wondering. We're working at all the discussions to try and get all the dogs and cats adopted and get them out to good homes. As, I think as long as their advertised be it the newspaper, the radio, or on the internet, whatever, I think it ought to be a first come first serve. If it happens to be somebody from Anderson County fine. But if it's somebody from, from Hart County or Spartanburg or somewhere that would give the dog a good home, I can't see turning them away because we say, oh, it's got to be somebody from Anderson County for the first x number of days.

TOMMY DUNN: I think what they're saying and I don't want to put words in your mouth, Ms. Wilson's thing is rescue. It's not necessarily if they're from Spartanburg or not. It's to go to a citizen versus a rescue thing for hold it for two weeks. Is that correct? Am I stating that right?

CINDY WILSON: There's a feeling out there among a lot of folks that the fancier pedigree dogs don't get seen by the general public and yet the rescues have first dibs on them and that, that's kind of the question that we have. And that's why I think a Standard Operating Procedure will give the basic guideline on the care, the requirements on intake and maintenance and so forth, and on adoption. I think that would make a level playing field and make it easier for everybody to operate. It'll do away with a lot of tales that we get back and forth.

EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: The, the purpose of what I was wanting to do is just to make sure that the animals are posted and everybody knows about them. We, we all want animals adopted, but, you know, we just want to make sure if there's some real nice animals, we not hoarding them all up and taking them up to a rescue group. We want to make sure the Anderson County citizens have an opportunity. You know, it's good that these outside and out of state or out of county or where ever they're from. Hey, that's

wonderful. We just want to make sure that everybody - the playing field is equal. You know, we don't want to hold up any adoptions, but if there's someone from Anderson County that maybe wants the dog it would be a good thing. That's all, that's all I'm saying.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else on this amendment? I just want to say this too I think is going to have to have some input from staff that's (?) here tonight and some work done to it, but we'll, we'll take this up so I'll plan on moving, moving on with it. But we can get, we can get it corrected. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn in favor. Ms. Floyd and Mr. Allen and Mr. Wilson opposed. Now we go on to the original motion adopting Standard Operating Procedures for thing. Are there any more discussion on that? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show Ms. Wilson -- show the motion carries with Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn in favor of. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilson opposed on it's first reading. Moving on.

GREG SMITH: Mr. Chairman, can I make one statement real quick?

TOMMY DUNN: Sure.

GREG SMITH: We do the best we can with all the animals and we give every opportunity that we possibly can. One statement was made tonight about when animals are spayed and neutered. I promise you, we have a trained veterinarian that does that and she does use the proper amount of drugs to sedate the animals and if anybody wants to come watch that one day, I'll be more than happy to show them.

TOMMY DUNN: I appreciate that, Mr. Smith, and that's why, why I made my comments earlier tonight about people -- let's know and make sure you've got some facts to back something up instead of just making accusations. I think, I think not only I, I think the citizens of Anderson County is long tired of accusations being thrown out here and nothing substantiated.

GREG SMITH: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I very



quickly? In the Standard Operating Procedure, if I remember what I read about midnight last night, it actually gives the size of the needle ---

TOMMY DUNN: It does.

CINDY WILSON: -- for the poundage and the amount and everything so that would make it much easier for us all to know we're all on the same sheet of music.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

GREG SMITH: We do.

CINDY WILSON: Thanks.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item ---

GRACIE FLOYD: If I can possibly say something really quick here?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: We've had a rough week, we've had a rough week this week with the Animal Shelters and the Animal Shelter stuff and things being said and things being done. Anderson County, we have to stop, we have to stop and we're going to have to take a good look at what we have done. We have to decide on this Animal Advisory Committee. We were truly embarrassed. We need to put our focus back on the animals as we did tonight. We didn't agree, but our focus was on the animals. Okay. There's been a call, an uproar, and a cry to do something with that Committee. I, at the next Council meeting, I will be talking with you anyone who will talk to me. I will be talking with you about some things that can be done with that Animal County Committee. We do have some good people on that Committee, some good people. And -- but we've got some folks on there too that needs a new attitude and a new direction. And, as Council people, we can sit up here and pretend like we don't know what's going on or we can do like we do our children. I'm giving you one more chance, just one more chance. But I think too much has happened, I think just too much water has gone over this dam and this train has jumped this track. I think something's got to be done and leaders I think it's going to, it's going to fall on us. I won't do it tonight. I won't make a motion tonight, but I will be making -- if no one else has the nerve, the guts, the fortitude, the strength, the tenacity, or whatever else it takes to do it, I've got it. It needs to be done. It's not a

popular decision, but it's a decision that's going to have to be made. And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 12, Resolution 12(a). R2010-050, Resolution authorizing the extension of Anderson County Agreements ---

CINDY WILSON: No. You need ---

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Dunn, excuse me.

TOMMY DUNN: Did I miss something?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I apologize. I'm on, I guess, 11(c), Ordinance amending Section 2-482(b) of the Anderson County Code relating to the meetings of the Sports and Entertainment Advisory Committee, and matters related thereto. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: I thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an ordinance amending Section 2-482(b) of the Anderson County Code relating to the meetings of the Sports and Entertainment Advisory Committee, and matters related thereto.

Whereas, Anderson County, acting by and through it's County Council, enacted Section 4 -- 2-482(b) of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances which provides, among other things, that the members of the Sports and Entertainment Advisory Committee shall meet monthly but not less than four times a year and at other times as called by the Chairperson by Council or upon written request by the majority of the voting members of the Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to express it's desire that the Committee meet no less than one time per month and therefore desires to amend Section 2-482(b) to accomplish that result.

Now, therefore, be it ordained in meeting duly assembled by Anderson County Council that:

1. Section 2-482(b) of the Anderson County Code is hereby amended striking the second sentence in it's entirety and replacing it with the following: The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once monthly and at other times as called by the Chairperson, by Council, or upon the written request of the majority of the voting members of the Advisory Committee.

2. Should any part of the provisions of this ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or

unenforceable by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not effect the rest and remainder of this ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

3. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of Anderson County Council inconsistent herewith, or to the extent of such inconsistency only, are hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.

4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon the third reading and enactment by the Anderson County Council.

And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore, would you be so kind, I would like to ask you if you would to withdraw that and just hold up. I had a, I had a couple of calls to my Advisory board members and after reading the minutes, before we procedure on with this, if it's your pleasure, I would like for us to meet with the Advisory Board Committee out there. They just voted to, to meet quarterly and I'd like to sit down with them as a group and let's talk to them and see what they're thinking was and what our thinking is and let's all get on the same page before we do that. I don't have an uprising of people resigning off that and I just think that would be a good idea. And we can do it between now and next Council meeting if that would be all right with you, I would appreciate it.

EDDIE MOORE: I'll postpone it one meeting if that's all right.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you so much.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr., Mr. Dunn.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

GRACIE FLOYD: When you, when you meet with that committee ---

TOMMY DUNN: As a group.

GRACIE FLOYD: When you meet with that group ---

TOMMY DUNN: I mean all of us.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Great.

TOMMY DUNN: That's what I asked, I said all of us would be invited.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, good. Because my people too have some concerns. Thank you. Thank you

for bringing that up.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr., Mr. Burns, will you set that up with the Advisory Board Committee and with Council and we'll go to the Civic Center.

RUSTY BURNS: Available dates that suited all Council members.

TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Burns know or his staff by tonight or tomorrow. Any time's fine with me. Make it in the afternoon though, at night, because they've got people working that's on that board. I think it needs to be in the afternoon.

GRACIE FLOYD: That'll be good.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: If I might just very quickly. I think Mr. Moore's on the right track there I think. In reading back through the minutes of the Civic Center there, not, not a whole lot gets done and it's mainly a report on the finances and what events are coming up, but I think it's a real good idea to sit down and talk with the appointees over there because we need to generate ideas and that's not getting done.

TOMMY DUNN: And that's what my people aren't getting and that's why I want us to get on the same page.

EDDIE MOORE: That's the only thing. I just want to, you know, if they're meeting I thought once a month and that way we're notified so that we could go out to the meeting with them. And we've got some good businessmen that's on this committee and I think they could give us some ideas to pass on to the director out there.

TOMMY DUNN: I think ---

EDDIE MOORE: And I think, you know, we should do that. But that's, that was the only reason I put this on the agenda and that'll be a good idea to meet with all the Advisory members.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Not only do we have good businessmen out there, we have good business level headed ladies out there as well.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Moving on to Item 12 now. Resolutions, Number (a). A resolution authorizing the extension of Anderson County's Agreement to subsidize the ambulance service

in certain areas of Anderson County, and matters related thereto. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Pitts.

MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, this resolution has to do with the agreements that are in place between the County and the various non-profit rescue squads that provide ambulance service in the various zones of the County. This does not pertain to, I believe it's Zone Nine that's primarily within the city limits and, and close to it. The County first started entering into agreements with these rescue squads back in 2000. That agreement was renewed in 2005 and it -- the 2005 agreement allows it to be extended one year two -- up to two years -- one year terms unilaterally by the County. This resolution just simply gets that in writing. Extends the agreements that are already currently in place with these rescue squads and the money's already been appropriated in the budget for it.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
Do we have a motion?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Wait, Ms. Wilson makes the motion. Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That man at the beginning of the meeting stood up and was telling us not to vote on this thing because something about the coroner and, and what did he say? Something about the coroner and we should not vote on this thing because they get too -- what was he talking about? Do we have the ambulance ---

MIKE PITTS: Ms. Floyd, I don't.

GRACIE FLOYD: The man in the back does -- aren't you the person who's in charge of that for Anderson County?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Stroller -- Stoller.

GRACIE FLOYD: Stoller. Yeah. Thank you. Mr. Stoller, would you please come forward and explain to me what this man was talking about.

MR. STOLLER: As to what he was

talking about, I can't speak for him. However, the impression I got is that he believes that this had to do with Med Shore Ambulance Service serves Zone Nine which would be the city and the surrounding area.

GRACIE FLOYD: But that's not included in this.

MR. STOLLER: That's not the case. This is the eight non -- or the seven non-profit, as their termed rescue squads or EMS agents.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

MR. STOLLER: Not from Zone Nine.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Folks, do you understand that? This man who comes up here and talks about his mother being hospitalized and my heart goes out to her because I've there too many times and I've had to pay as well, but this has nothing to do with what he's talking about. This is another example of in -- uninformed people trying to do whatever God knows they're trying to do. But this is only for the non-profit organizations. I think we -- I think their contracts for five years and then we can, we can give them one more year and then maybe another year before we have to re -- renegotiate the whole thing. Am I correct?

MR. STOLLER: That's correct, ma'am. It covers five years of a contract with two one year optional extensions at the County's pleasure. And that's, that's already in place in the contract. I think Mr. Pitts, Mr. Burns, and myself want to be extra cautious and we're trying to do things out right in front of people.

GRACIE FLOYD: Transparency.

MR. STOLLER: Know what we're doing. So we're just trying to make sure that we've put it out there, people understand what's going on. It's just to put that part of the contract back out there in writing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If we don't do it. Let's just say we all voted it down. Let's just say we didn't know any better and we listened to him and we all voted it down. What would happen?

MR. STOLLER: I think I'd defer to Mr. Pitts for that question.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, what would happen?

MIKE PITTS: Well, I would assume the rescue squads being non-profit organizations dedicated to public safety would work with the county until we got other arrangements in place to provide ambulance service.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And if we didn't do that, we would be up the creek. Right?

MIKE PITTS: That's a good legal term for it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Up the creek. Well, there's more to it, but I just won't go into that. But, but, folks, be careful of who you're listening to. Okay. We have so many uninformed people and they keep talking about stuff they know nothing about. And, folks, we have to vote for this in order to provide EMS services throughout our County. This has nothing to do with Greg Shore. Everybody pays with Greg Shore, I pay with Greg Shore. And the time he's taken me, I'm glad to pay. Now after I've been there for a while, or a couple of months when I get to thinking about it, but when he's on his way, I'm glad. Okay. And I thank you for explaining this, for clearing this little mess up.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just very quickly. We've got a lot of reviewing and working with our squads, but this is a light year ahead of what the old squads used to be. They used to be funeral hearses and someone with a little kit to show up so I'm very, very excited and very proud of our EMS service in this County. I'm very grateful all that they do. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson. Moving on to resolutions 12(b), R2010-052. Resolution to authorize and supporting a funding request by Anderson County to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investment Program, and other matters related thereto. Mr. Hopkins.

HOLT HOPKINS: Well, this is the Tiger

Two grant that we talked about today in workshop and we're asking your permission to apply as it was pointed out. If we get the grant and we can't find the money, you can always back out.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a motion?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion. Ms. -- Mr. Wilson seconds it. Now discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins, why do we call this thing Tiger Two. Why not call it what it is so people can understand what you're talking about?

HOLT HOPKINS: I can't remember the whole acronym. The transportation something -- it's a transportation grant, but the reason they call it Tiger Two is they had a Tiger One a year ago. I don't remember all the -- the full name of it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right, all right. Mr. Hopkins, you do a good job with that transportation. Nobody can take that from you. Okay. But my thing is this, we're supposed to be working for the people, right? We're supposed to be doing things for the people, but we need to talk in terms that they can understand. You know, like today, I didn't know --

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GRACIE FLOYD: -- in our county such as?

HOLT HOPKINS: In this particular case, we're trying to do the frontage roads that we've talked -- all talked about for many years.

GRACIE FLOYD: The frontage road.

HOLT HOPKINS: Along I-85.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Like we did for, was it Walgreens?

HOLT HOPKINS: We made some improvements to that frontage road, but this is -- these projects are much -- a lot more than that was.

GRACIE FLOYD: Somebody coughed, I didn't hear.

HOLT HOPKINS: It's a lot more than that was. These projects have a much bigger scope.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Well, what was your Tiger One?

HOLT HOPKINS: Same thing. We just ---



GRACIE FLOYD: What properties that we?  
HOLT HOPKINS: It was the same  
projects, we just didn't get -- we didn't get accepted  
so we're trying a second time.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. Now you see, now  
that's confusing. All right. You're like the man who  
said that he's working with his second million dollars  
because he couldn't get the first one, right?

HOLT HOPKINS: Right.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. There's no  
such thing as a -- we haven't done anything with this  
Tiger One?

HOLT HOPKINS: No. We never got ---

GRACIE FLOYD: We never got it.

HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am. We never got  
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GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. So y'all going to  
apply again, but this time you're calling it Tiger  
Two?

HOLT HOPKINS: We're -- reapply.  
That's the name of the funding source is Tiger Two.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. All  
right. I know everybody out there already knew this.  
Okay. But I didn't and I'm sure that there are people  
who are watching this that don't -- that didn't  
understand this too, but now I do. And it's going to  
cost us what seven point -- there's 7.1 million  
dollars to get?

HOLT HOPKINS: Our portion, our portion  
of it would be I think it was 1.7. It's in your  
resolution. I don't have a copy.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. It's one. Yeah.  
It was ---

HOLT HOPKINS: I'd say it's 1.7 that  
we'd have to come up with if they -- but the total  
project I believe is seven, almost eight million.

TOMMY DUNN: Right at eight million  
dollars.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So it'll be an  
eight million dollar project and Anderson County's got  
to come up with 1.7 million dollars to get this going,  
right?

HOLT HOPKINS: If they, if they award  
it to us, we'll have to come up with that on the  
County side.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, that's cheaper than the water park, wasn't it? Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins. And just for the record, Mr. Hopkins and Anderson County didn't name this program. I think it come from the federal government as far as Tiger Two. Any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I don't care who named it, but it needs to be discussed.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson. Moving on to Item Number (c), R2010-55. A resolution requesting the government of the United States to revisit the strength, and if necessary, it's laws and regulations prohibiting -- providing protection to persons residing adjacent to railway, railways where hazardous or flammable materials are transported; and there -- and matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. And it further reads and to facilities processing, storing, and/or transferring hazardous and/or flammable materials, and matters related thereto.

Whereas, Anderson County Council -- excuse me, Anderson County, South Carolina is a body politic and a political and corporate subdivision of the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Anderson County Council has a paramount concern for the safety of it's residents who live adjacent to railway lines that transport hazardous and/or flammable materials and/or to facilities processing, storing, and/or transferring hazardous and/or flammable materials; and

Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes federal and state law and/or regulations address red safety; and

Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to express it's desire that the federal government and state government revisit and strengthen, if necessary, it's laws and regulations protecting persons and property along railway lines that transfer hazardous and/or flammable materials and/or adjacent to

facilities processing, storing, and/or transferring hazardous and/or flammable materials;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that Anderson County, acting by and through it's County Council, respectfully requests the government of the United States and the State of South Carolina revisit and strengthen, if necessary, it's laws and regulations protecting persons and/or property along railway lines that transport hazardous and/or flammable materials and/or adjacent to facilities processing, storing, and/or transferring hazardous and/or flammable materials.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of August, 2010.

And that's in the form of a motion.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: I have a second Mr. Moore. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Wilson. Moving on to Item 12(d), R2010-056. A resolution requesting the South Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation prohibiting municipalities from rezoning annexed property for a period of five years, and that -- and matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina is a body politic and a political and corporate subdivision of the State of South Carolina;

Whereas, Anderson County Council is concerned that annexation of unincorporated areas of Anderson County by municipalities poses the risk of disturbing the nature and character of the land so annexed by, among other things, changing the zoning designation of annexed property which existed prior to the date of annexation;

Whereas, County Council recognizes South Carolina law currently affords some level of protection in the form of constitutional protections against takings and the protection of vested property rights in certain circumstances;

Whereas, Anderson County Council wishes to express it's desire that the South Carolina General Assemble enact legislation prohibiting municipalities from rezoning annexed land for a period of five years form the date of annexation;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by Anderson County Council in meeting duly request that Anderson County, acting by and through it's County Council, respectfully requests that the South Carolina General Assembly enact legislation prohibiting municipalities from rezoning annexed land for a period of five years from the date of annexation.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of August, 2010.

And this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, can we do this?

MIKE PITTS: We can certainly ask the General Assembly to pass a, a law.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

MIKE PITTS: We certainly can't do anything.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Jim, this -- okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. All abstentions. Show the motion carries by Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Allen. No opposition. Ms. Floyd abstains. Moving on to Appointments. Mr. Wilson. Any appointments? Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: I have none. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: I have none at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.

FRANCIS CROWDER: I have none at this

time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: None at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 14,

Acceptance of Bids.

MIKE PITTS: We have no bids.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, Requests

by Council Members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: None at this time,

thanks.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.

FRANCIS CROWDER: I have one. I have a -- well, it's a request actually from Mr. Hopkins for the Senior Center down on County property needs an additional parking lot. I would like to request that thirteen thousand dollars of my recreation be fund for -- maybe -- I meant paving account. Excuse me, paving account. I'm still learning. Too many ---

TOMMY DUNN: We got you.

FRANCIS CROWDER: Too many accounts. You

got it.

TOMMY DUNN: They watching you.

That'll keep you straight. We have a, we have a second?

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Crowder's motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson. Anything else, Mr. Crowder? Any other requests?

FRANCIS CROWDER: I'll tell you in a minute.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I've got a couple. The first one I'd like to appropriate nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars for the portable restroom rental down at the Grove Park and I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any

discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

EDDIE MOORE: And the second one I have, Mr. Chairman, I've talked to several Council members. The Humane Society's going to have a Furball out at the Civic Center and to try to adopt more animals out and that's going to be in October and I would like to appropriate two hundred dollars to them to help them out with their expenses at the Civic Center. And I think some of the other ---

MIKE PITTS: That's two fifty.

EDDIE MOORE: Two fifty, two fifty.

TOMMY DUNN: He might have just wanted to give two hundred is what he's trying to tell you. Go ahead, Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: Well, I'm begging. Okay. Two hundred and fifty dollars.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second. Is this going to be a masked ball?

EDDIE MOORE: It is. Yeah. We're going to have a Furball with a lot of furry animals.

TOMMY DUNN: Any further -- any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Moore's motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: That's all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

FRANCIS CROWDER: May I join Mr. Moore in ---?

TOMMY DUNN: You most certainly can.

FRANCIS CROWDER: -- in pledging two hundred and fifty for Furball.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore seconds it. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Crowder's motion of two hundred and fifty dollars on Humane Society for Fur -- Furball event, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Moore? Ms.

Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have two. I would like to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars of the Anderson County District Two's recreational fund to the City Rec Department for District Two members who would like to use those facilities down there, but at this time cannot afford it. It would be sort of like a scholarship fund for people who would like to use the, the health facilities down there or for the youth to participate in, in the games. These kids live out in the County and will have to pay more to go there. That's in the term -- I mean, that's in the form of a, a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Fifteen hundred dollars.  
Right, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I also would like to appropriate thirteen thousand dollars out of the paving account for District Two -- out of District Two's paving account to go toward the Senior Citizen parking lot that's over there on, on the County complex. That's in the form of, of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Any, anything else, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: That's it, thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes. I have, I have five actually. I got clobbered tonight for some reason. I want to do two thousand dollars to the Piercetown Fire Department and this is to help them with their communications system out there.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a second. Any further discussion? All in favor of Mr. Allen's motion, show of hands.

TOM ALLEN: All right. The second item I have is for the Balloon Fest and it doesn't -- it comes up I think -- believe it's the first week in November and I wanted to donate a thousand dollars out of the recreation fund to the Balloon Fest.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: All right. Also two fifty for the world famous Furball adoption process.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

(?): Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in favor of Mr. Allen's motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

TOM ALLEN: All right. And for portable restrooms out at the Double Springs Park eighteen hundred and ten dollars to cover the year.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Any second?

RON WILSON: Second.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Moore. All -- any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.

TOM ALLEN: And last but not least, and I may have to ask Mr. Hopkins on this, Zion Fire Department doing -- redoing the parking lot. Would that be best to come out of paving account?

HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. I recommend the paving.

TOM ALLEN: Out of that. Okay. I'd like ---

HOLT HOPKINS: Buy that asphalt.

TOM ALLEN: Okay. Yeah, yeah. I'd like to donate thirty-one hundred dollars out of the paving account for Zion Fire Department. They've got an area out there where the parking lot's literally washing away so they need to get that fixed.



TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: All in -- any discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously and the one before that carried unanimously also. Anything else?

TOM ALLEN: I'm finished, thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Wilson.

RON WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'll do two fifty to the Furball.

TOMMY DUNN: Any -- do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wilson? Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, what is this Furball thing? I haven't heard anything about it. What, I mean, what is it and what, what -- is it a dance?

TOMMY DUNN: I'll let Mr. Moore explain it.

EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, they're going to have a -- the local Humane Society's going to have a -- bring the animals from the Animal Shelter out there and have like a party for them. They're going to dress up animals and -- in costumes and things like that to try to get them adopted out.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, it should have been a dance. Okay. Thank you. I don't know. I wasn't told anything about it.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Floyd. I'd like to make the following -- I'm going to lump mine in one, in one motion if that's all right. Out of my rec -- District Five rec account, I'd like to donate two hundred and fifty dollars to the Furball -- Furball for the Humane Society Adopt a Pets Civic Center, a thousand dollars to the Balloon Fest at Civic Center, and two thousand dollars to the Westside Wrestling program they put on every year at the Civic Center -- to the Westside High School

Wrestling, for the Westside High School Wrestling Tournament they have at the Civic Center every year. I'd like to put that in the form of a motion.

EDDIE MOORE: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in favor, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this time the Administrator's Report.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing to report.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time Citizens Comments. Mr. Pitts, if you would. If you would, please, state your name and District and address the Chair, please.

MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, first signed up this evening is Renee Brissey.

RENEE BRISSEY: My name is Renee Brissey and I'm in District One. First of all, I'd like to thank County Council for the help that they gave with the East West Connector. And the second thing is at the ANATs meeting yesterday, they voted for the five lane road and so I hope that the ANATs meeting has the road of their dreams, not necessarily the people in our, in our area, but there was something called the corridor planning. And it was something new that was brought up at that, at that time and I do want County Council to know that we are interested in finding out what this corridor planning is all about. And with that, if they could get information to us so that we can -- I assume that it's about trying to make sure that it stays zoned residential. And we certainly do want to be a part of that and I personally would like to be a part of that and several of the people who are in the neighborhood along the East West Corridor have gotten in contact with me and said that they want to be a part of that also. So if you will please keep us in mind for that and let us know how we can go about being a part of that. Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and we'll be discussing that in just a little bit. Thank you, ma'am.

MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven. Unfortunately I stepped out of the room a little earlier. Apparently, I took a pretty good chewing. But you know what, I'm given one little

sheet of paper when I walk through this door. Maybe two, maybe three days in advance we get it on the internet. What we get is little one liners. You know, for a person to berate me for not being very well informed when that same person from District Two, as I refer to her as Disgracie Floyd, sits there many times and says, well, I haven't seen that. And y'all tell her, it's in your packet. Tonight when she says, what is a Tiger One? Oh, a Tiger Two. I would imagine that was in your packet. It's kind of hilarious that when a person is given one little line because that's all we get as citizens, and a many a people come up here and ask you to give us more information. The stuff you have post it on the internet. Allow us to look at it. Because before it gets to you in paper, it comes to you in electronics. So we could be a little more informed. So if I overstepped my bounds a little bit, for that I do apologize, apologize. And my Mom is okay, by the way. She was in the hospital for about a month. It wasn't a head trauma, it was other complications other than the head. The head was a tiny cut. Four hundred and eighty dollars transportation to find that out. East West Corridor, please. I heard Mr. Crowder and I heard Ms. Floyd mention that there was going to be some protection to keep it residential. Unfortunately, I think I heard about a five year period or something. I don't think I heard protection. Please do that. Back to this Animal Shelter thing. Did we honest a God a few years back pay twenty-five, thirty thousand dollars for a law firm to write the Standard Operating Procedures for that Animal Shelter and did we actually ignore them or apply some? I heard it mentioned when Ms. Floyd was asking how many days, it was stated that twenty-one days the animals were there. Then it was stated if y'all wanted your ten or fifteen for us to look at the, what I call name brand dogs instead of thoroughbred. I like name brand. It, it -- fifteen days. Which one is it? Do they stay there twenty-one days or do they stay there five days? I heard the response to her was it will be a burden. They're already there twenty-one and we're only asking for fifteen. Not a burden. (?) and do we as a County before we try to write these things. I know we had

forty something thousand dollars, almost fifty something, in District Two's animal ordinance a couple of years ago when that was trying to be pushed through. Do we actually look at other county's stuff? I mean, Mr. Moore looked at Greenville County's and some of the other counties around animal shelter Standard Operating Procedures. Do we actually have lawyers look at this before we ask them to sit around with the high paying lawyers in a big room and go, what should we put on there? Well, maybe we should look at other people's stuff and quit spending our money for people to dream up things that may not be thorough, may not be complete. But if we literally spent twenty, thirty thousand dollars for that piece of paper that nobody goes by and it's so confusing we're having to modify it even more, which it sounds like what we're going to do.

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.

Chairman.

MARK POWELL: We need to quit doing that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr.

Chairman. Rick Freemantle from District Six. One thing that caught my ear tonight is this Tiger Two. I hope I'm correct in that. Did I hear right that we're going to kick in eight million dollars and maybe we'll get a grant? Okay. Good. I hope not. Other question I do have, am I correct in understanding that this is a grant? Is this grant part of the current stimulus money that's coming out of Washington because if it is, I would like to reiterate to you something that an old-timer told me a long time ago. You can only go to the well so many times before you run out of money. Unfortunately, right now here today in this country, it's not our well that we're going to any more. It's the wells that belong to our children and our grandchildren and we're stealing their futures. So I hope that y'all will take a good look at this grant and if it is part of that stimulus money, do the right thing and say no. Because it's not you and I that are going to pay for this. We're stealing from someone that we have no right to steal from. Back to the Animal Shelter and this Standard Operating

Procedure. I, took, heard that a great deal of money was paid to formulate these rules and regulations for County employees. Is there anyone in this room who ever was hired by anyone to be an employee of an employer that did not have rules and regulations to follow? That's what these things are that I understand. They're simple rules and regulations. The part about spaying. You're correct. Dosages are based on the weight of the animal. Now, you know, again, back to these one liners. A lot of hearsay. Hearsay was that some of those dosages were being cut in order to cut cost. Well, you know, we're the public we don't get all that privileged information that some folks get and never read so we have to go on hearsay. All I'm asking is if that's in that manual, that's a good thing it's there. It should be abided by. The animal has no way of telling you if he hurts other than kicking and scratching and biting. And it's the least we could do for them. The Standard Operating Procedure manual, I really don't understand what all the hoopla is coming from County employees about following the thing. You know, we pay them good money, we give them good vacations, we give them good sick time. Following a few rules and regulations, I don't, I don't see what all the big hoopla is about that. I really couldn't believe that we had all this argument and discussion about following rules as a County employee.

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.  
Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth, Elizabeth  
Fant, District Three. I have several comments and I want us to remember that what we do or what we should be doing as Council people, Chairman, as citizens should be for the people of Anderson County, so I have several little remarks to make. One on the Animal Shelter. I believe that what Mr. Moore was saying for the fifteen day for the Anderson County -- that the animals be available for fifteen days for Anderson County residents before they are available for rescue adoption. A friend of mine saw a dog and wanted me to go look to see if it could be adopted and the same thing happened to me. It was already adopted by a

rescue before I was able to see if it was available for the person. That's wrong. There's nothing wrong with having the rescues, but the people of Anderson County who pay the taxes, ought to have the first dibs. Civic Center. I understand that the Civic Center, the committee, has fourteen members, but only four show up. So if Council members could contact the ones that they nominated who don't show up and see if they're still interested or not interested, maybe you could get somebody who is interested to take that place. Lots of situations happen where people no longer are able to make meetings. Get people who are interested so that you instead of having just the director of the Civic Center give information, you've got enough people in there who can make some logical decisions. I want to talk about waste of money, stimulus money. In the last two weeks from Anderson to Belton, Belton Anderson Highway, they're putting in all these dropped curbs where you can get off with a wheelchair all the way down to the Broadway Creek. In most of that area there are no houses. In the area where there are houses, the sidewalks are so overgrown, nobody uses them. What a waste of money. Now we talk about getting people to come to Anderson and traveling around, why don't we take that money which should be shovel ready and put some signs on the intersections as you come to stop lights that identify what the roads are that you're crossing. On McDuffie, on Main Street, and on Murray, all three of those areas. Many of those side streets you can't even read the signs. You don't know what street you're, you're crossing unless you've been here for a long time. The hazardous and flammable materials. In the last month there have been two train derailments, Liberty and Williamston. It is important to protect the people. What does that resolution ---

MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.

Chairman.

ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: Kris Yon.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

KRIS YON: Good evening. It's Kris

Yon from District Four. My comments are concerning the East West Connector and the ANATS vote yesterday. First let me publically thank you the Council members

involved for trying to reduce the tremendous impact of this road with corridor zoning, berms and buffers. We hope that those ideas and more continue and flourish so to limit the emotional and economic impact this new road construction has on our friends and neighbors. It was never about a road instead it was about our community, planning and our future. So many decisions were made that were not open for the public comment. We have lost trust in the system, but we have not lost hope of our message of sensible growth. As we go through our comprehensive plan this year, let us ask two questions. Where are we not going to develop? Think of a special place in your area that you would like to see preserved. And how will we develop? Where will we direct our infrastructure and what will it look like? Right now we see development and we don't like what we see. Anderson County may be the All American City, but this year it may be the number one county for sprawl. I invite you to look behind you at our County seal. It's a vin diagram of how development should occur. We should have room for pastures for cows, industry and homes. There needs to be a balance. This is necessary for industrial recruitment and residential security. I'm a member of Upstate Forever. It's a local non-profit group. The mission statement says, Let's protect special places and promote sensible growth. Let's use that opportunity and grow with dignity. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

Now time for Remarks by Council Members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I do want to point out that we have a Finance Committee meeting in the morning and I do thank all the hard working staff and citizens and our Council in trying to move our County in a forward and positive directions. Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder. Any, any comments?

FRANCIS CROWDER: In keeping with the East West Connector, I will be introducing a resolution at the next County Council meeting to hopefully achieve the desires of the citizens of that area to keep the corridor residential. And so that resolution will

start the process for that to be and I've already assured Ms. Brissey that as soon as the material is given to me relative to the steps, that I would forward that information to her. Thank you for appearing tonight and I look forward to cooperating with you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.  
Mr. Moore.

EDDIE MOORE: I thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank all the Council members for helping me out on the Furball that's going to be in October. And also, I just appreciate all the hard work that the staff and the committee members did on the Animal Shelter. A lot of hard work. I know it's been a little controversial, but I think all in all it's been a good thing. It's brought a lot of attention and hopefully we have when we move in our new facility, we'll have a first class, first run, just a great facility. And that's all we really want. And I appreciate all your support. And thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I made my comments about the, about the Animal Advisory Committee. I really don't want to go through that again, but I'm hoping that is something we can talk about for the next two weeks and we can figure out what we're going to do about it. The resolution that Mr. Crowder is going to introduce. I saw it today and it looks, it looks really good. And I think it would, it will help the situation a lot. My only concern is that I am, again I am asking that citizens from the community be on that committee, on that committee to plan what they want for their community. It's a -- they will behave themselves at the table because the only thing they want is to make sure that the integrity of their community is in -- intact. And I think that the staff would not mind working with these people. Even though they will have a chance to talk about it or hear about it at the, at the public hearing, I still think it'll go over well if they are allowed to sit at the table with these plans. As to the name calling, my being called, Disgrace. I think that everybody can make up a name for anybody. Like I could make up the name, Powerless. But I think that's



childish and even though I could make it up, I won't do it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Thank you. I just had a couple of quick comments. I'd like to say Mr. Freemantle asked a brilliant question awhile ago about stimulus money. The reason I say it's brilliant because I asked the same one this morning at the -- at a work session. Interestingly enough, Tiger One was stimulus money. Tiger Two isn't. Had Tiger Two been stimulus money I would have said, no. We don't even want to touch that. I, I agree with what you said on that. Also, I just wanted to make a comment. There, there's been some innuendo or assumptions made that the Animal Shelter is not following their SOP. No proof of that. So I'm going to make a statement that they are following their SOP and I'll give you no proof of that either. Like I said, I've worked with a lot of SOPs. You do your very best to follow those SOPs, but you're not going to hit it a hundred percent all the time. So I'm going to defend the Animal Shelter on that part of it and I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr. Wilson. I think it's been a long night and I appreciate everybody coming out and I just want to say we will be having a meeting Friday with the staff and the Animal Council Committee and iron some of these things out and get a, get a thing. I want the people to know on the East West Connector thing that Mr. Crowder's been working very hard on this and the Council and appreciate his input. And as y'all know, I know Ms. Yon knows because I remember when I was on the Planning Commission, she used to come -- how the process works. And all the citizens and y'all will be very much at the table on that and when it comes time that drawing it up. Got word on that. Thank y'all very much. If no objections, the meeting be adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED

AT 9:17 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting – September 7, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

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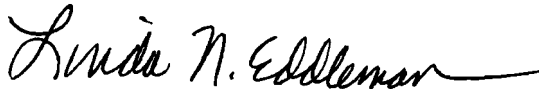
**PRESENT**

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding, District #5  
Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2  
Eddie Moore, Vice Chairman, District #3  
Tom Allen - District #4  
Ron Wilson - District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7  
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator  
Mike Pitts, County Attorney  
Chase Heatherly - Intern  
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
EDDIE MOORE  
TOM ALLEN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER, SR.  
M. CINDY WILSON  
GRACIE FLOYD  
RON WILSON

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2010 to order.  
3 At this time I'd like to ask Councilman Ron Wilson if  
4 he'd lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of  
5 Allegiance, please.

6 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RON WILSON  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 3,  
8 Citizens Comments for Agenda Matters. Mr. Pitts. If  
9 you would, please state your name and district and  
10 address the Chair, please. And keep the comments on  
11 the agenda, please -- items that's on the agenda. Mr.  
12 Pitts.

13 MIKE PITTS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The  
14 first citizen signed up tonight is Elizabeth Peace.

15 ELIZABETH PEACE: Mr. Chairman, members of  
16 Council, Administrator, and County Attorney, and  
17 citizens, I am Elizabeth M. Peace, Council District  
18 Number Four, Hopewell Community. My residence is 2410  
19 Highway 81 North. I should like to speak on Ordinance  
20 15(e) and Resolution 2010-057 concerning the six  
21 month's mandatorium on rezoning in proximity of the  
22 East-West Connector where I live less than eight tenths  
23 of a mile from the said connector. I am so gravely  
24 concerned the Connector will become commercial after  
25 six months which will increase traffic so I am asking  
26 for an amendment to this mandatorium for making it  
27 permanent for the safety of the students that attend  
28 six schools that will be on this road as it crosses  
29 into 81 North to Oak Hill Drive. Or either the schools  
30 that are located on Highway 81 North and I shall name  
31 the schools to refresh your memory. T. L. Hanna High  
32 School students are on 81 North and those that wish  
33 vocational training travel in most of the time their  
34 personal vehicles if they have parental consent to the  
35 Extension Campus on McDuffie. And, of course, they  
36 have a limited time in which to travel. Then there's  
37 three elementary schools that will be affected.  
38 Midway, that is on Harriett Circle, Calhoun, and the  
39 soon to be constructed North Point School which will be  
40 on 81 next to the Sullivan King Mortuary. Then there's  
41 two middle schools that is affected. We know that  
42 McCants, the back side of it, is on 81 and you've got  
43 to get on 81 to get to it, and then the Glenview Middle  
44 School that will open in 2011 on the Old Williamston  
45 Road. So you see that students will be using this and  
46 if it becomes commercial or the speed zone is as it is,  
47 this is going to be really and truthfully a safety  
48 hazard not only for we adult citizens, but for the  
49 younger generation. So I am implore you to consider  
50 this Resolution and this Ordinance. And protect these

1 young lives for today as I was out gathering up this  
2 information, I just happened to have pulled into  
3 Wendy's to get a bite to eat and ---  
4 MIKE PITTS: Time, Mr. Chairman.  
5 ELIZABETH PEACE: -- these children were  
6 coming back from the Extension Campus and were there,  
7 so you see, it is a safety issue. I thank you.  
8 MIKE PITTS: Brooks Brown.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am.  
10 BROOKS BROWN: Brooks Brown, Council  
11 District One. I'd like to talk about Ordinance 15(d)  
12 about the franchise fee rates for cable service  
13 providers. Back in 1984 the government established  
14 what is called the Cable Communications Act of '84. It  
15 provides that during the time of setup of a franchise  
16 or a renewal of a cable franchise that three types of  
17 channels can be set up. Public, educational, and  
18 governmental. You see the governmental right over here  
19 over my shoulder. Government requires that this  
20 meeting be shown over cable franchises that have a  
21 hundred or more channels. We later amended that and we  
22 allowed educational in there so that Tri-County Tech  
23 can get in there, the middle schools, high schools,  
24 Anderson University, Forrest College, any of them could  
25 use the educational use. I've been asking for the  
26 public use called Public Access. Previous Council was  
27 evidently against the First Amendment. They were scared  
28 what might have been said and they wouldn't even bring  
29 it up for discussion. I'm asking that you amend this  
30 rate increase to allow for the creation of two public  
31 access channels for any cable operator with a hundred  
32 or more stations. This won't affect small ones. It's  
33 not going to take the place of a channel. It's not  
34 going to cost the cable company anything because  
35 they're required to set aside the channel space anyway.  
36 It's not going to cost the County anything. It's  
37 totally run by the private sector. All it takes is a,  
38 a blessing from y'all and as it's an Ordinance, it will  
39 take three readings and a public hearing on the matter.  
40 But I'd ask that it start tonight by saying that, yes,  
41 we will approve in name only this amendment. And I  
42 brought a copy of this Act just the first sixteen pages  
43 because it runs on for seven hundred thirty-one pages.  
44 Now I'll give this to Mr. Pitts to look at and he can  
45 draw up proper, proper ordinances to proper form and  
46 everything and then y'all will be able to continue with  
47 it and let's get public access channels a chance. If  
48 someone like Juanita Garrison wants to go on and do a  
49 gardening show, she can. If Mr. Dan Harvell wants to  
50 come on and discuss politics, he can. But the only

1 venue we have right now only forum is right here and  
2 we're limited to three minutes. If the station is  
3 established, we can cut fifteen minute or thirty minute  
4 programs and give everybody a chance to be heard on the  
5 channels. And I thank you for your consideration.

6 MIKE PITTS: Summer Hambric.

7 SUMMER HAMBRIC: Good evening. I'm Summer  
8 Hambric. I am 126 Elliott Circle in District One in  
9 Anderson. I'm also a teacher at Westside High School  
10 and in my spare time I'm the director of Anderson  
11 Voices for Animals, a low cost spay neuter program for  
12 stray cats in Anderson County. Since 2008 we've been  
13 able to help folks in Anderson County spay and neuter  
14 over a thousand cats since September of 2008 and I just  
15 wanted to share a poem with you that I wrote. It's not  
16 very long and I think it speaks for the animals. And  
17 it's addressing on the agenda 14(b), the Standard  
18 Operating Procedures for the Anderson County Animal  
19 Shelter. The title of my poem is Whispering. I am the  
20 dog that you see on a chain. I am the cat that you see  
21 in a dream. I am the friend who has no home. I am the  
22 stray who lives all alone. I am the friend that you  
23 helped today. I am the one you transported far away.  
24 I am the voice in your head that you hear. I am the  
25 caged animal who often dreads. I am the opinion, the  
26 opinion you are trying to change. I am the anger you  
27 feel and the rage. I am the tears you cry when I am  
28 sick. I am the hurt you feel but cannot fix. I am the  
29 voice in your head when you cannot sleep. I am the  
30 reason for the long hours that you keep. I am the  
31 voice who desperately needs you and if not you, then  
32 who. I am whispering and you are my voice.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

34 MIKE PITTS: Shirley McAlister.

35 SHIRLEY MCALISTER: Good evening. I'm  
36 Shirley McAlister. I live at 1600 Old Denver School  
37 Road. I am a volunteer with the Anderson County Humane  
38 Society. Like Summer, I am a teacher and I just wanted  
39 to speak to Ordinance -- to the, let's see, the  
40 Ordinance 2010-017 about the Standard Operating  
41 Procedure. I'm not a political person. I'm not as  
42 well versed as I should be in how the political process  
43 works, but I don't quite understand why adopting the  
44 Standard Operating Procedure Ordinance is, is that much  
45 of a problem. To me by doing so you'd be giving the  
46 Standard Operating Procedure the force, the legal force  
47 of law. I know that some people were concerned about  
48 it limiting the flexibility, but I believe Mr. Moore  
49 has made suggestions that would, would insure that that  
50 was not a problem. And we have an opportunity right

1 now. We have a beautiful new shelter that has been  
2 built, but it's like people say that a church is not  
3 the building, a church is a body of believers. And an  
4 animal shelter is not only a building, it's a way of  
5 looking at how animals should be treated. And in this  
6 County we've, we've made a lot of progress lately.  
7 There's been more dialogue about this issue than I can  
8 remember there being. A lot of attention has been  
9 drawn to it and a lot of good things are being done,  
10 but I think we need to keep that forward movement  
11 going. If we build a new shelter, but we don't change  
12 our way of looking at things, we're still going to be  
13 killing. The word euthanize is a good word, but it  
14 boils down to we're killing ten thousand animals a year  
15 that are beautiful, adoptable animals. And that's a  
16 shame. That's not humane and that's not civilized.  
17 And if we have a new building and not -- we don't have  
18 a new way of looking at things, we're not going to be  
19 accomplishing a lot. So I just hope that will be  
20 adopted as an ordinance. Thank you for allowing me to  
21 speak.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
23 MIKE PITTS: Sonya Hargraves.  
24 SONYA HARGRAVES: Good evening. My name is  
25 Sonya Hargraves and my district is Three and I'm here  
26 to speak on Ordinance 14(b), the Standard Operating  
27 Procedures. Someone described insanity as doing the  
28 same thing over and over and expecting different  
29 results. But all would agree that this is idiocy. I  
30 am here tonight to tell you that the kill rate at our  
31 shelter is more than unacceptable and is disgustingly  
32 shameful. The shelter should provide sanction for our  
33 animals yet it continues to be the grounds of a  
34 holocaust for the homeless. The County needs to stop.  
35 Adopting and adhering to new Standard Operating  
36 Procedures would begin the journey to success. There  
37 are fund raisers happening all around us. Bark in the  
38 Park, Walking the Wags, Spa for Spays, rescue rides,  
39 Bark N Soul, Fur Balls, Paws for a Cause, Spayghetti  
40 dinners, Steps for Strays, and poker runs. The list  
41 goes on. These events are organized by groups of  
42 animal rescuers to raise funds to help animals all over  
43 Anderson County. They do raise money because the  
44 groups have established credibility with the public and  
45 they hold themselves responsible for the public's  
46 perception of their work. Nobody wants to fund the  
47 senseless killing of healthy animals. When the County  
48 is willing to adopt and adhere to acceptable SOPs, when  
49 residents can use the shelter as a resource for  
50 education and training, when the shelter can provide

1 sanction to it's wayward orphans and abandoned family  
2 members, and when it can become a haven of hope for our  
3 lost, then and only then will respect begin to form in  
4 the community. Funding and volunteers will follow. I  
5 beg of you to please require the public shelter to  
6 adopt and adhere to more respectable SOPs. Let us all  
7 come together to make the new shelter more than just a  
8 prettier place to die. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

10 MIKE PITTS: Renea Brissey.

11 RENEA BRISSEY: My name is Renea Brissey. I  
12 live at 200 Bamboo Drive in District One. And I'm  
13 talking about the Resolutions, R2010-057, about the  
14 East-West Connector. Sometimes I think that that's  
15 ruling my life, but we had an article in the paper the  
16 other day about the deadlines on the East-West  
17 Connector. And it certainly concerned me and the people  
18 who live in that area that if these deadlines were not  
19 made then we may not have any landscaping at all. And  
20 that was one of the things that, you know, everybody  
21 promised. And so I hope that, Mr. Crowder, that you  
22 will address this at some point in time, but there are  
23 lots of concerns about the landscaping. Thank you.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

25 MIKE PITTS: Stephanie Garrett.

26 STEPHANIE GARRETT: Hello. I'm Stephanie  
27 Garrett. I'm a board member of the Humane Society.  
28 I've been a board member for about fifteen years. I've  
29 seen volunteers go and come. I've seen presidents go  
30 and come. And the same thing with the shelter. I've  
31 seen the people there, you know, go and come and  
32 directors go and come. And the one thing that's been  
33 consistent for the fifteen years that I've been here  
34 and that I've been on the board is that the shelter is  
35 a, is a tough place and it's definitely -- has a tough  
36 job, but it definitely needs improvements and it needs  
37 positive changes. I'm very thankful for the Council  
38 giving us the credence, I guess, and the importance  
39 that it's getting now. I'm thankful that we have an  
40 Advisory Committee that hopefully is steering us in the  
41 right direction. All of this talk has, has been a good  
42 thing I think to try and bring the animals of Anderson  
43 County to light. I'm very much for the SOP and getting  
44 that document as an Ordinance, getting it so it needs  
45 to be followed, and procedures in place that can only  
46 make the, the new shelter hopefully a much better place  
47 for, for people to want to come, to want to go visit,  
48 to want to adopt, to -- you know, for it to be a good  
49 place. For people to call us, which they call us all  
50 the time, they think we're the shelter and we're not.



1 We're, you know, totally separate. We're a non-profit,  
2 but they call us all the time with complaints. And,  
3 you know, and like I said, I know it's a tough, it's a  
4 tough job, it's a tough place and I -- it's great that  
5 it's getting attention now and, you know, I just hope  
6 that we can get a lot of positive feedback. There's a  
7 lot of good energy going. There's a lot of great  
8 rescue, rescue groups that are here in Anderson as I  
9 think everybody, you know, can see. And a lot of  
10 people that care. That -- and we want to help, we want  
11 to volunteer, we want to get more volunteers to be able  
12 to help. And there's a lot of good things that with  
13 the offsite adoptions, the Wolf Stock was a great, I  
14 think, success and we can have many more things. And,  
15 of course, I want to get a plug in for our Fur Ball  
16 that's coming up in October at the Civic Center. And I  
17 want to say how important it is to spay neuter and  
18 that's been our goal as the Humane Society. We just  
19 opened up our spay neuter clinic back in May of this  
20 year and we're open as the, as the public demand is for  
21 and right now it's three days a week. And we are spay  
22 neutering up to maybe thirty a day. And it's great.  
23 We're moving in the right direction because that's  
24 animals that are keep -- that are being kept ---

25 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

26 STEPHANIE GARRETT: -- from going to the  
27 shelter and getting euthanized. Thank you.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

29 MIKE PITTS: And, Mr. Chairman, I  
30 can't tell if this is Jerry or Jenny. The last name's  
31 Craine.

32 JERRY CRAINE: Good evening, Mr.  
33 Chairman. I'm Jerry Craine. I live at 203 Cedar  
34 Street in District Five. I'm here tonight to support  
35 the adoption of the Standard Operating Procedures for  
36 the Animal Shelter. Agenda Item 14(b). These  
37 procedures mirror the procedures recommended by the  
38 American Humane Society and insure a consistent and  
39 humane level of care for the animals entrusted to the  
40 Shelter. It specifies the proper actions and  
41 treatments for the animals and removes inconsistencies  
42 caused by emotion, lack of knowledge, or lack of  
43 specific specialized training. There are those who  
44 would ask who is going to enforce these procedures. I  
45 say it's the responsibility of management, their  
46 management, and ultimately the Council. Without the  
47 force of an Ordinance, these types of SOPs will be  
48 regulated to suggestions and/or hopes with the same  
49 level of non-compliance or misapplication as some other  
50 operating policies. There are also those who would say

1 the Council shouldn't have to be involved in the day-  
2 to-day operation of the Shelter. I say that is an  
3 irresponsible position based on two critical factors.  
4 First from a fiscal standpoint, the County puts out  
5 nearly three quarters of a million dollars for the  
6 operation of the Shelter and that's taxpayer money we  
7 would like to see well spent. Secondly, from a moral  
8 standpoint, it is a matter of life and death for the  
9 animals incarcerated at the Shelter. These are both  
10 excellent reasons for both Council involvement and the  
11 proposed SOPs being adopted. Much has been said about  
12 the Shelter Advisory Board, both pro and con. While  
13 the rhetoric regarding the Board has been entertaining  
14 to some and a life's purpose to others, it is nothing  
15 but a diversion from the issue at hand. It is not  
16 relevant in this discussion who delivered the  
17 recommendation to use the standards, but the merits of  
18 the standards themselves. I believe that people  
19 familiar with these procedures and the successful  
20 implementation and results at other shelters around the  
21 country support these standards as reasonable,  
22 necessary and long needed. I would also venture to say  
23 that any of us here tonight who were in the position of  
24 that poor unfortunate animal sitting in that shelter  
25 cage, we would want to know that we were going to get  
26 the type of care and protection that these standards  
27 insure. I urge this Council to put aside politics,  
28 personalities, and act on principals. Adopt these  
29 standards for use at our shelter. Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

31 MIKE PITTS: Anthony Seville.

32 ANTHONY SEVILLE: My name is Anthony Seville.  
33 I live in Belton, South Carolina. The reason that I'm  
34 here is I'm here on point 2010-017 which is which has  
35 been brought up before here. The reason I'm here is to  
36 insure that there's a balance and to urge the Council  
37 to be aware of one thing that there could be a conflict  
38 of interest in the way that they, they basically on  
39 here and what I mean is you have two organizations.  
40 You have the shelter which is run by the, by the County  
41 Council and you have the Humane Society who basically  
42 run a spay and neuter center and are a non-profit. As  
43 long as there's a balance between the two. That's why  
44 I'm here. I'll talk later at the public meeting.  
45 Thank you.

46 MIKE PITTS: Candi Kern-Fuller.

47 CANDI KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chairman, Candi Kern-  
48 Fuller, District Four, Mr. Allen's District. Speaking  
49 on Items Number 16 and 17. Regarding the discussion  
50 regarding the Animal Shelter Citizen's Advisory

1 Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee's  
2 missions, goals, and procedures. Mr. Chairman, since  
3 the creation of this Advisory Committee, this Committee  
4 has only served to disparage, disrupt, destroy, and  
5 otherwise cause dissent in this community. Rather than  
6 give this Committee mission and goals and procedures  
7 for an allegedly non-binding advisory committee, I  
8 would request, and as a number of other citizens have,  
9 that you disband it.

10 MIKE PITTS: Larry Dubose.

11 LARRY DUBOSE: Good evening, members of  
12 County Council. My name is Larry Dubough. I live at  
13 235 Inlet Point Drive in the County of Anderson.  
14 Several weeks ago I went to the Advisory Committee that  
15 was held here and listened very attentively to some  
16 very good discussion that went on. And the general  
17 reason for the meeting was to discuss these standard  
18 operating practices. What I was left with after the  
19 meeting was that typically in the, in the businesses  
20 that I have had a participatory interest in, we usually  
21 have a mission statement and after that mission  
22 statement is derived, we then have goals and  
23 objectives, both short and long term. From those goals  
24 and objectives, we then understand what our operating  
25 practices are that achieved those goals and objectives.  
26 What I would like to ask the County Council and the  
27 Advisory Committee to do is to step back and ask  
28 themselves to draft a mission statement for the Animal  
29 Shelter. From that you can come up with short and long  
30 term goals and objectives and then insure that the  
31 standard operating practices that are adopted are  
32 consistent with the goals and objectives of the, the  
33 Shelter. Thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

35 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

36 MARK POWELL: I must of wrote my name  
37 wrong. I think it's Mark Powelless. I wrote it  
38 incorrectly, I apologize. Mark Powell, District Seven.  
39 Tax levy. You've got to be kidding me. Y'all sat up  
40 there for months and months and said that the budget  
41 was balanced and Praise God you weren't going to have  
42 to have any employees be set aside and have to take a  
43 few days unpaid. You bragged about it. Now we hear  
44 and now we see that you're going to have to levy a tax  
45 increase on us. I hope not. I like though Cindy's  
46 shaking her head. But anyway, that's what I heard at  
47 the Finance Committee that they may be asking for a tax  
48 increase. I hope not. Of course, I'd be not my normal  
49 self if I didn't say you could balance the budget for  
50 millions for every ten people you lay off in this

1 County and don't replace. That's fifty thousand  
2 dollars on the average each which would be half a  
3 million dollars for every ten. Please save us plenty  
4 of money by doing that instead of increasing our taxes.  
5 Six months moratorium. I was at the ANATS meeting.  
6 I'm kind of shocked that this thing is only going to be  
7 a six month's moratorium. I drove by everything I  
8 could and looked at that thing and that is pure  
9 residential except for at 81 and except for Clemson  
10 Boulevard. If you guys allow developers to get rich  
11 fat cat off of the fact that they bought land knowing a  
12 corridor was going through that stretch of dirt and  
13 allow them to do commercial development through that  
14 when it's 99.99 percent residential once you leave 81  
15 and you leave Clemson Boulevard, you are doing a bad,  
16 bad injustice to the citizens that live in that very  
17 residential -- I mean, it's pure woods. It's like  
18 countryside. Where's the tree huggers going, what  
19 about Bambi? Where's Bambi going to live? I mean, if  
20 you start developing that into commercial, it's going  
21 to become asphalt city and that right now is a  
22 greenery, trees, grass, weeds, and even very few houses  
23 down that whole stretch. Please make it more than a  
24 six month, make it a permanent parkway. Don't allow  
25 any commercial development to land -- to be developed  
26 there. If they want something, make it have whatever  
27 your highest rating has to be for houses with lots of  
28 separation. Not the one house per one tenth of an  
29 acre, but, you know, big yards with -- keep it, keep it  
30 residential. Please don't just give six months.  
31 That's just a disgrace. Advisory Committee. It would  
32 be patently absurd to get rid of that Committee. That  
33 Committee, that Committee has brought to the forefront  
34 the condition that our Anderson County Animal Shelter -  
35 - not in the personnel necessarily, but in the  
36 condition of what we do. Kill ten thousand animals a  
37 year. There is no way that our public would be as  
38 aware of the we are treating animals in this County.  
39 Now is it the Shelter's full fault. No. Do we have a  
40 lot of animals that aren't spayed and neutered. Yes.  
41 Let the education happen, pass the Standard Operating  
42 Procedure. And whatever you do, if you didn't give the  
43 Committee their Item Number 16 and 17, their mission,  
44 their goal, what they're supposed to do when you  
45 created them ---

46 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.  
47 MARK POWELL: -- it was a little late to  
48 do it now.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
50 MARK POWELL: Thanks.

1 MIKE PITTS: Hanna Hill.  
2 HANNA HILL: Hanna Hill, District Four.  
3 I'm speaking on agenda Item 12 regarding the discussion  
4 of a possible tax increase for infrastructure. And I'm  
5 troubled and surprised that this possibility would even  
6 be on the table. I don't -- I know you haven't come to  
7 any conclusions about what you want to do, but, please,  
8 let's don't even consider the idea of raising taxes in  
9 this economy. To raise taxes by even one cent. The  
10 amount is not the issue. To raise taxes is criminal in  
11 this economy. Two things I'd like to ask y'all to  
12 consider. Number one, if we've got a budget shortfall,  
13 let's cut spending some more. If this were a business,  
14 then there would be some different decisions made. The  
15 only difference between government and business is that  
16 government -- that business can't mandate a revenue  
17 increase. Business has to earn it. You can't go  
18 squeezing the productive sector of the economy to go  
19 funding the unproductive sector without consequences.  
20 That's only exacerbating the problem. The second thing  
21 I'd like to ask y'all to consider is that any tax  
22 levied should be broad based and low rate. It  
23 shouldn't target one specific sector of the economy for  
24 the benefit of everyone else. That's like playing  
25 Robin Hood with our economy and that has very direct  
26 consequences to business. And if we have to raise  
27 taxes, let's make it at least revenue neutral by  
28 eliminating an unnecessary tax, say the hospitality  
29 tax. Let's quit spending taxpayer dollars on festivals  
30 and other things like that and start taking care of our  
31 roads and bridges. Thank you.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
33 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.  
34 ELIZABETH FANT: I speak for 3. Chairman and  
35 County Council people, you have a little business card  
36 in front of you that tells you who I really am. A lot  
37 of you have seen me in the last two years since the  
38 November 18th debacle, but I now speak as who I really  
39 am. I am a person who loves animals. Now let me tell  
40 you really who I am. I'm not patting my back, but I  
41 just need to let you know from whence I come. Thirty-  
42 five years ago, Dr. Mac Burris was my veterinarian. A  
43 great vet. At that time, he was interested in starting  
44 a shelter for the County. He asked us, those of us who  
45 would be Anderson Humane Society members, which I was  
46 one of the first. I am a lifetime Anderson Humane  
47 Society member. If we would raise twenty-five thousand  
48 dollars, the County would match it with twenty-five  
49 thousand dollars and we would come up with a shelter,  
50 which we did. This is back in '74 or '75 and you know

1       how inflation and things were then, I raised over two  
2       thousand dollars myself. My interest in animals and in  
3       children and in old people is taking care of the people  
4       that get abused and that's what's happening in Anderson  
5       County. I have a solution. Yes. I've been on the  
6       Animal Advisory Committee and that Committee has worked  
7       long and hard with no thanks from anyone it seems.  
8       Only criticism. Never looking at the facts, just  
9       listening to jabber from neighbors. I get along fine  
10      with Animal Shelter members. You can talk to Greg  
11      Smith, Michelle, any of them. We have a perfect  
12      dialogue. Over the years I have donated stuff whether  
13      it be a hundred stainless steel bowls or whatever to  
14      the Shelter. I'm close to them. But we do need to  
15      move ahead. Now there is money in the donations  
16      account. There are two donations accounts. One is  
17      about a hundred and seventeen thousand dollars and I  
18      believe the other one is close to eighty-five. Anyway,  
19      the two total over two hundred thousand dollars. There  
20      is not any reason why there's not money there to do the  
21      Humane Society study. Let them do it. Take it out of  
22      our hands so there's no personality involved which  
23      there hasn't tried to be from the get go. And the  
24      other thing is, take at least a hundred thousand of  
25      that dollars, channel it through the Humane Society and  
26      these other organizations that spay and neuter. We  
27      could take a hundred thousand dollars and we could get  
28      at least ten thousand dollars -- ten thousand animals  
29      fixed, spayed and neutered right from the get go. If  
30      we took donation money like that for ---

31             MIKE PITTS:           That's time, Mr. Chairman.  
32             ELIZABETH FANT:       -- for the next three years,  
33      we could solve this problem.

34             TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you.

35             MIKE PITTS:           That's everybody, Mr.  
36      Chairman.

37             TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you, Mr. Pitts. At  
38      this time moving on to Item Number 4(a), Approval of  
39      July 29, 2010 Called Meeting. Are there any changes or  
40      corrections to be made to that meeting? Do I hear a  
41      motion to accept?

42             EDDIE MOORE:          Make a motion to accept, Mr.  
43      Chairman.

44             CINDY WILSON:         Second.

45             TOMMY DUNN:           All in favor of the motion,  
46      show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion  
47      carries unanimously. At this time 4(b), August 9,  
48      2010 Regular Meeting will be pulled. There's some  
49      changes and some corrections that's got to be made and  
50      we'll be, we'll be voting on it next, next meeting

1 night. It's not presented, it's not ready to be  
2 adopted tonight. Along those lines, on agenda Item  
3 Number 11, Certification of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Tax  
4 Levies have been pulled. I would like to put in it's  
5 place. I would like a motion to put, I think the  
6 motion to put in it's place the landscaping on the  
7 East-West Connector. Mr. Crowder sponsored. Make that  
8 in the form of a motion.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Hearing all  
11 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
12 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank  
13 you, fellow Council members. Moving on to Item Number  
14 5, Presentations. Resolution R2010-058, a resolution  
15 recognizing the Starr-Iva Tigers 14 and Under baseball  
16 team. Councilman Moore.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 It's a great honor to me tonight to read this  
19 Resolution, R2010-58. A resolution to recognize the  
20 Starr-Iva Tigers 14 and Under baseball team for their  
21 continued success and for winning the state title and  
22 matters related thereto.

23 Whereas, the Anderson County Council  
24 recognizes the vital role of athletes in insuring the  
25 success of youth in our County and therefore wishes to  
26 honor coaches, teachers, and parents who support and  
27 participate in athletics; and

28 Whereas, Anderson County has a great history  
29 of raising and teaching young children and students to  
30 show dedication and perseverance in all aspects of  
31 their lives; and

32 Whereas, the Town of Iva Recreational 14 and  
33 Under baseball team had displayed such motivation and  
34 talent; and

35 Whereas, the 14 and Under team recently won  
36 the state title being great honor to their families,  
37 town, country, themselves; and

38 Whereas, County Council believes that all  
39 children and youth who display dedication, teamwork,  
40 selflessness, and resolve such as the Iva 14 and Under  
41 team has done is very deserving of recognition and  
42 praise.

43 Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved by the  
44 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that  
45 Anderson County Council wishes to sincerely thank the  
46 Starr-Iva Tigers 14 and Under team for bringing this  
47 honor to our County and to the Town of Iva. Your  
48 passion in growing the sport of baseball and in all  
49 areas of your lives is commendable. We wish you the  
50 best of luck in the future.

1                   This resolution shall take effect and be in  
2 full force immediately upon enactment. And, Mr.  
3 Chairman, I put that in the form of a motion.  
4                   TOMMY DUNN:           Do we have a second?  
5                   FRANCIS CROWDER:       Second.  
6                   TOM ALLEN:            Second.  
7                   TOMMY DUNN:           Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
8 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Mr. Moore's  
9 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
10 motion carries unanimously.  
11                  EDDIE MOORE:          Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
12 And with that I'd like the County Council to join me  
13 down in front and I'd like all the members of this  
14 team, the coaches, and their parents to come down  
15 front. We want to meet each and every one of you. I'd  
16 ask the coach to come over and let me give him this  
17 presentation and help us give all the players their  
18 award.  
19                  JEFF SMITH:           I'll just take a quick  
20 second. I'm not prepared to speak here, but thank the  
21 Council for recognizing the team and supporting our  
22 team. A really great group of kids. I know me and I  
23 speak for the other coaches, really enjoyed our time  
24 with these kids. They're really, really fine  
25 outstanding young men and look forward to seeing what  
26 they do for our community in the future.  
27                  EDDIE MOORE:          Mr. Chairman, I appreciate  
28 that. I'd also like to appreciate all the Council  
29 members that donated to help them to be able to travel  
30 down to Alabama to compete. And I really appreciate it  
31 an awful lot. And each -- every one of those team  
32 members and coaches appreciate y'all helping them out  
33 also.  
34                  TOMMY DUNN:           Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.  
35 Moore. Moving on to Item Number 6, Owens Corning. Ms.  
36 Floyd.  
37                  GRACIE FLOYD:         Thank you. Tonight we have  
38 a, a guest with us. His name is Mr. Tenery. I cannot  
39 think of his first name. But I met with him one day  
40 last week and he has something very, very important --  
41 some important information for you. And for you --  
42 those of you out there in cable land, I hope that  
43 you're going to listen to what he has to tell you and  
44 that we will all follow. Mr. Tenery, would you please  
45 come to the mic?  
46                  STEVE TENERY:         Thank you. I'm Steve  
47 Tenery. I work for Owens Corning. I'm the  
48 Environmental Manager for the plant and have been for  
49 ten years. For a number of years, Owens Corning has  
50 been investigating ground water contamination that it



1 was deep in the bedrock under the facility. It was  
2 identified in 2009, late 2009 that this contamination  
3 has migrated to the northeast of our plant property and  
4 gone offsite and now is under private property. It's  
5 very deep -- four to five hundred feet deep. We feel  
6 like that it is time to have a community meeting. We  
7 had one initially in the early '90s to let the local  
8 community know around the plant that we were  
9 investigating this contamination that was under the  
10 plant at that time, on the plant site. Now that's it's  
11 migrated, it's time for us to meet again with the  
12 community and I want to invite the Council and members  
13 of our community to attend this meeting which will be  
14 next Monday night, the 13th of September at 6:00 p.m.  
15 at the Mount Mariah Baptist Church there on 81 by our  
16 facility in their fellowship hall. There will be full  
17 details during that meeting and with our plan to  
18 initiate a remediation process that should, that should  
19 begin and is scheduled to begin by the end of the year.  
20 If you need -- if you would like to look at information  
21 prior to coming to the meeting, I'd ask you that you go  
22 out to [www.Andersoninvolvementplan.com](http://www.Andersoninvolvementplan.com), all one word,  
23 and you will be able to look at this project at is --  
24 as it has developed over the years. You will be able  
25 to see monthly progress reports. We have been working  
26 in conjunction with the U.S. EPA and South Carolina  
27 DHEC on this project. And with their guidance and  
28 direction, we're where we are today and I wanted to  
29 invite the Council -- or we wanted to invite the  
30 Council and the community to this meeting. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: This, this meeting is very  
33 important. Mrs. Doreen Montepara, who is a community  
34 leader for the area out there down there near Cornings,  
35 Owens Corning, and I met with Mr. Tenery and his fellow  
36 worker and this is something we need to be aware of,  
37 something we need to pay attention to. And  
38 particularly those ---

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40 GRACIE FLOYD: District Three. But, yeah,  
41 but you need to be there so you can understand so when  
42 the, when the mess starts happening. You know how  
43 people will not know what they're talking about, but  
44 they get the cows tail of the whole thing and then they  
45 know everything about it. Before these type people  
46 start spreading erroneous information, please attend  
47 this meeting and find out for yourself. That's Monday  
48 night at 6:00 p.m. He also told us that if you need  
49 some more information before you go, you could -- give  
50 us the, the email address again. The -- okay. Sure.

1 And I thank you for coming on my request to, to get us  
2 prepared for what's going to happen. Okay. Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chair.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Is that all, Ms. Floyd?

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to Item  
7 Number 7, the Balloon Festival. Mr. Steve Lambert.

8 STEVE LAMBERT: Good evening, Mr. Chairman  
9 and members of the Council. My name is Steve Lambert  
10 and you may remember I am one of the organizers for  
11 Balloons Over Anderson. I am here this evening to talk  
12 about the festival and ask for your help. As you know,  
13 we organize and conducted our first hot air balloon  
14 festival last November and I believe everyone who  
15 attended would say it was very successful. We would  
16 like to thank Anderson County and the City and all the  
17 local businesses for their help that made the festival  
18 happen last year. All of the people involved with the  
19 festival are volunteers, including the entertainment  
20 and the festival is free to the public. Therefore,  
21 without funding from the community, the festival would  
22 not be possible. The past balloon festivals cost  
23 hundreds of thousands of dollars, however, we opened  
24 our first for about twenty-five thousand. You may also  
25 remember we almost canceled last year's festival due to  
26 lack of funds, but through the generous support of  
27 Holiday Inn, who donated hotel rooms for all the  
28 pilots, we were able to continue. The pilots also  
29 agreed to participate without expectation of expense  
30 reimbursements. This year Balloons Over Anderson  
31 became a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and we are  
32 planning our second annual Balloons Over Anderson  
33 festival. We worked very hard to raise the money  
34 needed last year in an uncertain economy, but have come  
35 to realize the economy is worse this year. We are  
36 struggling to raise money again since many of the  
37 business, businesses we have contacted are not able to  
38 contribute. Some have cut this year's in half and  
39 others can't contribute at all. I am a small business  
40 owner myself and understand their issues regarding  
41 charitable contributions. We receive many calls  
42 through the year asking for donations, but also have to  
43 say no sometimes ourselves. We have expanded the  
44 festival this year to three years -- the festival to  
45 three days and our budget this year is forty thousand  
46 dollars. This is a small amount to continue hosting  
47 balloon events in Anderson County. This is where your  
48 help comes in. We have contacted over a hundred  
49 twenty-five local businesses, but have only accumulated  
50 about eleven thousand dollars in contributions and

1 pledges so far. Fund raising is an ongoing effort and,  
2 rest assured, we will continue to do so. All of the  
3 festival activities are already planned or scheduled  
4 and we hope to raise additional money through the sale  
5 of tee shirts and ride concessions during the festival.  
6 We have applied for A tax money and feel confident we  
7 will receive a portion, but that is intended primarily  
8 for advertising to bring visitors to Anderson from  
9 other areas. Before leaving office, Councilman Bob  
10 Waldrep contributed three thousand dollars to Balloons  
11 Over Anderson from his recreation account which we  
12 truly appreciate. I'm here to ask for the same amount  
13 of three thousand dollars for each of the seven  
14 district Council -- from each of the seven district  
15 Council. This amount will guarantee the festival  
16 continues this year. Thank you and that concludes my  
17 presentation.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
19 moving on to Item Number 8, Presentation by Ms. Moore  
20 and Ms. Patterson..

21 DEMIKA PATTERSON: Good evening. My name is  
22 Demika Patterson, and I am the Career Development  
23 facilitator at Honea Path Middle School. Each year our  
24 school participates in a poster and poetry contest  
25 that's sponsored by the National Career Development  
26 Association. In the past we've had district winners,  
27 we've had regional winners, and we've had state  
28 winners, but this past year in November, we had a  
29 national winner. A national first place winner for a  
30 poem that was written. The theme was Bridges to a  
31 Brighter Future. And the winner was Gracyn Moore and  
32 she is here with me tonight. And we are thanking you  
33 all as a Council for your support in sending her to the  
34 national award ceremony in San Francisco. Without you  
35 it would not have been possible and I want to thank you  
36 from the bottom of my heart.

37 GRACYN MOORE: Last November I  
38 participated in the National Career Development  
39 Association annual poster and poetry contest. I placed  
40 first in South Carolina, then later found out I won  
41 first place in the national competition. In July I was  
42 invited to attend an awards ceremony in San Francisco,  
43 California. I would like to thank Mr. Rusty Burns and  
44 the Anderson County Council for providing funds for my  
45 trip. While in San Francisco, I received my award, but  
46 also toured the City and the Bay area. The Golden Gate  
47 Bridge and Alcatraz Island were just two of the places  
48 I enjoyed seeing. Along with the Council, I would like  
49 to thank Ms. Demika Patterson for making the whole trip  
50 possible. She spent a lot of her personal time

1 planning for me. I would also like to thank my mother,  
2 Mandy Moore, for taking time off to go on the trip with  
3 me. It was a great experience and such an honor.  
4 Education is essential for a successful future and I  
5 believe we should all give a hundred percent in  
6 everything we do. I'd like to read my poem now.  
7 A Diamond in the Rough. Learning is a  
8 lifelong process, never ceasing to amaze. Think of  
9 every time you failed, we learn in many ways. At times  
10 we learn through trial and error. At times through  
11 time and space. At times through dreams and  
12 aspirations or chances that we take. Just remember  
13 you're in charge of the decisions that you make. Never  
14 take the easy road for fear of grave mistakes. Strive  
15 to be the best you can, learn something every day.  
16 Trust knowledge, will, and power. It is you that leads  
17 the way. You're the supervisor. It is you that must  
18 decide how to build the sturdy bridge and life we call  
19 the ride. While traveling through life's long journey,  
20 it can be hard to measure that a coal became a diamond  
21 by working under pressure.  
22 EDDIE MOORE: We'd like to have a  
23 picture with you.  
24 DEMIKA PATTERSON: And I also have a copy of  
25 the poem for each of you.  
26 CINDY WILSON: And also a copy of the  
27 poem.  
28 DEMIKA PATTERSON: So I have that for you.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All of us  
30 want to congratulate y'all.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, may I?  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to tell you about  
34 Demika. A couple of years ago, Demika was in the same  
35 spot as Gracyn is in. Demika was a -- she attended  
36 school where I as assistant principal and she was my  
37 baby. While there, she was a top student. She has won  
38 a lot of awards herself throughout her endeavors. And  
39 I was just so surprised to hear that she was back at  
40 Honea Path Middle and I'm proud. I'm proud of you  
41 along with Demika is her mother, Mrs. Evans. Mrs.  
42 Evans and I spent a lot of time working for the  
43 betterment. Demika, Demika was on my speech team.  
44 Speech and -- it wasn't a debate, it was a speech team.  
45 And she did quite well and I thank you for allowing me  
46 to recognize my baby.  
47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Thank you  
48 for coming. At this time, we'll be moving on to Item  
49 Number 9, Presentation of Updates to the Natural  
50 Resources Section of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. West.

1 BILL WEST: I believe you have a --  
2 in your folders. It was separated. A -- what's  
3 numbered Chapter 3, it says Anderson County  
4 Comprehensive Plan, Natural Resources. I'm just giving  
5 you a brief overview. This is how we start our  
6 comprehensive planning update for -- and, and we'll be  
7 bringing you various chapters for the next several  
8 months until we are ready to actually adopt an updated  
9 comprehensive plan. This chapter on natural resources,  
10 you know, covers, covers the natural resources in  
11 Anderson County and, you know, what are they. That,  
12 you know, those resources that occur naturally within  
13 environments that exist, you know, undisturbed by  
14 mankind in a natural farm. They're often characterized  
15 by bio diversity of, of, you know, eco systems and  
16 they're useful and essential to mankind's existence.  
17 Some examples include land and soil, trees, flora,  
18 water, wildlife, minerals and fossil fuels, less so of  
19 them in Anderson County than in other places. And I'm  
20 just giving you an overview of it and not page by page.  
21 And in looking at it, we primarily concentrated on  
22 soils, flora and fauna, and the air and water quality.  
23 In the soils, we've given you a summary in it of the  
24 various soil types in Anderson County, in the inventory  
25 and their development capabilities. Just for example,  
26 about 5.3 percent of the soils are flood plains and  
27 wetlands. About 31.8 percent are prime farmlands and  
28 some -- and about 57.9 percent are -- have some  
29 limitations for development. In terms of air quality,  
30 we were in attainment in 2007, but there are changes  
31 still not totally not adopted that may affect us in,  
32 you know, in ozone standards. We had come into  
33 attainment in 2007 after being out of it in 2004. In  
34 terms of the water systems, we're in two basins, the  
35 Saluda and Savannah. We have four major water sheds in  
36 the County, the Saluda, the Seneca, the Tugaloo, and  
37 the Upper Savannah. And the greatest threat to these  
38 are non-point source pollution such as animal pathogens  
39 and chemical contaminants. And in the ways of trees,  
40 forests, and animal, animal habitats, there are  
41 primarily pine woodlands and oak hickory forests around  
42 the County. There are, you know, five habitats known  
43 as the Upland Forest, the Piedmont Small Stream Forest,  
44 River Bottoms and the Cove Forest and Grasslands.  
45 Threats to this included the lost of the forest,  
46 threats to water quality because of that, and increased  
47 pollution air -- of air, light, and noise. There are  
48 some federally endangered species of animals in the  
49 county including the Bald Eagle, the Smooth Cone  
50 Flower, that, that can be found here. As I said

1 earlier, in the way of soils we've got about 5.3  
2 percent in flood land -- flood plains or wetlands. An  
3 acre of wetland can hold one to one and a half million  
4 gallons of flood water so in times of flooding, they  
5 provide a very useful purpose and, hopefully, keep it  
6 from going into development and people's homes as long  
7 as the development has respected these flood plains.  
8 You know, and the main threats to these wetlands and  
9 flood plains include hydrological alteration, pollution  
10 inputs, and vegetation damage. The agencies that  
11 actually deal with these include EPA and the Corps of  
12 Engineers for wetlands and FEMA and Anderson County for  
13 flood plains. Now we've listed in here a number of  
14 goals. I'm not going to go through each of these, but  
15 ask you to look at them and think about them and we may  
16 actually get you to rank them as far as what you feel  
17 are the most important things to do and we will be  
18 bringing you the rankings from the Planning Commission  
19 and others before -- you know, when you do that. That  
20 concludes the presentation and as I say, this is one of  
21 many that you will be seeing over the next couple of  
22 years.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any, anyone have  
24 any comments or anything for Mr. West?

25 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I real  
26 quick?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Hopefully if you can kind of  
29 think along with Mr. Burns and our Council about maybe  
30 setting up a workshop on the water quality issues with  
31 Dr. Sawyer and the Town of Belton, Town of Anderson to  
32 see what we can do working together. Primarily  
33 education. That would be a big help.

34 BILL WEST: We'll get -- I know the  
35 session is being held, I just don't have it in my head  
36 when it, when it is right now.

37 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

38 BILL WEST: But, yeah, we'll get that  
39 out to you and hopefully some of you can make that.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. West. Anyone  
41 else? Mr. Wilson.

42 RON WILSON: Mr. West, I'm curious. You  
43 said the chemicals and things that threaten the water.  
44 Where do they come from?

45 BILL WEST: Chemicals come from the, the  
46 -- wait a second, the over fertilization frequently,  
47 animal, animal pathogens, you know, the allowing,  
48 allowing domestic cattle and so forth to get into the  
49 creeks. And, of course, spills occasionally from  
50 industry and/or, or commerce can happen and they do

1 threaten the streams. Of course, we see our neighbor  
2 over in Pickens County and actually reaching into  
3 Anderson County a little bit with the old Schlumberger  
4 Plant which they are -- which has, you know,  
5 contaminated the fish in Hartwell lake, you know, where  
6 they were actually had plant pollution, you know, going  
7 into the stream. And, and serious mitigation measures  
8 having to be taken now many, many years after that  
9 plant has closed.

10 RON WILSON: And the marshland, you said  
11 it's threatened by several things. Is that  
12 development?

13 BILL WEST: Development is a, you know,  
14 is a threat to the forest lands. Yeah. Because of  
15 clear cutting trees some, some times with a plan some  
16 times not. If we can write our ordinances that  
17 encourage tree protection and open space which are the  
18 suggestions we'll be coming back to you with, we can do  
19 a better job of that.

20 RON WILSON: But the marshlands primarily  
21 are endangered how?

22 BILL WEST: Oh. Not marshlands, but  
23 wetlands.

24 RON WILSON: Wetlands. Okay.

25 BILL WEST: There, there are, you know,  
26 wetlands is part of that 5.3 percent of the County  
27 which is flood plain and/or wetland. And those  
28 wetlands provide service for us and in flood waters as,  
29 you know, aside from the flood plains themselves. And  
30 can, you know, can help prevent other problems  
31 happening by protecting them.

32 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr.

34 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make one  
35 more point, please?

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

37 CINDY WILSON: Our wetlands are a great  
38 cleaner of our water runoff issues and I think that's  
39 one of the major things that we'll, that we'll learn  
40 through these workshops and ways to make them work  
41 better and educate us so we can use them appropriately  
42 without damaging them. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.  
44 West.

45 BILL WEST: Yes, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 10,  
47 Discussion of Building Permits. Mr. Henry and Annette  
48 Holly.

49 ANNETTE HOLLY: Mr. Burns, please pass this  
50 out. I was here last August the 17th and since then I

1 think the pamphlets that you are receiving will speak  
2 for themselves as to some things that's been said, but  
3 I still would like to read this that I've prepared. I  
4 think I said I was District Three, Annette Holly. An  
5 issue was brought up at the August 17th meeting about  
6 the County's unfair practices with local government and  
7 it's citizens. No citizen caused this issue to arise.  
8 It was caused by the Town of Iva failing to get the  
9 proper documents for the building of the Farmer's  
10 Market. A County employee realized no permit had been  
11 issued, nor had any inspection been made and the  
12 structure was over half way completed. The County  
13 employee placed a stop work order on the site and  
14 within ten minutes, the Mayor tore it off. Encroaching  
15 was not the issue. Encroaching was asked about to the  
16 Town Clerk who could not answer with the distance from  
17 the property line. The stop work order was placed on  
18 the property because of no permit and no inspection.  
19 The County employee who did it knows. The Mayor of the  
20 Town of Iva doesn't know what the truth is. Kelvin,  
21 who is the County employee, knows the truth. The above  
22 happened on July the 23rd and the building permit was  
23 obtained on July the 26th. Bobby Gentry, the Mayor,  
24 stated that Rusty Burns told him he could go ahead with  
25 the building. This statement was made July the 23rd.  
26 County Councilman Eddie Moore stated on July the 26th  
27 the building permit had been issued thirty days ago.  
28 The building permit was issued July the 26th, 2010. On  
29 the enclosed letter from Goodwin Mills Haywood, the  
30 contractor officially authorized the workers to proceed  
31 under the authorization of the Town of Iva. Iva can't  
32 give building permits and they can't inspect buildings.  
33 This letter was dated July the 6th. Did the  
34 administration not know the rules they require us to  
35 follow? The so called individual who was near the  
36 property was Henry Holly. Y'all will read this in some  
37 of that material you have is why I'm going ahead and  
38 telling you about this. The so called individual who  
39 was near the property was Henry Holly. He was standing  
40 on my property when he asked the Mayor to leave the  
41 property. Since this happened, I have written for a no  
42 trespassing order for Bobby Gentry to stay off my  
43 property. Enclosed is a copy of the plat. Notice that  
44 the property protrudes onto the road. No one in the  
45 Holly family has ignored any state, county, or town  
46 laws concerning the building of the Farmer's Market.  
47 To think that such a hassle and lawsuit is going on  
48 about Joey Preston and the lying, power hungry people  
49 are still in control is unreal. Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to



1 Item Number 11, Landscaping of East-West Connector.  
2 Mr. Crowder.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: I was told to speak into the  
4 mic. Thank you, Chairman.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

6 FRANCIS CROWDER: I would like to make a  
7 motion that we authorize you and Mr. Rusty Burns to be  
8 able to execute the agreement that the South Carolina  
9 Department of Transportation provided us Friday for  
10 maintenance of the East-West Connector that's proposed.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Second that. Now any  
12 discussion? Mr. Crowder, if you would, do you want to  
13 explain why this is coming up tonight and ---

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay.

15 TOMMY DUNN: -- and touch a little  
16 bit.

17 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, quite frankly, we  
18 thought that there was effort underway to get the East-  
19 West Connector maintained by the State Highway  
20 Department. In fact, we thought that we were having  
21 some good response to that. However, we were told this  
22 morning that the South Carolina Highway Department does  
23 not statewide do anything like that for any other  
24 county so therefore it could not for Anderson County.  
25 And so in order for us to hold true to our promise to  
26 the people that we spoke to, Ms. Brissey and all of us,  
27 we feel like that in order to be able to keep the  
28 landscaping into the contract because if we do not sign  
29 the contract, SCDOT has told us that they will pull out  
30 all of the landscaping and proceed with the highway  
31 without the landscaping.

32 TOMMY DUNN: And there's no extension?

33 FRANCIS CROWDER: And there is no extension  
34 of time and that we actually have to execute such a  
35 document by tomorrow. So therefore it was upon that  
36 urgency that we asked that this item was placed on the  
37 agenda tonight. The estimated cost for maintaining it  
38 locally is up to approximately twenty thousand dollars,  
39 but please keep in mind that we do not have to spend  
40 any of that money for approximately two and a half to  
41 three years. Because what we understand that whoever  
42 is going to put in the landscaping, part of that  
43 contract will be for that person to maintain the  
44 landscaping for a guaranteed installation period for  
45 the first year. Which means that the taxpayers of  
46 Anderson County would not be on hook for any cost for  
47 that particular procedure until three years plus from  
48 now.

49 TOMMY DUNN: And we will also still be  
50 negotiating with the state and the city to try to come

1 to some resolution. There's just got to be time  
2 urgent.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah. This will give us  
4 some time to get with other interested parties, both  
5 governmental and political to see if we can't change  
6 some of the opinions about maintenance and us not  
7 having to bear the cost. Quite frankly, from a  
8 personal standpoint, I feel like that's a tremendous  
9 small investment to be able to have the landscaping  
10 that we promised the people of that area.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Any, anyone else?

12 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.

14 EDDIE MOORE: When did we first receive  
15 notice of this?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Of this right here? What me  
17 and Mr. Crowder's talking about? I received it this  
18 morning.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Well, we'd already asked for  
20 an extension so someone had to know about it in the  
21 Transportation Department.

22 TOMMY DUNN: This, this all come about by  
23 reading the State Highway Commissioner's, it's my  
24 understanding, thing in the news. So the Commissioner  
25 started getting his phone rung. Mr. Holt, Mr. Hopkins'  
26 got rung and wanting to know what was going on about a  
27 -- going on with the state. But he got called, I  
28 believe, yesterday or this morning that there wouldn't  
29 be no extension. Did he, he leave it all on me, Mr.  
30 Crowder?

31 EDDIE MOORE: And one -- there hasn't been  
32 an extension at all given?

33 TOMMY DUNN: They have, but there won't  
34 be no more. This is it. No more extensions.

35 EDDIE MOORE: That's what my point is.  
36 There has been one extension been given?

37 TOMMY DUNN: I'm not sure if there's  
38 been. And I'll let Mr. Hopkins so I won't speak out of  
39 turn about something I don't know a hundred percent  
40 about if there has been an extension or not.

41 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. We received the,  
42 the actual agreement that you have now early August and  
43 we discussed in a prior Finance Committee meeting we,  
44 we mentioned it, talked about it, and that's where we  
45 were asked to go back and see what else we could get to  
46 do. The original cut off date was the end of August.  
47 Knowing that there wouldn't be a Council meeting  
48 between the time -- at that time until now, I requested  
49 an extension so we could at least have a Council  
50 meeting to discuss it.

1 TOMMY DUNN: But they did tell you there  
2 wouldn't be no more. Is that correct?  
3 HOLT HOPKINS: Officially they put it in  
4 writing that they'd give us til the fifteenth, but they  
5 would encourage us to do it tomorrow if possible.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
7 FRANCIS CROWDER: To follow up on that, I  
8 think the comment was because there was an article in  
9 the local paper about the Highway Department funding  
10 the maintenance, that immediately drew the attention of  
11 not only the State Highway Commission, but also  
12 counties in the rest of the state who were saying then,  
13 well, if you can do it for Anderson County, why can't  
14 you do it for us? Part of that syndrome. So that's  
15 what precipitated the urgency of being able to do it as  
16 I understand, Mr. Hopkins.  
17 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Crowder, if I -- if --  
18 I'd just like to clarify. What the state ---  
19 FRANCIS CROWDER: Please clarify since you  
20 were the reporter.  
21 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. I brought it to  
22 y'all Friday.  
23 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.  
24 HOLT HOPKINS: After talking with the state  
25 for the past week.  
26 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.  
27 HOLT HOPKINS: Trying to get that extra  
28 year built in. You said it exactly right. It -- the  
29 DOT does not have the equipment or the people to  
30 maintain it, but they, they were able to work it out to  
31 where the contractor, as part of his warranty, would do  
32 this work. So ---  
33 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.  
34 HOLT HOPKINS: -- for one year during the  
35 warranty period.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: It just sort of got blowed  
37 up what was going to happen and actually who was going  
38 to do what. It was a big misunderstanding about what  
39 the state was going to do and it sort of got things ---  
40 HOLT HOPKINS: But it put the DOT in a bad  
41 spot where it looked like statewide that they were just  
42 helping Anderson out and they're trying to be fair to  
43 the entire state.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I understand what you  
47 just said. Okay. But that last statement there got  
48 me. Okay. Because they're trying to be -- DOT's  
49 trying to be fair to the whole state, right? But I  
50 could only think about the Clemson Boulevard thing --

1 what y'all call it, 19 -- 1980, the lights on Clemson  
2 Boulevard? All right. The DOT pays for that for other  
3 counties, the lighting on the highway. They pay, they  
4 pay for that on other counties, but in Anderson County,  
5 we have to pay for it ourselves. So the DOT needs to  
6 get it straight. I have no problems with going ahead  
7 and voting for this so that the people that we promised  
8 this thing to can have it, but when I hear this thing  
9 about the DOT wanted to do this and that, hey, we need  
10 a break too. Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wilson.

12 RON WILSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I just  
13 wanted to follow up on something. I think Mr. Crowder  
14 said that we needed to this because of promises that  
15 was made. Who made the promises?

16 TOMMY DUNN: I think probably Mr. Crowder  
17 and the Committee, and talking in discussion at the  
18 folks out at the East-West Connector at the Civic  
19 Center, the meeting at the Civic Center, hoping there'd  
20 be some landscaping and what not.

21 RON WILSON: How come these things wasn't  
22 checked on before those promises were made?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Well, they -- we was hoping  
24 we could negotiate something, I think, and we almost  
25 did. And we got a pretty good thing on it. I mean, I  
26 don't this is nothing really blind sided, it just sort  
27 of speeded -- the process got speeded up a little bit  
28 quicker than we had hoped that it would be.

29 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Going back to what you said  
33 about who made the promises. Mr. Wilson, we don't know  
34 who made the promises, but when we got to that big  
35 meeting down at the ANATS committee, which I sit on, it  
36 was -- that the people brought it to us that they were  
37 told that that would happen. That there would be some  
38 landscaping. Because I took issue with the whole thing  
39 because I wanted it written out in the contract. It's  
40 not in the contract and that's what I wanted, but now  
41 somebody told these people that there would be  
42 landscaping, but I don't think it was the ANATS  
43 committee. And right now, I don't know who. Billy  
44 Rose is sitting out there. Billy doesn't know either.  
45 Okay. Mrs. -- do you know who?

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chair.

47 RENEA BRISSEY: Back ten years ago when we  
48 were meeting at T. L. Hanna High School, the original  
49 Council that was in charge at that point in time and  
50 there were people who were in the planning who drew the

1 pictures and had everybody come out there to look at  
2 all the pictures. Everything had landscaping.  
3 Everything did. The pictures were beautiful and they  
4 all promised us a three lane road with landscaping.  
5 And then this got to be a five lane road and then we  
6 found out that there was no landscaping. So when we  
7 came to you all at ANATS, we wanted the three lane road  
8 with landscaping. What they -- what those people had  
9 originally promised. I don't have the names. Richard  
10 Shirley was the Mayor at the time and that's what he  
11 wanted and this was one of his -- seemed like one of  
12 his pet projects. So we were told by different people  
13 and I brought that up in the meeting that Brian White,  
14 what happens when those things aren't going to be made?  
15 So that's -- frankly ---

16 TOMMY DUNN: That's fine. Moving on --  
17 we're just trying to make the best out of a bad  
18 situation. Mr., Mr. Crowder, do you have something you  
19 wanted to add?

20 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, if you go back to the  
21 original documents which I was not on Council at the  
22 time it came up 2002 at the public hearing that was out  
23 at T. L. Hanna High School, you'll clearly see where  
24 the DOT articulated the fact that they drew drawings  
25 like you said, Ms. Brissey, that they were going to  
26 provide some landscaping. Secondly, if you were in  
27 attendance at the meeting that we conducted out at the  
28 Civic Center not too long ago, you will recall that  
29 there were two set of plans there. One set was for the  
30 new design, the other set was the design that was  
31 proposed back in 2002. And if you will have viewed  
32 that you will have noticed that the 2002 documents seem  
33 to clearly articulate that there was going to be  
34 landscaping. So my assumption was if they promised  
35 they people landscaping back in those days, it was my  
36 responsibility as a County Councilman for your district  
37 to hold their feet to the fire and make them do what  
38 they said that they were going to do. So it was not a  
39 matter of Francis M. Crowder promising anybody  
40 anything, but getting DOT to keep their own promise.  
41 Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

43 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Crowder's done a  
46 commendable job of trying to get up to speed on such a  
47 conundrum and just to kind of correct the record. I  
48 don't believe County Council was involved in any of the  
49 East-West Connector except that I attended the  
50 meetings. They began before I went on Council and the

1 community was promised exactly as Ms. Brissey said.  
2 The biggest issue is that who changed the plans and why  
3 wasn't the public involved? I think we as a Council  
4 have done what we can with what another couple of  
5 entities put on us. And it's interesting -- Ms. Floyd  
6 is exactly right too. It's interesting how this  
7 evolved, none of those parties are here and we're  
8 trying to help, but thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: All right. The State is  
10 doing the landscaping. We've just got to keep it up  
11 after about two and a half years. Make that perfectly  
12 clear. And I don't know what was said back, you know,  
13 five, seven, eight years ago, but they're holding up  
14 their promise about doing the landscaping. If we, if  
15 we upkeep. I don't know if they promised the upkeep or  
16 what, but that's what we're trying to work out and  
17 trying to make the best out of the situation. You know  
18 there's no need doing it if it ain't going to be kept  
19 up. And I think it'd be a -- it's going to be a good  
20 thing for Anderson County as a whole to get this done.  
21 Hearing that, all in, all in favor of the motion, show  
22 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
23 carries unanimously. Item Number 12, Discretion of 1  
24 Mil Tax Increase for Infrastructure Included in the  
25 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget. Ms. Wilson. Before I  
26 turn it over to Ms. Wilson I want to get a couple of  
27 things straight before it all gets blown up. This  
28 Council has never ever -- our budget is balanced. We  
29 ain't -- and even a tax increase and there won't be a  
30 tax increase. I think this Council -- a majority of  
31 them well feels that way and there ain't going to be  
32 one. Me and Mr. Crowder had a meeting this morning  
33 along them lines and I just want to make sure and get  
34 that point across and never, ever intended for a tax  
35 increase or being one. It gets a little bit  
36 complicated about setting levies and stuff, but this  
37 Council is not and our budget is balanced. Ms. Wilson.

38 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
39 There was a great deal of confusion last week because  
40 someone noticed that one of the levies increased by one  
41 mil and we had a lot of information in the wagon for  
42 Friday afternoon. There've been a lot of phone calls  
43 going back and forth. Mr. Dunn, Mr. Crowder met this  
44 morning. I was on the phone with the Treasurer and the  
45 Auditor and Mr. Burns, everybody in between, but  
46 basically what we figured has happened is that one mil  
47 came off of our bonded indebtedness and rather than  
48 take it out of the budget -- it was also we have had an  
49 evolving situation where the previous administration  
50 and Council -- well, actually the previous

1 Administrator agreed to a very ruinous agreement with  
2 the City of Anderson requiring us to go from about  
3 nineteen percent obligation to the City's sewer  
4 projects relating to Generosity Creek and the Rocky  
5 River Waste Water Treatment plants. We've now gone to  
6 forty-one percent almost obligation and meanwhile the  
7 operations and maintenance costs have increased and we  
8 have other bonded indebtedness along with that relating  
9 on other debt relating to sewer and that has caused a  
10 one mil increase that was separated out by the  
11 infrastructure reserve fund. Mr. Burns, correct me if  
12 I'm misstating this, but we didn't have, I don't think,  
13 a line item saying that infrastructure refund fund in  
14 the levy sheet before. It mostly was bonded  
15 indebtedness and other specific lines. What we're  
16 finding is that as it's stated in our packet, the  
17 infrastructure reserve fund went from two mils to three  
18 mils. Two mils being the Motorola contract. That  
19 funding is for the Palmetto 800 reserve fund which is  
20 Fund 196, part of special revenues. More than a  
21 million dollars is transferred to Fund 255 to pay the  
22 debt service for the capital lease which is Motorola.  
23 There's still a lot of questions about that and a  
24 number of people sitting here on Council tonight were  
25 not part of what happened in the fall of 2007, but  
26 there, again, we had a very questionable obligation put  
27 on the County. We're not even sure how many radios we  
28 have right now and, and what the situation is, but  
29 nonetheless that was two mils there and the addition of  
30 a mil for sewer. The bottom line is that while one mil  
31 came off of the debt service under bonded indebtedness,  
32 one mil was put on for the infrastructure reserve to  
33 accommodate the sewer. Net effect is that the levy,  
34 the total County milage is the same. So there was no  
35 increase, but there was that one. And I also wanted to  
36 point out we had further information today from Mr.  
37 Jackie Hunter, who's the Auditor, and he pointed out --  
38 I'm not sure if my Council members realize this, but  
39 apparently the vehicle taxes revenues have come down  
40 substantially too so we're still in a pretty difficult  
41 time revenue wise. Did I explain that enough? That's  
42 how I understood it and I just wanted to share because  
43 we were all ---

44 TOMMY DUNN: Close enough. I think all  
45 the people need to -- what they want to realize is  
46 ain't no tax increase.

47 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to  
49 Item Number 13, an Ordinance to Authorize the Leasing  
50 of Certain Property Located at 1010 Breazeale Street in

1 the City of Belton, South Carolina, and other matters  
2 related thereto. This will be a public hearing.  
3 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step  
4 forward and speak your name and state, please. Anyone  
5 at all.

6 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
7 I'm just curious. The County owns a lot of buildings.  
8 Giving super good deals to the City for a building back  
9 behind us back here after we spent millions to renovate  
10 it. We argued with the City on how much we have to pay  
11 them on sewer treatment plants, but yet we give them  
12 multi million dollars worth of building. My question  
13 is when you have vacant buildings that this City owns -  
14 - this County owns, or offices within buildings, what  
15 is the lease procedure? Does it go out in an open  
16 network where it says these are available and, if so,  
17 where do you find that? Just curiosity killed the cat  
18 on that one. Would just like to know how to do that so  
19 I'll call in the future to ask that question? Thank  
20 you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else  
22 wishing to speak to this matter? Last call, anyone  
23 else. Hearing none the public hearing will be closed.  
24 Mr. Pitts, have you got anything to add to this?

25 MIKE PITTS: No, sir, Mr. Chairman. This  
26 is third reading on this small office building over  
27 there on Breazeale Street. It was put out for bid and  
28 the high bidder was Mr. Hanks.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?

30 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we move  
31 this, Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Moore and second  
33 Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all  
34 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
35 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
36 Moving on to Item Number 14, Ordinance Second Reading.  
37 2010-011, a rezoning request by Joey Leonard, owner of  
38 0.67 acres at 3702 Liberty Highway, Anderson, South  
39 Carolina, from C-1 to C-2. Mr. West.

40 BILL WEST: This matter, this matter was  
41 before you at your last meeting for first reading. You  
42 recommended approval at that time. There's been no  
43 changes or anything at this point. I'll be happy to  
44 answer any questions if you have them.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Do you have any comments or  
46 questions for Mr. West while he's here? Can I  
47 entertain a motion?

48 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore makes the motion  
50 to accept.



1 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
3 discussion?  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I'm still ---  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: -- concerned about the fact  
7 that I would like to know what, what he's going to do  
8 with that building because that's in a -- right in the  
9 middle of a traffic mess and if he does anything big,  
10 then that's going to -- I'm afraid that's going to  
11 cause problems right in that little thing right there.  
12 BILL WEST: I couldn't argue with you.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: I wasn't through. Okay.  
14 That's going to cause a big problem right there getting  
15 to Walmart from off of Clemson Boulevard on that, on  
16 that, on that right side. So I would just like to know  
17 what, what he's going to do with that.  
18 BILL WEST: He wanted more options.  
19 It's the same -- it's just -- it's surrounded by C --  
20 either C-2 or City C-2 type zoning and it, you know,  
21 it's just kind of an island that's more restricted than  
22 everything that's immediately around it and he wants  
23 the same options that his neighbors have.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: But, Mr. West, if, if he  
25 said he was going to put such and such there, we can't  
26 hold him to it though by law can we?  
27 BILL WEST: He could say that was the  
28 intention, but if he -- if, if it failed, I mean, and  
29 he got something else, we couldn't hold him to that.  
30 That's correct.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we're in a sad case.  
32 BILL WEST: Yeah.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?  
34 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
35 hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries. Mr.  
36 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crowder and  
37 Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes. At this time,  
38 if we don't have any objection, I'd like to take about  
39 a ten minute recess or five minutes. If there are any  
40 objections to that or getting this? Hearing none,  
41 we'll be adjourned for a few minutes. Thank you.  
42 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE ONE  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody, we'll get, we'll  
44 get back started. We'll get started. I'd like to call  
45 the meeting back in session now. Moving on to  
46 Ordinance, this is Second Reading, 14(b). Number 2010-  
47 017, Ordinance adopting Standard Operating Procedures  
48 for the Anderson County Animal Shelter and amending  
49 Section 42-120(b) of the Anderson County Code of  
50 Ordinances pertaining to the disposition of Anderson

1 Shelter donations, and other matters related thereto.  
2 And this will be a public hearing. Mr. Moore.  
3 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 Before we get started on this, I just wanted to say  
5 that I appreciate all the hard work that everyone has  
6 put into these Procedures and everything over the  
7 years. This has really been developing over the years  
8 because they actually started back long, long ago and  
9 they pretty much was shelved. I think there was a lot  
10 of money was spent on them. And we, we all, I think,  
11 agree that we need some procedures to go by and, you  
12 know, we're willing for, you know, a compromise on this  
13 thing. We do understand it's living and breathing  
14 document. We do understand that. And we also  
15 understand that there needs to be a statement in there  
16 that says these are the procedures, you will go by the  
17 SOP, and if there's any deviation, you contact Mr.  
18 Burns if it's something -- because it is a living and  
19 breathing document and we understand that procedures  
20 will change as time goes by. And then once they  
21 contact Mr. Burns, then we can come back and change the  
22 SOP and we won't have to go through three readings.  
23 But the main thing is it will be in place that it --  
24 that will mandate the Animal Shelter staff to go by the  
25 SOP. And if they have to deviate from it, they'll  
26 contact the Administrator, the Council will be notified  
27 and that way we know that they are doing the best for  
28 the animals and that we do have a procedure in place.  
29 And I think that's what everybody wants and with that,  
30 Mr. Chairman, I appreciate you letting me make a  
31 comment.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. I  
33 echo your sentiments. Anyone got any comments before  
34 we go into Executive Session, I mean, I'm sorry, before  
35 we go into public hearing.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The, the last time we  
39 discussed this, we talked about if a change had to be  
40 made, then the staff should be able to make the changes  
41 without contacting the Administrator first. I'm asking  
42 Mr. Moore -- here -- no, no, through you. I'm asking  
43 Mr. Moore. If that -- has that been taken out now?  
44 Can they -- do the Shelter members have the freedom to  
45 do what needs to be done and then contact the  
46 Administrator?  
47 TOMMY DUNN: I think that's his intent,  
48 isn't it, Mr. Moore? They do -- as long as he's  
49 notified there has been a deviation.  
50 EDDIE MOORE: Right. If they have to

1 deviate, they'll call Mr. Burns and say, look, we've  
2 got to do this and at least let him know and then he  
3 can come back and let us know. And that's ---  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: They won't do it first?  
5 TOMMY DUNN: No. As long as, long as  
6 they, long as it's known and then he'll note it and  
7 then it shouldn't correct or nothing. Ain't that --  
8 that's what you're going by, right? As long as you  
9 know and can get it corrected. And it'll be worded,  
10 Ms. Floyd -- I think it's got to be some -- he'll  
11 tighten up here in just a minute and we'll get on it --  
12 get on things there.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Because when I went  
14 through it I couldn't find that.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: It hadn't, hadn't been  
16 exactly worded like it should have been, I think.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. Okay. Well, as long as  
18 they can make these decisions in their professional  
19 experience if it has to be made immediately and then  
20 call him up after it's been made.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: And he'll be on -- yes,  
22 ma'am.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: And we'll -- it'll be okay.  
24 All right.  
25 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
27 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I, I just want to be  
28 clear. So the wording that, that would go in there is  
29 what's in the ordinance down here. The two or three  
30 lines just saying that the ---  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: What page are you on?  
32 TOM ALLEN: -- It's back here under 14 -  
33 - 14(b).  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: 14(b), but it has so many  
35 pages.  
36 TOM ALLEN: Well, just, just the first  
37 page there. Anderson Code of Ordinance is hereby  
38 amended in order to add the following sentences. Which  
39 basically is just saying the Animal Shelter staff will  
40 follow the SOP.  
41 EDDIE MOORE: Right.  
42 TOM ALLEN: That's essentially what  
43 we're saying.  
44 EDDIE MOORE: The, the ---  
45 TOM ALLEN: So the point I tried to,  
46 yeah, to make last time was that, you know, this is the  
47 SOP, it's a hundred and twenty double pages. We're not  
48 going to put two hundred and four pages into the  
49 ordinance. We're just amended these few lines down  
50 here to say follow it.

1 TOMMY DUNN: That's right, that's right,  
2 that's right.  
3 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Which ---  
4 EDDIE MOORE: And that's the point, Mr.  
5 Chairman. The McNair Law Firm spent probably fourteen  
6 thousand dollars preparing this SOP and by Mr. -- when  
7 I was talking to Mr. Smith out there, they have not  
8 gone by it. And that's the point that I was trying to  
9 make. If we're going to have an SOP, we need to at  
10 least put it in there that it will be adhered to and if  
11 there's any deviations, the Administrator will be  
12 notified, and then the Council will know about it.  
13 That was the only point.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
15 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. At this time,  
17 we'll open up the public hearing. Anyone wishing to  
18 speak to this matter, please come up and state your  
19 name and address the Chair, please. Anyone at all  
20 wishing to speak to this matter.  
21 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chairman, Candy Kern-  
22 Fuller, District Four. I speak in my individual  
23 capacity as a voter and resident of Anderson County.  
24 Members of Council, Mr. Chairman, when you put  
25 something into an ordinance, it takes an ordinance to  
26 undo it. Members of Council, when you make an SOP and  
27 you make it by ordinance and if it is not followed,  
28 there could be lawsuits based on negligence per se, and  
29 you're making it into law at that point. I had an  
30 interesting conversation with my colleagues over in  
31 Greenville who found it immensely amusing that Anderson  
32 County needs jobs, Anderson County needs economic  
33 development. But instead of focusing on those things,  
34 our Council was focusing on making regulations for the  
35 dog pound. I've heard people talk this morning or this  
36 evening, it's been a long day, about euthanasia in  
37 Anderson County and, I must say, that compared to  
38 places like Charleston that deal with as many animals  
39 in and out of it's shelter as Anderson does that they  
40 have something like fifteen times, not fifteen more,  
41 fifteen times the staff that our shelter has. If you  
42 want to reduce euthanasia, and we could have reduced  
43 the euthanasia, if we hadn't held up the shelter by re-  
44 looking at everything on it. We had a seventy percent  
45 euthanasia rate and instead of dealing with that, we  
46 had to go back and we had to look at the whole  
47 structure of how we were going to expand the shelter  
48 and it held it up for over six months while animals  
49 died. You want to reduce euthanasia, give your shelter  
50 more staff, give your shelter more space. Don't micro

1 manage them. Thank you.

2 ELIZABETH FANT: I want to disagree  
3 totally with what was just said. We know that the  
4 shelter has been in production since the land was given  
5 by the Glenns. We know that we had a horrible tornado  
6 type storm about three months ago that took down the  
7 walls of the shelter that had nothing to do with what's  
8 going on in this Council. Everything that was said  
9 just now is just a bunch of bull. What we need to do  
10 is to have people like we've got tonight with all the  
11 people in here who earnestly care about animals. It's  
12 not about legal stuff, it's not about politics, it's  
13 all about taking care of the animals. Get a life.

14 JERRY CRAINE: I'm Jerry Craine, District  
15 Five. While I'm sure Ms. Fuller is looking forward to  
16 the prospect of suing Anderson County some more, I  
17 think that the good of the animals requires that these  
18 Standard Operating Procedures be an ordinance. The  
19 fact that they have been in existence for quite a while  
20 and haven't been followed by the staff by their own  
21 admission speaks for itself. And I urge you to again  
22 put aside politics and personalities and pass this  
23 ordinance.

24 SHIRLEY MCALISTER: My name is Shirley  
25 McAlister. I'm so really tired of people feeling that  
26 one problem cancels out another problem. Yes, Anderson  
27 County needs jobs. Yes, Anderson County needs  
28 progress. That does not mean that we cannot deal with  
29 both problems. I have a lot of friends who are from  
30 other parts of the country. This part of the country  
31 has a really, truly bad reputation as far as how we  
32 treat -- they say that you can judge a society by how  
33 it treats the most helpless of it's creatures. This  
34 area does not treat it's animals well. If we want to  
35 draw people to this area -- I have had people who have  
36 told me from other parts of the country that they would  
37 not move here because of the way this is handled. We  
38 have a member of the Humane Society who is from  
39 England. There are no stray animals there. If we want  
40 to get at this, we need to have spay and neuter.  
41 That's all -- that's the only way. We're bailing the  
42 ocean out with a spoon until that is done. But in the  
43 mean time, we have to deal with the problem we've got.  
44 We can attract jobs, we can attract business and we can  
45 still take care of the animals. There is no conflict  
46 here.

47 SUMMER HAMMOND: I'm not sure I can follow  
48 that, but I'll try. My name's Summer Hammond. I'm a  
49 teacher at Westside High School. Every day I walk  
50 through the doors of Westside I'm on camera. All my

1 movements at that high school are monitored by cameras  
2 in the hallways. I can't go slap a child in my school.  
3 I would be on camera. I would be fired for that. My  
4 mother is at NHC Nursing Home and I'm thankful for the  
5 cameras and the procedures that are in place there to  
6 watch over her because she's a vulnerable adult. And  
7 the animals in that shelter are vulnerable and they  
8 don't have a voice and they need a voice. They need to  
9 be cared for. They can't speak. If they could speak,  
10 they would be screaming for help, but they can't and we  
11 have to be their voice. We have to help them. Thank  
12 you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
14 MARK POWELL: My name's Mark Powell,  
15 District Seven. SOP. It doesn't stand for suggested  
16 operating procedures. It does now because when we  
17 spent -- and I didn't think it was fourteen thousand.  
18 I was told it was more like forty or fifty thousand we  
19 spent to have that written up. As a taxpayer, we spent  
20 either fourteen or forty or fifty thousand dollars to  
21 make suggestions of how to treat the animals at our  
22 shelter. We made suggestions on how the people who  
23 work there are supposed to do their job. It is a  
24 standard which means it will be followed. By putting  
25 it into an ordinance it gives it teeth. It gives you  
26 something to come back on. Think about the situation.  
27 How absurd, patently absurd, is it to think that if  
28 that shelter was built six months ago, we would have  
29 saved five thousand dogs' lives or cats because we  
30 didn't have to euthanize them. Bull. We don't have  
31 somewhere to keep five thousand dogs for the whole  
32 year, feed them and take care of them. We'd have to  
33 hire hundreds of employees. We would have to have a  
34 gigantic building. It is sad that we have to euthanize  
35 so many animals. Yes, it is, but it's a fact if people  
36 don't come and get them, they have to be euthanized.  
37 We have a situation that we allow people to get dogs  
38 but beforehand that needs to be stopped. I don't even  
39 know if this rescue situation is in the Standard  
40 Operating Procedure, but if someone pre-adopts a dog on  
41 the internet, I hope it's in there they have to pay the  
42 five dollars a day as if I went over and said, ooh, I  
43 love that dog, I'm going to adopt it, but I can't take  
44 it home today or tomorrow. It may be the end of the  
45 month before I get there or next month. I'd have to  
46 pay five dollars a day to my understanding. I think  
47 the people who adopt via internet for rescues should  
48 have to pay the same five dollars that I, as a citizen,  
49 would have to pay. The people I listen to, the people  
50 I hang out with, they say just the opposite about you

1 guys. You're doing everything you can, not only for me  
2 as a citizen, me as a taxpayer. I love animals and I  
3 am so glad that y'all are taking this to the forefront,  
4 okay. It is sad that we have so many euthanasias.  
5 Spay and neuter is the pro -- is the fix. Okay. Fix  
6 your dog. Every animal I own has been spayed and  
7 neutered. Okay. Everyone ought to do it. If you  
8 don't do this as an ordinance -- if you don't put it in  
9 as an ordinance that will have some teeth, it will be  
10 an SOP. A suggested operating procedure. Please sign  
11 this off, please go along with this. And this  
12 Committee has stepped on people's toes. They weren't  
13 doing it to step on their toes. They were doing it to  
14 save the lives of the dogs and the cats at that  
15 shelter. The people on this Committee that you have  
16 formed that you're going to be talking about later,  
17 their heart, their soul is dogs. They drive me crazy  
18 being such animal fanatics. Okay. To me it's just an  
19 animal. To them it's a living, breathing, God given  
20 creature that tears them up when they have to euthanize  
21 them. I hate that we have to euthanize them, but it's  
22 just a dog and it's just a cat, but the problem is if  
23 we're not treating correctly, based on the Standard  
24 Operating Procedures, it can continue to happen.  
25 Things aren't going to be done correctly. I beg you  
26 pass this as an ordinance, give it some teeth and if we  
27 get sued again, hopefully, it will go down as usual.  
28 Patently absurd. Thank you.

29 CHARLES WEBBER: Mr. Chairman, members of the  
30 Council. Charles Webber, District One. I may offend a  
31 few people, but I don't see a need for an ordinance.  
32 Maybe County government is a little bit different than  
33 private industry, but you have a chain of command here.  
34 You have the Council, the Administrator, the  
35 Supervisor, the employee. If you've got an SOP and  
36 they're not -- the employees are not adhering to it,  
37 then it's up to the supervisor. And if they still  
38 don't adhere to it, then it's up to the Administrator.  
39 And if he doesn't do it, it's up to the Council. And I  
40 don't see why you need an ordinance. Thank you.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

42 ANN MEDLIN: Ann Medlin, District Five,  
43 and I am speaking as an individual. I think the  
44 compromise that you came up -- that you proposed  
45 tonight about making an ordinance to follow the SOP is  
46 the appropriate thing to do. I've looked at the SOPs  
47 for Anderson County, Greenville County, and Horry  
48 County and it seems like ours are pretty much in line  
49 with theirs. So -- as a matter of fact, some of the  
50 wording in ours is exact same wording that's in

1 Greenville County in places which I assume is probably  
2 from the Humane Society of the United States  
3 guidelines. There has been some issues about people  
4 who are rescuers adopting animals and getting a special  
5 rate. I've talked to the people at the shelter.  
6 They've tried to make it clear to people in meetings  
7 that if you walk in off the street as an individual,  
8 you pay the exact same fees that a rescue organization  
9 pays. There's no difference. It's not stated in the  
10 SOP and that might be something that needs to be stated  
11 so it is specific so there are all these rumors and  
12 innuendoes will stop. I know that the Animal Shelter  
13 does follow the SOP guidelines. I have not been in  
14 every area out there, but I have been there for --  
15 observe them cleaning. I have observed them in intake  
16 and I have been at the front when they have had people  
17 come in. I've seen how they greeted the, the people  
18 come in. I've seen them provide them information. I  
19 have heard them read information to them that they must  
20 know and make sure they understand it. And when the  
21 Shelter staff asks me, what is it we're not doing? I  
22 can't answer that question. Because nobody says  
23 anything specific that they're not doing. They're  
24 following the guidelines that they have at this time  
25 which are similar to the ones that are being proposed  
26 now. They are working on -- I know -- but they need a  
27 volunteer coordinator. They need a rescue coordinator.  
28 And I believe someone -- they have someone in line as a  
29 volunteer in line to do the rescue. That's two areas  
30 that there are enough time -- there's not enough time  
31 in the day for the staff to do either one of those  
32 jobs. They also need to develop a, a foster program  
33 and those two coordinators could work together. That  
34 would alleviate some of the problems with pregnant  
35 animals coming in or animals that are nursing. Or ones  
36 that are sick or injured that can briefly go into a  
37 situation and come back to be adopted. Thank you very  
38 much.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
40 STEVEN POPE: Steven Pope, Belleview  
41 Estates, County Council District One. The only issue  
42 I'm going to say about this is that with Standard  
43 Operating Procedures, you're trying to cover all your  
44 bases and in doing so you, you run the risk of creating  
45 too much bureaucracy which can help defeat the purpose  
46 you're trying to accomplish. There was a fine line  
47 between a lot of bureaucracy and a lot of common sense  
48 and sometimes common sense will prompt having to go  
49 through a whole thing. You do not, we do not want to  
50 have -- when you're doing something end up with



1 something like the new health care bill that has two  
2 thousand pages of operating procedures. Let's just  
3 make it simple, easy for -- where the people involved  
4 with the Animal Shelter aren't going to be bound by too  
5 many strict rules and regulations and have to jump  
6 threw hoops to get something needs to be done. Thank  
7 you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

9 SONYA HARGRAVES: My name is Sonya Hargraves  
10 and I'm from District Three. And I really do want to  
11 thank everybody for considering the SOPS. I'm with  
12 everybody else here behind me. I really think we need  
13 them. We all love animals and we don't want to see  
14 them killed. I don't want to point fingers at anybody  
15 on the Committee or the Shelter staff, but I do think  
16 things can be better. I do think that we need  
17 definitely more staffing and more publicity. There's a  
18 lot of animal groups out here that get funding from,  
19 from regular citizens that get volunteers that have  
20 fosters. There are programs out there that fly animals  
21 all of the U.S. to new homes and all of these people do  
22 this for free. And I've noticed at the times that I've  
23 been over at the Anderson County Shelter that there  
24 aren't a lot of people over there volunteering, but  
25 it's really, it's really not the best place in the  
26 world to be either. The, the Shelter that exists now.  
27 The staff is probably overworked, under paid, and  
28 traumatized from, from all the killing that takes place  
29 and I understand that, but they could be a little  
30 friendlier as well. Now that being said, I'm always  
31 the first one to step up and make excuses for the  
32 Shelter employees because I believe they deserve them  
33 because there's not one of us in this room who would  
34 want to do what they do. I would love to be at the  
35 Anderson Animal Shelter. I would love to help the  
36 animals, to see more adopted, to get better public  
37 image for the Shelter. In addition to the Standard  
38 Operating Procedures, that better public image needs to  
39 happen. You're not going to get people wanting to  
40 foster unless their image changes. They need to not be  
41 seen as a place that kills, but as a place that saves  
42 and until that happens, you're not going to have people  
43 willing to help. Because as I said earlier, nobody  
44 wants to fund killing. They want to fund saving. I  
45 personally have set up to do fostering. The three  
46 weeks that a, that a dog needs to get well or the two  
47 weeks that a dog needs to get well to escape mange to  
48 be adopted. There are, there are all sorts of folks  
49 out there that adopt all sorts of animals. Three  
50 legged dogs, dogs with one, one eye, dogs with no eyes,

1 cats with, with two legs. I mean there's all sorts.  
2 Everybody's got a soft spot. It may not be your soft  
3 spot, but it might be somebody's. I mean I would hate  
4 to be the one over there that picks and chooses and  
5 says, well that dog dies today because it's only got  
6 one eye. That dog dies today because he's only got  
7 three legs. Well, I have a three legged dog and he's  
8 one of the best dogs in the world and I would hate to  
9 see that happen and don't anybody tell him that he's  
10 got three legs because he doesn't know it. Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

12 ANTHONY SEVILLE: Anthony Seville, again, from  
13 Belton. What I'd like to bring up here is nobody has  
14 actually talked about at the Shelter -- the Shelter I  
15 hear has got two hundred thousand dollars. The money  
16 is sitting -- lying around. What about a, a petting  
17 area, an adoption area where you could take specific  
18 animals, put them out there where they could be  
19 adopted. Because I believe that the current system  
20 where it's, it's a little bit slip shod. At least you  
21 could put fifty animals out there. You could have  
22 them, you could have people come round and see whether  
23 they pet and whether they want to pet with them or  
24 whether they can connect with the animal. Now if  
25 you've got that, what about doing that at the Shelter.  
26 Take the two hundred thousand dollars. Don't give it  
27 to the Humane Society who raises over a hundred million  
28 dollars a year. They spend less than half a percent of  
29 their funds on hands on shelters. As far as this is  
30 concerned, we have two things. We're talking about the  
31 local Anderson Shelter and I believe they can do a  
32 better job in getting those animals adopted. You've  
33 just got to connect the animals with the people.  
34 You've have a much better adoption rate and you'll  
35 actually be putting down a heck of a lot less animals.  
36 As far as the Humane Society of Anderson is concerned,  
37 they do a good job on spay and neutering. I'm telling  
38 you, I was there the other day to get my dog spayed and  
39 I couldn't get an appointment for over a month. So  
40 they are doing a good job. Let's put that there, but  
41 let's get the two clearly defined. The one is the  
42 Humane Society who have their agenda. We've now got  
43 Anderson County who have their agenda. Either the two  
44 work together or the two don't work together, but if  
45 the two of them do work together and the one doesn't  
46 try and influence the other one too much, we can  
47 actually do, do a lot better and get a lot more animals  
48 actually with people where they belong. Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'm sorry, Miss,  
50 haven't you already spoke?

1                   (?):                   Yes. You can't speak twice?  
2                   TOMMY DUNN:           No, no. I would be here --  
3 but one time. Anyone else? Anyone else?  
4                   DAN HARVELL:        Mr. Chairman, Dan Harvell,  
5 Council District Seven. You know, this Animal Shelter  
6 situation in Anderson County has become quite an  
7 embarrassment to us. Everybody is always talking about  
8 Anderson County looking bad. I think, I think this has  
9 gotten way out of hand and I'm just sorry that it's  
10 gotten to this point, but as we try to move pass what  
11 we've been through for the last several months,  
12 speaking about the SOP, I cannot imagine for the  
13 protection of the taxpayers there not being an SOP  
14 regarding every department of this County. I mean, you  
15 know, the -- you're operating on a hundred and thirty  
16 million dollar budget all funded by taxpayers and they  
17 have a right to know that however that money is doled  
18 out through the departments that the Standard Operating  
19 Procedures that are being implemented are making the  
20 most of the value for their tax dollars. Having that  
21 said, I don't believe that running an Animal Shelter is  
22 rocket science, but I believe it is absolute science  
23 and we need rules and regulations that must be adhered  
24 to so that we do what the ultimate goal is here to  
25 protect the animals and to make sure that we don't have  
26 things occurring that we will all regret so badly after  
27 the fact. Well you've been threatened once again  
28 tonight by the most famous lawyer in Anderson County.  
29 Not the most successful by any means, but the most  
30 famous lawyer in Anderson County within the last year  
31 or so. Don't listen to that. Do the right thing.  
32 Standard Operating Procedure is called for in this  
33 instance, as I think it is in every department.  
34 Anybody can file a lawsuit over about anything and  
35 that's just not something we need to continue to be  
36 concerned about. Do the right thing. Now as far as  
37 the building of the Shelter, she brought that up. You  
38 know I thank, I thank God for people like Eddie Moore  
39 that came on to Council at the right time who had the  
40 building, construction, design background to look at  
41 plans that had been adopted by the Preston  
42 administration and, if I'm not, if I'm not mistaken, I  
43 believe those plans were done by a consulting firm that  
44 had never designed an animal shelter before. So anyway  
45 that was put to a halt just at the right time and I'm  
46 sorry the Animal Shelter is not already built, but I'm  
47 glad it's not been built so that it can be built in a  
48 more thorough, efficient, economically -- economical  
49 for sure and, you know, more useable manner. So as far  
50 as us losing thousands of dogs and cats because of that

1 situation with the delay in building, I don't buy that  
2 either. Now in closing, I believe that we owe, I  
3 believe many people owe, a personal apology to a family  
4 that's done a lot for animals, as I see it, in Anderson  
5 County. And that is Michael Glenn and Carol Glenn.  
6 I've known these people for quite a while and I know  
7 their hearts and I know that they're trying to do, and  
8 they've proven -- they put their money where their  
9 mouth is as to what they will do for animals in this  
10 County. Now this incident that happened with Ms. Glenn  
11 and the unfortunate, if I might use that word, release  
12 of something that she brought in confidence within the  
13 Committee and within this Council. I heard Ms. Wilson  
14 blamed for that situation on the radio the other  
15 morning. That's not Ms. Wilson's fault. If Ms. Wilson  
16 brings something to the attention that Ms. Glenn  
17 brought to her concerning something that she saw in the  
18 public domain that made logical sense based on the  
19 history of what had been happening at this Committee,  
20 then if Ms. Wilson brings that to the other Council  
21 members, then you ought to sit on it and talk about it  
22 amongst yourselves instead of releasing that to the  
23 public and starting a huge brew haha that made Ms.  
24 Glenn look bad. Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. There are  
25 times when confidence amongst you all as an elected  
26 body is prudent and this was one of those times. And  
27 so this instance that happened with Ms. Glenn and this  
28 particular thing didn't have to happen if  
29 professionalism had been followed throughout. And it's  
30 not Ms. Wilson's fault for bringing -- for passing that  
31 information along to you all. But anyway, we can do  
32 better than this and we're going to do better than this  
33 and we'll do it under an SOP that's followed, that's  
34 administrated correctly by the administration as well  
35 as a Humane Society that is here for the best interests  
36 of the dogs and, and the cats and we'll move past this,  
37 but please pass that. Thank you.

38 REBECCA TINSLEY: Hi. I'm Rebecca Tinsley  
39 from District Two. And this is the first time I'm  
40 speaking so please bear with me. I just heard all of  
41 the suggestions about the Animal Shelters and I've  
42 taken into consideration all of them and I think that's  
43 great that we care about our -- God's creatures, but I  
44 think there's another thing that we're leaving out  
45 maybe. And I think there might be some veterinarians  
46 that do free spaying and neutering, but I think that  
47 maybe -- that needs to be more of that going on so that  
48 the animals don't wind up in the shelters. And that  
49 way, you know, like if you get a pet like if you're --  
50 maybe you get a dog or a cat or something for a child

1 for Christmas or something and, you know, and then  
2 maybe you can't afford to get the, the operation. I'm  
3 not sure how much it cost because I've never had, had  
4 that done to any of my animals, but -- not that I have  
5 any animals now, but anyway I think that free services  
6 would be good. I mean if, if, you know, we have a free  
7 clinic for humans, why not have one for pets. You  
8 know, for the spay and neutering. Thanks.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
10 Anybody else wishing to speak? Last call. The public  
11 hearing will be closed.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
15 to say something that the speaker before last brought  
16 up. It seems as if this is all going to be placed on  
17 my back, but that ain't happening. Now the paper came  
18 to me just like it did to everybody else up here just  
19 like it did to members of the other thing everybody's  
20 was passed to. I had a constituent to ask me had I  
21 heard anything about it. I said, yes. I had a -- this  
22 same constituent asked me if she could have a copy of  
23 it. I said, yes. I mean, these are the people that  
24 stood up and yelled about they wanted open and honest  
25 in government. These are the people that came forward  
26 and said we were hiding so many things with the last  
27 Council. These are the people that taught me, oh yeah.  
28 Well, they didn't teach me crap, but they're the people  
29 that said to me we have to have open and honest  
30 government. So in the name of open and honest  
31 government, I gave the lady the paper. It didn't say  
32 anything on there about confidential.

33 (?): Lie.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Hold it down.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: You're name ain't Joe Wilson  
36 and you'll never be a Joe Wilson so just shut up while  
37 I talk. Now another thing about Gracie Floyd. I don't  
38 lie. I can stand toe to toe with you Mister and say I  
39 said it and ask you what you're going to do about it.  
40 You, you don't know me. You better find out first.  
41 Thank you, thank you. But listen, back to you ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: -- the lady asked me for the  
44 paper and I gave it to her. Was I supposed to lie and  
45 say, no, I didn't have the paper? Was I supposed to  
46 tell her, no, you can't have it? It's confidential  
47 information. I mean, it was not confidential  
48 information, she could have got it with an FOI.

49 TOMMY DUNN: That's enough. Moving on.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: And I finished.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. Mr. Moore, you  
2 want to make a motion?

3 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I  
4 appreciate it. Right there at the first, we talked at  
5 the last Council meeting, right at the very first on  
6 that first sheet there it says the notes wasn't picked  
7 up and I think Mr. Pitts forgot, but where it says  
8 these procedures, it's supposed to say, these  
9 procedures are mandatory, but it is not possible to  
10 anticipate every possible situation and contingency.  
11 Animal Shelter staff at all times have authority to  
12 deviate from these procedures when, in their sole  
13 discretion, deviation would be in the best interest of  
14 the Animal Shelter with approval of the Administrator.  
15 In other words, they're going to notify the  
16 Administrator. That was left out and that was the  
17 only. Everything else looks fine. And on the second  
18 part, if you'll go to page seven. On page seven, the  
19 point was made -- that I made was when an animal is  
20 brought in and -- a lot of people are traumatized  
21 because they can't care for an animal and they've got  
22 to bring it in. It should be assigned a number at that  
23 point and whatever receipt that the people when they  
24 turn an animal in, that number should be on that  
25 document that goes back to the person that turned it  
26 in. Everything else is on that piece of paper. It's  
27 got -- and it's all confidential and it's got their  
28 name, it's got their addresses, got everything on it.  
29 All that's confidential. It does not hurt a thing for  
30 a number to be on it and that will be a tracking number  
31 that will follow that animal all the way through. And  
32 the point being was the person that happened to be in  
33 my District and that was the animal that I brought to  
34 the attention, you should have that number on there.  
35 That should be the number that follows it all the way  
36 through and I want to make sure that that stays in the  
37 intake procedure. That the number stays there. And  
38 that's all I have, Mr. Chair.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Now  
40 discussion.

41 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

43 CINDY WILSON: The one really encouraging  
44 thing out of all of this is I think we're going to end  
45 up with a far better situation for our animals in the  
46 County. There are handouts, and this is just an  
47 example. I came across a little Chihuahua type dog at  
48 Wolfstock that I noticed and I called some people about  
49 it Thursday or Friday after Wolfstock. I won't go  
50 through the whole situation, but basically friends went

1 out to adopt the little dog. They actually called  
2 Friday at closing time and they were told to be out  
3 there at eleven the next morning and they could adopt  
4 it. They got there at ten til and they were informed  
5 that the little dog had already been adopted and they  
6 could see it in the cage, it had a sign, Do Not Remove,  
7 and over the course of about two weeks, there were all  
8 kind of reports on this little animal. It had kennel  
9 cough, sent to the back. Another report it had been  
10 adopted out and the person brought it back. If we had  
11 had a Standard Operating Procedure with a number -- a  
12 numbering type situation, we could have issued a report  
13 on the status of the little dog which I requested.  
14 Interestingly, the paperwork that I've been provided  
15 and many of you may look at it at greater length, but  
16 basically the little dog, same picture that was  
17 apparently on the Anderson web site showed up in  
18 Connecticut and apparently, another dog that a Council  
19 member and his wife wanted to adopt and some of these  
20 dogs, we were told, had been put down. So you see, the  
21 inhumanity and the confusion in all of this. If we're  
22 going to take animals in and take care of them with the  
23 proper process, we should be able at all times while  
24 they're in our care and at least the exit from our care  
25 be able to confirm where they went. I, I'm definitely  
26 going to advocate a Standard Operating Procedure and  
27 there may be a few adjustments that we need to make,  
28 but there've been other situations over the year --  
29 instances of Parvo, instances of people working at the  
30 Shelter chemically burning the dogs. They didn't  
31 understand that you have to move the dog away from when  
32 you're cleaning the pens and the chemicals getting on  
33 the dogs. We can't take for granted that all of the  
34 people who are trying to help actually understand how  
35 to take care of them. So a Standard Operating  
36 Procedure gives everyone a little road map as to how to  
37 take care of animals in specific situations regarding  
38 those animals. And I, I do want to voice my support of  
39 concluding with the proper procedure. Thank you.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Greg Smith, I too heard  
43 that what she was talking about. I don't know if  
44 somebody sent it to me or just what, but what happened?  
45 Because that was a concern for some people.

46 GREG SMITH: One thing I need to ask, was  
47 that the Chihuahua?

48 CINDY WILSON: Yep.

49 GREG SMITH: Okay.

50 CINDY WILSON: Looks like it.

1 GREG SMITH: Okay. If that's the  
2 Chihuahua, that is the one that was adopted at  
3 Wolfstock, was brought back the next day. The lady  
4 said that had brought it back said that she thought it  
5 had kennel cough. The dog is still at the Shelter as  
6 we speak. I'll be glad to go show it to anybody that  
7 wants to see it. I stuck my hand up to it today, I  
8 looked at the number. And if you stick your hand up  
9 too close, it will bite you right now. We need to  
10 socialize the animal. The particular person I spoke  
11 with about this animal, sent someone out there to take  
12 a look. They actually looked at the wrong animal  
13 because they didn't speak with the person I told them  
14 to talk to. I called the person back, asked them to  
15 come back. They didn't show back up. But this  
16 particular animal is at the Shelter. To stop any  
17 rumors, we have not sent anything to Fred Acker since  
18 June the 23rd. Okay. Ever since everybody got all  
19 upset and mad about all the situations and we were  
20 asked not to send it, the staff has not sent anything  
21 to Fred Acker. Is this on his web site? Yes. Reason  
22 being when the rescue stuff is done in the beginning,  
23 they are sent pictures, they post them on their sites,  
24 they try to pre-adopt. There were about thirteen,  
25 possibly fourteen, animals that Mr. Acker said that he  
26 had pre-adoption for. I had even got one email from a  
27 lady that said, please send the animal up there. We're  
28 just doing as we're told, as is expected of us. We're  
29 going to follow what Council says. We're going to  
30 follow what the Administrator says and we're going to  
31 do as we're asked and we have not sent anything to Mr.  
32 Acker. The animals in this are still at the Shelter  
33 unless they have been adopted and we can go by one by  
34 one, whatever we've got to do, to prove the point.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, that might be  
36 good for you that whoever that was wanting that dog to  
37 check on that if they're still wanting it because we  
38 sure would like to get that dog adopted if they still  
39 want it.

40 CINDY WILSON: They've already gotten  
41 another dog. They gave up.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I hate that. That  
43 would have been a good thing if we could have got that.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: More questions. Thank you,  
47 Mr. Chair. What Council member and his wife wanted a  
48 dog that didn't get it? Were you told about that?

49 GREG SMITH: Not that I know of.

50 EDDIE MOORE: That, that was me. That was



1 the little dog with the flop ear. We have Westies and  
2 it was a little Terrier, you know, and I told you if  
3 you didn't adopt the dog out that I'd take it.  
4 GREG SMITH: I got you. At the event?  
5 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah.  
6 GREG SMITH: Which we adopted that dog  
7 out.  
8 EDDIE MOORE: Right.  
9 GREG SMITH: Okay. I got you. Sorry.  
10 We go through about -- we have about fourteen thousand  
11 six hundred so it's hard to remember each one.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now let  
13 me understand that now. What did he say to you? That  
14 if you ---  
15 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE TWO  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: If it did not get adopted?  
17 GREG SMITH: But it did get adopted.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. There's always  
19 two sides, isn't there? Okay. I thank you and I thank  
20 you, Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
22 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. We, we picked out  
23 several. Thank goodness that we -- we're dog poor now.  
24 But we, we take animals in.  
25 GREG SMITH: That makes two of us. I  
26 have adopted three from there already so I'm trying to  
27 stay where I'm at.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Mr.  
29 Burns, isn't Mr. Daniel going to be making some  
30 recommendations here very shortly about a tracking  
31 system?  
32 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Daniel is not here this  
33 week. He will be making his recommendation. We expect  
34 that to be ready some time next week. There were  
35 several questions that needed some further additional  
36 scrutiny and that is being done, but it should be ready  
37 by next week.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: We need that before next  
39 Council meeting.  
40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. You will have it.  
41 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Let Mr.  
43 Smith -- he's got something -- he must have -- needs --  
44 let me make sure he gets ---  
45 GREG SMITH: Just one quick thing. And  
46 the person that Mr. Moore's talking about did not  
47 receive an identification number of the dog, I  
48 understand that. We don't tell people anything about  
49 the -- once they sign it over, it becomes County  
50 property and then we look to adopt it. There is a

1 number assigned that when they first come in. We just  
2 didn't have it on that particular sheet. We never put  
3 it on that particular sheet that the person that is  
4 turning in the animal, we never give them that because  
5 they're signing it over and saying, you know, I don't  
6 want the animal. But if they come back and they say  
7 something about the animal within, you know, twenty-  
8 four hours or something like that, we'll try to work  
9 with them.

10 EDDIE MOORE: That, that's not the point.

11 GREG SMITH: I understand.

12 EDDIE MOORE: The point is when you give  
13 something back to them, there should be a number that  
14 follows that animal all the way through and they should  
15 have it. I know you're not going to tell them  
16 anything, but that number is there and if that happened  
17 to be my constituent and if I want to audit you, that  
18 is my means as a Council member and also a member of  
19 the Committee to audit you. And that's why it's  
20 imperative that that number is put on and given back to  
21 whatever, whoever brings the animal in. That number  
22 should be on the form. In other words, if you have  
23 consecutive numbers with consecutive forms, that number  
24 should be there and that should be the number that  
25 follows that animal all the way through. That was my  
26 point.

27 GREG SMITH: I understand.

28 TOMMY DUNN: I understand perfectly.

29 I've got no problem with that, but I want to make sure  
30 the privacy protected too. These people didn't harass  
31 nobody so that's why I, I want to hear Mr. Daniel's  
32 recommendations on this and make sure we've got it, got  
33 it good. Mr. Allen. Yes, sir.

34 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Thank  
35 you. I heard -- just a quick question on the donation  
36 funds. I heard the mentioned tonight somewhere over  
37 eighty thousand. Then I heard another number mentioned  
38 over a hundred. Can someone explain that? I'm not  
39 familiar with it.

40 RUSTY BURNS: There are two separate pots,  
41 Mr. Allen. Those numbers are pretty, pretty correct.  
42 I don't have that information right here in front of  
43 me. I have it on my desk, but that information is not  
44 far off. Part of it's reserved for capital  
45 improvements and the other parts donations that are  
46 less restricted.

47 TOM ALLEN: And that, that's -- but both  
48 of those pots of money are donations?

49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

50 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

1 GREG SMITH: Sometimes people just ask  
2 that this go toward buildings or equipment or something  
3 like that. Equipment would be more of a, a capital  
4 type of deal maybe or addition to a building or  
5 something, but the other donation account is used for  
6 medical, food bowls, or something like that. That, you  
7 know, when people give a donation, they expect it to be  
8 used for food, medical, that type of stuff.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
10 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?  
12 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Yeah. I'm sure  
13 the Ad Hoc Committee will take it up, but can any of  
14 those funds go toward maybe supplementing a low cost  
15 spay neuter clinic?  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Burns -- we're  
17 working on that on some things on the spay, spay neuter  
18 clinic. Mr. Burns, you want to address any of that?  
19 RUSTY BURNS: That would be a wonderful  
20 expenditure of money on the old Animal Shelter for a  
21 spay and neuter clinic since it is earmarked for  
22 capital improvements and that would be an ideal  
23 facility. There are several discussions as to whether  
24 the possibility of the County actually getting into the  
25 spay and neuter business or partnering with another  
26 group or other groups to have a spay and neuter clinic  
27 there. And that could be looked at as the seed money  
28 to make this happen.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: We're working on that very  
30 as we speak.  
31 CINDY WILSON: And there's the possibility  
32 maybe of having some of the volunteer type groups to  
33 assist with adoptions and spay neuter rescue type  
34 transfers and all?  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely. And just one  
36 other thing ---  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.  
38 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Wilson did have that  
39 question and we tried to answer that question, but Ms.  
40 Wilson, late Friday finally gave us the picture because  
41 we have more than one Chihuahua out there and so we  
42 were finally able to zero in on which animal it was and  
43 bring this mystery to a conclusion.  
44 CINDY WILSON: We just got it today.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any, any more  
46 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
47 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
48 unanimously. Thank you. Moving on to Ordinance First  
49 Reading, Item 15(A). 2010-015, the rezoning request by  
50 James Long, Jr. and Joan S. Long, owners of 1.07 acres

1 at 2440 Whitehall Road from R-20 to C-2 to allow for a  
2 commercial motorcycle clean up shop. This will be a  
3 public hearing. Mr. West.

4 BILL WEST: Just briefly explaining it  
5 to you, Mr. Long is present as well, and I believe has,  
6 you know, would like to make a presentation, but this  
7 is the application of Jimmy Long, owner of the property  
8 is Ms. Joan Long. There's no known name for the  
9 project at 2440 Whitehall Road in District Five. About  
10 1.7 acres. Just as aside, but their next item is right  
11 next door to it so when you're talking -- as you're  
12 doing things, understand that. But there two different  
13 applications and two different property owners.  
14 Existing land use here is a residence. It's currently  
15 zoned R-20 requested to be zoned to C-2 to allow for  
16 the, you know, resale of the property, allow permitted  
17 land uses within the C-2 district. We really don't have  
18 any performed traffic counts or anything to be able to  
19 assess it since we don't know exactly what will be  
20 done. The staff evaluation was that -- since the  
21 property is zoned R-20, everything immediately around  
22 it, though there is a C-2 district that was a non --  
23 that was an existing use when the zoning was adopted  
24 back in 2000, about 2005 that was zoned C-2. But the -  
25 - this property, everything immediately adjacent to it  
26 is R-20. It's across the street though in an un-zoned  
27 area also from single family residence a fairly new  
28 subdivision over there and staff did not see any  
29 compelling changes that it felt would call for a  
30 recommendation to change the zoning. We recommended  
31 denial and as seeing as the approval would not be in  
32 conformance with our comprehensive plan and it could  
33 have an effect on adjacent residential land use. It  
34 was posted properly and notices were mailed. The  
35 Citizens Advisory Committee voted -- actually voted in  
36 favor of it, but the Planning Commission recommended  
37 denial.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Had he had any, any  
39 neighbors or anything call or ---

40 BILL WEST: There were, there were some  
41 letters which were included in the Planning  
42 Commission's packet which were not in favor of it.  
43 None came to the meeting to speak of either rezoning.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Could you ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. West.

46 BILL WEST: Yes, sir.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Could you, please, put me on  
50 that property? You know, where is it? I couldn't -- I

1 looked at the map, but I just couldn't get a feel for  
2 where it is.  
3 BILL WEST: It's, it's -- you're getting  
4 near New Prospect Church on the -- if you're going from  
5 ---  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: On Whitehall?  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
8 BILL WEST: On Whitehall, but on the  
9 opposite side of the road. What's the new subdivision  
10 there, Mr. ---  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Springbrook.  
12 BILL WEST: Springbrook Subdivision is  
13 directly across the road from it. And, and the street  
14 right past it is where the, is where the zoning ends  
15 for, for this precinct.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Is this  
17 close to the school? To the ---  
18 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
19 BILL WEST: No. It's some distance.  
20 It's on past Centerville Road and, like I say, getting  
21 ---  
22 TOMMY DUNN: If I may, Ms. West -- I  
23 mean, Ms. Floyd, are you familiar with Five Gables or  
24 the church that burned out there on Whitehall here a  
25 few months ago?  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. That's all the way down.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: It's between -- well, it's  
28 between where the church burnt and New Prospect Church.  
29 BILL WEST: Yeah.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I've got you know.  
31 All right. Thank you.  
32 BILL WEST: Okay.  
33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
34 motion.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: Wait just -- we've got a  
36 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this  
37 matter, please step forward, state your name and the  
38 issue, please.  
39 JAMES LONG: Mr. Chairman, fellow  
40 Councilmen, I'm Jimmy Long. My wife and I own the  
41 property at 2440 Whitehall. This is a family homestead  
42 that my son resides in this location and has so for  
43 some twelve years. On one side of me there is a body  
44 shop, a garage that is owned by the same person that  
45 owns the property adjoining to me. All of that is C-2.  
46 Agree there is a development across the street -- was  
47 directly across the street has been put in in the last  
48 two years. In construction of that development there  
49 is a buffer zone out there. In 1958 when I was growing  
50 up in Centerville, and I am a resident of there, there

1 were two commercial properties on that road. One of  
2 them was a service station at the corner of Dixon Road  
3 and Whitehall and there were two other stores on that  
4 road. I worked at that store at the service station at  
5 that time. Now sixty percent of Whitehall Road is  
6 basically commercial. There are a hundred or so acres  
7 that are agricultural property that is adjoining my  
8 property on the backside that is not zoned. And I  
9 don't think there has been no Planning Committee or  
10 anything that has looked at what kind of plans or -- I  
11 don't know what y'all call it as far as the -- like the  
12 East-West Connector or something for that since  
13 Whitehall Road is one of the major corridors coming in  
14 and out of Anderson. But I am surrounded by C-2  
15 property except across the street which is in a  
16 different precinct. And there has been no opposition  
17 and the opposition that came in from Stonebrook over  
18 there was in an email that came in and, and I believe  
19 they are in a different precinct over there that is not  
20 zoned either. Thank you.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Any, anyone else?

23 STEVEN POPE: Steven Pope again. One of  
24 the issues the -- you're looking at right in here is  
25 granted right now it's as residential R-20, but what  
26 are the chances of anybody now actually building a  
27 house there. Considering it's surrounded by commercial  
28 property, you're right on, right on Whitehall itself,  
29 and you have to ask is anybody actually going to build  
30 on there or is it simply going to remain a vacant lot.  
31 Now you have the subdivision on the other side of the  
32 street, but if the developer or whoever is going to use  
33 it is not going to make it an eyesore and it's going to  
34 be a functional building, there really should be no  
35 real objection to it because it's a -- the land is  
36 going to be being used as opposed to being vacant.  
37 That's all.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

39 JONATHAN HILL: I'm Jonathan Hill from  
40 District Four. The thought just occurred to me that  
41 wouldn't this be in the interest of the Council to  
42 grant this request as a inexpensive, no risk way for  
43 the Council to encourage some economic development?  
44 Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
46 Anyone at all, anyone else to speak to this matter on  
47 public hearing. Hearing none, the public hearing will  
48 be closed.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Got a question.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Did Mr. West tell us -- now  
4 what did he say? He said that the Planning Commission  
5 voted not to do it, but the ---  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Citizens Advisory Board.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: The Citizen Advisory ---  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Board.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh. Voted to do it.  
10 Okay. I don't see, I don't see the problem here. I  
11 really don't. Yes. It's in an area where there are  
12 homes across the street. Am I correct? But it appears  
13 to me that if he's already surrounded by these  
14 businesses, I don't see the harm, I really don't see  
15 the harm. Especially -- I always go to the community  
16 neighborhoods first and if the neighborhoods can -- if  
17 the neighbors can put up with it or if they can condone  
18 or they can vote for it then that's my stance. Thank  
19 you.  
20 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
22 TOM ALLEN: Quick question. What, what  
23 will this building look like? I'm trying to picture --  
24 are we talking about a ten by twenty, a twenty by  
25 forty, a hundred by a hundred with -- what -- or do you  
26 have ---  
27 TOMMY DUNN: There's -- keep, keep in  
28 mind there's a house there now.  
29 TOM ALLEN: There's a house there now.  
30 JAMES LONG: Yeah, yes. That, that's  
31 what I wanted to clarify it, Mr. Allen. My son resides  
32 there at the house. It's his home. And what and we  
33 have -- and he has built a twenty by twenty garage, a  
34 building that's in back of the house. And what he's  
35 doing is just to have a -- to help -- to make it legal  
36 and to get a license to where he can operate a business  
37 there to clean up -- at no more than one or two  
38 motorcycles will be in that shop at one time. It, it's  
39 just going to be a small neighborhood business that,  
40 you know, they are on further -- two tenths of a mile  
41 up the road there is a home that has -- that is C-2  
42 that has a lawnmower repair shop in the back of it.  
43 And it's not going to be a huge Harley Davidson  
44 building there, it's just going to be a ---  
45 TOM ALLEN: But he, he's going to  
46 continue to live in the house.  
47 JAMES LONG: Yes, sir.  
48 TOM ALLEN: But we're not looking at a  
49 hundred foot by a hundred foot building with neon  
50 lights and flashing signs and everything.

1 JAMES LONG: No. There will be none of  
2 that.  
3 TOM ALLEN: Okay. What I wanted to ---  
4 JAMES LONG: And there's going to be no  
5 signs on the road or none of that type stuff.  
6 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
7 JAMES LONG: It's just something for a  
8 supplemental income for him and it's a tax base that  
9 where he can legally pay taxes on.  
10 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, sir.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I make a  
13 motion that we move this.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?  
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
16 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Say -- I just want to say  
18 that my only concern is, you know, you pass this what  
19 it might be tomorrow. But I'm going to vote for this  
20 tonight in favor of it, but hold my right on second  
21 reading if I push this further or not for the, for the  
22 thing.  
23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
25 CINDY WILSON: This is kind of an unusual  
26 situation because there's such a strong argument for  
27 moving this on and yet the Planning Commission voted  
28 against it. Usually you see more agreement at each  
29 level than in this instance and I agree with Ms. Floyd  
30 that the Citizens Advisory Commission takes a great  
31 deal sway here, but it would be interesting if Mr. West  
32 might tell us what the concern was with the Planning  
33 Commission. Did -- was there any specific concern?  
34 BILL WEST: I think it was basically  
35 that they, you know, were concerned with, you know, the  
36 change on Whitehall Road and with future implications  
37 of that. We've said it's surrounded by commercial, but  
38 there's commercial to one side. Most properties have  
39 four sides. And we have RA, R-20, and un-zoned, but  
40 residential across the street and I think that's what  
41 they saw.  
42 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Chairman.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
45 EDDIE MOORE: I'm going to support this  
46 tonight, but it'll give me time for the second reading  
47 to ride by and check it out and maybe ---  
48 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. But we can  
49 move it on. All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
50 All opposed. All abstentions. Show we've got -- show



1 the motion carries. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Crowder, Mr.  
2 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Allen in favor. Mr.,  
3 Mr. Wilson opposes. Oh.  
4 RON WILSON: I was trying to get your  
5 attention.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Oh. I'm sorry. You wanted  
7 to talk? Oh. I'm sorry.  
8 RON WILSON: Go ahead.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. You for it? Okay.  
10 I'm sorry. I apologize, Mr. Wilson. I thought you was  
11 voting. I'm sorry. In that case -- show the vote  
12 carries unanimously. Moving on Item 15(b), a rezoning  
13 request for Randall Steven Elkins, owner of 0.81 acres  
14 at 2442 Whitehall Road from R-20 to C-2. Mr. West.  
15 BILL WEST: This is the property next  
16 door. If you go by as you're looking at it. This is  
17 the one that has the slab poured in the front yard  
18 which the previous owner had poured without benefit of  
19 a permit and then sought to re-zone and was denied, but  
20 then this potential purchaser or -- has applied to re-  
21 zone again to put a car shop -- an automobile car lot  
22 and consignment store in the existing building. And,  
23 you know, it is 2442 is the address of it. The  
24 argument -- the discussion, the arguments were pretty  
25 much the same as it was on the other one.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Isn't the neighborhood  
27 zoning -- they voted against this, didn't they? Didn't  
28 they vote to deny this?  
29 BILL WEST: That's correct. And then --  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Neighborhood.  
31 BILL WEST: And then the Planning  
32 Commission supported that and voted against it as well.  
33 The letters that we did receive referred to both  
34 properties because the signs were up on both of them  
35 and staff did recommend denial as it did on the, on the  
36 previous matter.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. West.  
38 BILL WEST: Yes.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Now we go into public  
40 hearing. Anyone here wishing to speak, speak to this  
41 matter? Anyone at all? Hearing none, the public  
42 hearing will be closed. Do I have a motion?  
43 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move it.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion to move.  
45 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. With second. Any  
47 discussion?  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Now the neighbors didn't  
49 agree on this one?  
50 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. They didn't.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: They agreed on the first,  
2 but didn't agree on the second. Okay. Good.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: And this is a little bit  
4 different situation. This is a, this is a, a -- like  
5 Mr. West is talking about a concrete slab out there and  
6 the people that bought this just didn't, didn't check  
7 their zoning and know what the zoning was or what not  
8 and it's going to be a car lot with lights and all that  
9 from the get go.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: I'm going to have to vote  
12 against this.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Me too.  
14 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
16 TOM ALLEN: I just -- this looks like  
17 both of these properties look like something that -- as  
18 someone mentioned earlier, we need to go out by there  
19 and take a look at what they've got because this is  
20 kind of a strange situation that we would have this.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: If y'all want to do that,  
22 I'll vote for it tonight and move it on and we can, we  
23 can turn it down on second reading or which way then.  
24 We'll do that right there then. Any more discussion?  
25 All in favor of the motion, show of hands. All  
26 opposed.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Oppose it.  
28 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Show the motion  
29 carries. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore,  
30 Mr. Crowder for. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Floyd opposes.  
31 And between now and next meeting night when we're on  
32 second reading, we'll do a little bit more  
33 investigating on this -- we will. Thank you. Moving  
34 on to Item Number (c), Ordinance providing amendment,  
35 amendments to Ordinance Number 313 enacting County  
36 Council of Anderson, South Carolina, November 13, 1990,  
37 as supplemented or amended, the "Bond Ordinance", to  
38 amend, among other matters, (1) the definition of gross  
39 revenues contained in the bond ordinance, and (2)  
40 certain provisions of Article 5 position, dispositions  
41 of revenues of the bond ordinance, and other matters  
42 related thereto. Mr. Burns or Mr. Pitts.  
43 MIKE PITTS: I'll take this one, Mr.  
44 Chairman. This has to do with some outstanding loans  
45 we have with the South Carolina State Revolving Fund.  
46 The loan documents require the County to maintain a  
47 certain debt to revenue ratio. It's a pretty common  
48 covenant in any kind of loan agreement. Unfortunately,  
49 the County has not been able to meet the covenant's  
50 required by the State Revolving Fund as the amount of,

1 of debt service that we have to carry each year for our  
2 sewer, sewer system goes up. We've consulted with the  
3 State Revolving Fund and we've agreed on a, on a fix if  
4 you will, and that would be to redefine the way revenue  
5 is, is prescribed in the loan documents so it would  
6 allow us to transfer money from the Capital Projects  
7 Infrastructure Fund over to the Sewer Fund and that  
8 would then bring us into compliance with the, with our  
9 loan covenants with the State Revolving Fund. This  
10 would also allow the County the ability to create a  
11 cushion for years going forward to the extent that  
12 there's any excess revenue left over at the end of the  
13 year. We would maintain a hundred and ten percent of  
14 our, of our debt service requirement each year. The  
15 amount of money we need to payoff all of our  
16 outstanding loans. Anything over and above a hundred  
17 and ten percent of that could be used for other  
18 purposes, but you'd retain a hundred and ten percent --  
19 up to a hundred and ten percent to -- as a cushion if  
20 you will. So that's what this is before you tonight.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone have any  
22 questions? Any comments? Mr. ---

23 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

25 CINDY WILSON: This goes back to the  
26 concerns of a certain community opposing the Beaver Dam  
27 sewer line. We were concerned that there was going to  
28 be more debt than there was revenue. Unfortunately for  
29 our County, we were correct. And this is a difficult  
30 situation for our sewer fund now and we've requested  
31 that our there be some type of renegotiation with the  
32 Town of Anderson on the debt obligation in that regard.  
33 These particular notes are the State Revolving Fund and  
34 they did require a hundred and ten percent debt to loan  
35 -- I mean loan to revenue ratio. So we're having to  
36 try and clean up what was put in our -- on our wagon.  
37 Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anyone else?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't agree with that, I  
42 don't agree with that. Nor do I remember anything like  
43 that, but I just have to stand up and say here, you  
44 know, I don't, I don't agree with that with what she  
45 just said. Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
47 Make a motion?

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a motion  
50 to accept. Do we have a second?

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Moore. Now  
3 are there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor  
4 of the motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
5 Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you.  
6 Moving, moving on to 15(d), Ordinance setting a  
7 franchise fee rate for cable service providers upon  
8 expiration or termination of existing franchise for  
9 cable service, and other matters related to. Mr. Pitts  
10 or Mr. Burns, one of y'all whichever.

11 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. I'll take this one  
12 too, Mr. Chairman. This has to do with cable  
13 franchises. When a cable company has a County  
14 franchise that terminates, this ordinance will make it  
15 crystal clear that -- and when the County franchise  
16 terminates, then the cable provider has to go to the  
17 state to get their franchise through the state issued  
18 franchise process. That's a fairly recent change in  
19 state law. This makes it crystal clear that upon that  
20 happening, the County wants the absolute maximum  
21 franchise fee that it can get under the state law which  
22 is five percent of gross revenues which would include  
23 revenue generated from the cable provider in connection  
24 with advertising and certain home shopping. So  
25 hopefully this will mean the Count gets a little bit  
26 more money. With AT&T coming in, the Council consented  
27 to their state issued franchise and the law allows any  
28 existing cable provider to cancel their franchise with  
29 the County and move under the state one and Charter has  
30 announced their intention to do so. So this just makes  
31 it clear that the County wants the absolute maximum in  
32 revenue it can get from any cable provider.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a  
34 motion?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: So move.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd makes a motion to  
38 move. Ms. Wilson seconds. Do we have any discussion?

39 CINDY WILSON: Yes. May I?

40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Years ago when all of this  
42 first came about, the original franchise agreement with  
43 the County prior to state law being changed, there were  
44 provisions for the public access channels. Does this  
45 follow with that agreement too?

46 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am. This doesn't  
47 have anything to do with public access channels.  
48 However, state law does have a mechanism in there that  
49 if the County wants a public access channel, there's a,  
50 there's a process to go through to, to make that

1 request.  
2 CINDY WILSON: Do you know roughly what  
3 that process is?  
4 MIKE PITTS: I think it's just signaling  
5 an intent to the cable company that you, that you want  
6 it, but I believe that all the costs, and I, I want to  
7 double check this so I'm not a hundred percent on this,  
8 but I'm fairly confident that the County or someone  
9 other than the cable provider would have to bear the  
10 cost for programming, getting the, the feed into the  
11 cable company so that it could then beam it to it's  
12 customers and all of that. So it would, it would --  
13 there would be some expense.  
14 CINDY WILSON: If my memory serves me  
15 correct, and Ms. Floyd may remember, I think that was  
16 covered in that original agreement and I would think  
17 that would still be in effect. Is there some way to  
18 get a review?  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: No.  
20 MIKE PITTS: No. It definitely would not  
21 be in effect. If you're talking about something  
22 provided under a prior County franchise agreement?  
23 CINDY WILSON: With Charter.  
24 MIKE PITTS: I'd have to go back and  
25 review it to see if there -- I don't believe there was  
26 ever any provision. I believe it was a similar type  
27 deal, Ms. Wilson, in that the County could ask for one  
28 at some point and that the company would be obligated  
29 to provide free air space for lack of a better way of  
30 putting it. But I think any cost associated would  
31 still be on the County. But that agreement will  
32 terminate. It's going to terminate regardless of this  
33 ordinance before you tonight because having allowed  
34 AT&T to come in, Charter has exercised it's right to go  
35 under the state.  
36 CINDY WILSON: There was a lot of  
37 discussion at the time. There were a lot of people  
38 showing up complaining about their Charter service.  
39 Just people really upset and there was discussion of  
40 the public access. So would there be some way to look  
41 at that and see if there really is a charge? Do you  
42 have that yet, Mr. Burns?  
43 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Wilson, we are in the  
44 process of examining that with Charter and with AT&T to  
45 see if -- that we can have that public access channel.  
46 But we are on that and we are looking at that very  
47 closely.  
48 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I remember, Mr.  
2 Pitts, that there were a few people that showed up, but  
3 they came for the wrong purpose. They were thinking  
4 that they were going to finally have a voice about  
5 Charter itself. The problems that they were  
6 experiencing with Charter. Some of them did not  
7 realize this was a totally different thing. I remember  
8 Mr. Brown. I hope that's okay. I have your  
9 permission. Thank you. I shouldn't have done that.  
10 Mr. -- well, he was one of the proponents of the idea.  
11 He came to us, he told us about it, he thought it was  
12 an excellent idea. But the Council voted on it at that  
13 time and it was voted down. I remember just as clearly  
14 that Mr. Cunningham, who was in charge of that piece  
15 of, of information there, brought it to us and  
16 presented it. And I remember him being the biggest  
17 proponent out there for it, but everybody else came  
18 thinking that they were finally tell off Charter.  
19 Thank you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a  
21 motion.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: So move.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion, Ms. -- I'm  
24 sorry. We already had that. We was in discussion,  
25 wasn't we? We've already got a motion by Ms. Floyd and  
26 second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion, show of  
27 hands. All oppose like sign. Show the motion carries  
28 unanimously. Moving on to Item (e), 15(e), Ordinance  
29 establishing a six month moratorium on the rezoning of  
30 property in the proximity to the East-West Connector  
31 project, and other matters related thereto. Mr.  
32 Crowder. Mr. Crowder, I'd just like to if I could just  
33 ask a question before you start off with and I'm just --  
34 -- I didn't -- and I should have asked this earlier  
35 today as much time as me and you spent together, but I  
36 didn't think about it. We got this -- isn't this the  
37 same thing in the form of a resolution in 18? Would  
38 that work just as good instead of putting it in an  
39 ordinance that we could change? I'm just asking the  
40 question.

41 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay. I raised that same  
42 question to Mr. Pitts ---

43 TOMMY DUNN: Great minds think alike,  
44 right?

45 FRANCIS CROWDER: -- a week or so ago and, Mr.  
46 Pitts, will you be glad to tell him what you told me?

47 MIKE PITTS: I -- yes, sir. I'll be  
48 happy to. You can blame this one on me, Mr. Chairman.  
49 Mr. Crowder had originally requested a -- that a  
50 neighborhood, excuse me, a residential corridor study

1 be accomplished. You'd have to do that by way of a  
2 resolution and then he also asked that a moratorium be  
3 put before the Council. Since we already had to have a  
4 resolution for the study, the -- we put the moratorium  
5 in the resolution. The reason for the ordinance is  
6 that there is some question whether you can place a  
7 moratorium on applications for rezoning, put that in  
8 place by way of a simple ordinance. I mean, excuse me,  
9 a resolution. So this is just a kind of belts and  
10 suspenders approach to make sure we're covered and to  
11 try and prevent anybody from coming in and trying to  
12 get an application for rezoning in that would otherwise  
13 ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: But if we do this though and  
15 we'd want to change something though it'd take three  
16 readings to undo it, right?

17 MIKE PITTS: Well, the ordinance will  
18 expire. It's a six month.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. But I'm talking about  
20 if we wanted to do something say ---

21 MIKE PITTS: In the meantime -- yes, sir,  
22 yes, sir.

23 TOMMY DUNN: -- in the six months we'd  
24 have to have three readings? That's all, that's all --  
25 that was my only concern.

26 MIKE PITTS: You would, you would.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I ought to have  
28 knowed you was behind this. You answered my question.  
29 Mr. Crowder, Mr. Crowder, go ahead, Mr. Crowder. I've  
30 turned it back over to you.

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Okay. Well, an  
32 ordinance establishing a six month moratorium on the  
33 rezoning of property in the proximity of the East-West  
34 Connector project and other matters related thereto.

35 Whereas, Anderson County's own property in the  
36 unincorporated areas of the County under Chapter 70 of  
37 the Anderson County Code of Ordinances; and

38 Whereas, Chapter 70, Section 3.2 of the Code  
39 sets forth an official zoning map of Anderson County  
40 Zoning Map; and

41 Whereas, Chapter 70, Section 7.1 and 9.5.3 of  
42 the Code vests Anderson County Board of Zoning Appeals  
43 with the discretion to grant zoning variances; and

44 Whereas, Chapter 70, Article 10 of the Code  
45 sets forth the process by which the property may be re-  
46 zoned by amending the Zoning Map; and

47 Whereas, the aforementioned variances and  
48 Zoning Map amendment processes are hereinafter  
49 collectively referred to as Re-zoning; and

50 Whereas, Anderson County Council is keenly

1 aware of the concerns expressed by its members of  
2 citizens concerning the impact of the East-West  
3 Connector project -- by the way that's the important  
4 part. Y'all got that. All right.

5       Whereas, it is appropriate that Anderson  
6 County cooperate with the City of Anderson regarding  
7 planning issues which affect both entities as it  
8 pertains to preservation of the projects corridor; and

9       Whereas, so that Anderson County may work with  
10 the City of Anderson and so that both entities may  
11 address cooperatively the issue of preserving the  
12 neighborhood character of the property in the proximity  
13 of the project, Anderson County Council plans to  
14 undertake a review of a pending resolution instructing  
15 -- instructed Anderson County staff to immediately  
16 begin the process of creating a residential corridor  
17 along the path of the project in order to preserve the  
18 neighborhood characteristics of the area; and

19       Whereas, it is appropriate that during such  
20 period of joint review with the City of Anderson and  
21 individual reviews by Anderson County Council and  
22 Anderson County staff, the status quo be maintained for  
23 a reasonable period of time; and

24       Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to  
25 express its wishes that a six month moratorium on any  
26 re-zoning efforts to be put in place with respect to  
27 the property contiguous to the project or located  
28 within one quarter mile of the project;

29       Whereas, said property is currently zoned for  
30 residential use only as more fully depicted on Exhibit  
31 A attached hereunto and made a part thereof -- we're  
32 almost getting to the end.

33       Now, thereto, be it ordained by the County  
34 Council of Anderson County in meeting duly assembled:

35       1. A moratorium on re-zoning with respect  
36 to all property contiguous to the path of the project  
37 or located within one quarter mile of the project which  
38 is currently zoned for residential use only --  
39 residential use only -- is thereby enacted. Exhibit A.  
40 This moratorium does not apply to any other of the  
41 aforementioned property which is currently zoned for  
42 use other than residential, nor does the moratorium  
43 apply to any pending re-zoning application.

44       2. The moratorium shall exist for a period  
45 of six months from the expiration date of this  
46 ordinance at which time the moratorium shall expire of  
47 its own accord unless extended -- notice that word,  
48 unless extended -- and no further action of the  
49 Anderson County Council shall be necessary to  
50 effectuate the expiry thereof.



1                   3.     Should any term, provision, or content  
2 of this ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or  
3 otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent  
4 jurisdiction, such determination shall have no effect  
5 on the remainder of the ordinance, all of which is  
6 hereby deemed separate. Separate now. All ordinance,  
7 codes, resolutions, and actions of Anderson County  
8 inconsistent thereof are, to the extent of such  
9 inconsistency, only thereby repealed, revoked, and  
10 suspend.  
11                   This ordinance shall become effective and be  
12 in full force and effect from after the public hearing  
13 and the third reading in accordance with the Codes of  
14 Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina.  
15                   TOMMY DUNN:           You through? You sure you  
16 through?  
17                   FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Pitts is shaking. Give  
18 Mr. Pitts all the credit.  
19                   TOMMY DUNN:           We've got -- Mr. Crowder  
20 makes that in the form of a motion. Do we have a  
21 second?  
22                   EDDIE MOORE:           Second.  
23                   CINDY WILSON:          Second.  
24                   TOMMY DUNN:           Second Mr. Moore. Any  
25 discussion?  
26                   TOM ALLEN:           Mr. Chairman, I just have a  
27 question. If I'm reading this right, this, this  
28 expires, this ordinance would expire in six months?  
29                   TOMMY DUNN:           Yes, sir.  
30                   TOM ALLEN:           Okay. But if you go over  
31 here and read paragraph two, the moratorium shall exist  
32 for a period of six months from the expiration date of  
33 this ordinance. So that's making it a year, isn't it?  
34                   MIKE PITTS:           Yeah. Mr. Allen, you and I  
35 talked earlier about this and I appreciate you catching  
36 this. This is a typo in the draft -- drafting error on  
37 my -- on me.  
38                   TOM ALLEN:           So we need -- we do need to  
39 -- okay.  
40                   FRANCIS CROWDER: So in other words, Mr.  
41 Pitts, you will make the necessary correction so that  
42 it will reflect the correct six month period?  
43                   MIKE PITTS:           Yes, sir. Just to do it  
44 right. Probably somebody -- maybe Mr. Allen make a  
45 motion to amend the ordinance.  
46                   TOM ALLEN:           All right. I would, I would  
47 make a motion to amend the ordinance specifying that  
48 the moratorium shall exist for a period of six months  
49 period and not put in the expiration date.  
50                   TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Crowder seconds it. Any

1 discussion on the amendment?

2 CINDY WILSON: Yes. One quick question.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, yes, ma'am.

4 CINDY WILSON: Is six months sufficient  
5 time?

6 TOMMY DUNN: I think so and if not we can  
7 always extend it.

8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.

9 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, notice I tried to  
11 highlight the fact that we could extend it and  
12 secondly, one of the conditions was that Mr. Pitts  
13 advised us that anything past six months may run into  
14 legal issues so we did not want to run into any legal  
15 issues.

16 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the  
17 amendment, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
18 motion -- the amendment carries unanimously. Now  
19 voting -- now back -- any more discussion on the main  
20 motion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show  
21 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
22 carries unanimously. Moving on to 16, Item 16,  
23 Discussion reading -- regarding the Animal Shelter and  
24 the Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Tom Allen. Mr.  
25 Allen.

26 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr.  
27 Chairman. Actually I'm sorry so many of the, the  
28 animal folks left. I, I just want to read you some  
29 comments here and give you my perspective on what I've  
30 seen and I know someone mentioned a while ago that we  
31 spent an awful lot of time on the animals and the  
32 Animal Shelter when we should be looking at other  
33 things, but trust me this has been brought to us. So  
34 I'd just like to read you a few things. Most of you  
35 are aware of the animosity and the hostile feelings  
36 that have developed between the Animal Shelter Advisory  
37 Committee and the Animal Shelter staff. It's been in  
38 the papers, you've all heard about it. So I'd like to  
39 discuss a few of those things and try to explain why  
40 this has occurred. In January of this year, 2010, when  
41 we passed the final ordinance to form the Animal  
42 Shelter Advisory Committee, it states in that ordinance  
43 that the principal function of the Advisory Committee  
44 shall be to advise on the operations of the Anderson  
45 County Animal Shelter. The Advisory Committee shall  
46 function and effect its purposes through  
47 recommendations to Council which shall then be under --  
48 which shall then undertake any required approval or  
49 action. That's unquote. Well, this is all well and  
50 good and some very good recommendations have been made

1 by the Shelter Committee, but something got off track  
2 rather quickly and animosity began to develop between  
3 the County staff at the Shelter and the Advisory  
4 Committee. And here are some of the examples. It was  
5 reported in the Independent Mail that animals from the  
6 Shelter were being hauled to Connecticut on flatbed  
7 trucks, just out in the open nine hundred miles up the  
8 road. Well, as it turns out, the animals are actually  
9 carried in air conditioned buses or vans to  
10 Connecticut. We're not sending them there any more,  
11 but when that was occurring that's the way they were  
12 being transported. Well, this comment being made that  
13 way made some of the Shelter staff wonder why such a  
14 false statement would be made, which, of course, makes  
15 the Shelter look bad like they're not taking care of  
16 business. Not long after this, it was noted again in  
17 the Independent Mail that after a Shelter meeting that  
18 Mr. Smith was territorial, mean, and brutish. That --  
19 and that the Shelter manager was not qualified to do  
20 the job. Such statements were viewed by the Shelter  
21 staff as very derogatory and untrue. This builds even  
22 more animosity between these two groups. Next there  
23 was a surprise visit from DHEC and the DEA to determine  
24 if drugs were being properly handled at the Shelter.  
25 Why did two state regulatory agencies show up at the  
26 Shelter all of a sudden when no one can recall such an  
27 inspection being conducted before. Who called them and  
28 why was the question going through the Staff's mind?  
29 Is someone out to get us? By the way, only some minor  
30 administrative items were noted during the inspection.  
31 However, animosity has again grown deeper. Next Mr.  
32 Acker's reputation is brought into question by the  
33 Advisory Committee. Mr. Acker is the individual who  
34 picks up the animals from a number of southern states  
35 and transports them to Connecticut for adoption. Is he  
36 that much of an animal lover or is it just his desire  
37 to make money? I don't know which. I do know that  
38 many animals' lives have been saved by his having them  
39 adopted. Nonetheless, it makes the Shelter staff --  
40 nonetheless, it looks like the Shelter staff does not  
41 care about the animals and is merely sending them off  
42 to a so called dog trafficker. Those were the words  
43 used in some, some emails that I received. And these  
44 comments regarding Mr. Acker further build animosity  
45 among the Shelter staff. Next a rating was done of the  
46 Animal Shelter. This was an ABCD rating in various  
47 activities at the Shelter. It was stated in an  
48 Advisory Committee meeting that the Shelter Committee  
49 did this. Well, at least one member said they had no  
50 part in this grading and appeared to be an individual's

1 opinion. The grading process was again printed in the  
2 local paper and many of the grades were not flattering,  
3 making the Shelter look even worse. Again, this  
4 appears to have been based on perhaps an individual's  
5 ideas and not any nationally recognized grading system  
6 for shelters. Once again, the Shelter staff feels  
7 they're being singled out and the animosity grows  
8 further. I received a comment in writing from an  
9 individual who initially inquired into being placed on  
10 the Advisory Committee. The person was told to contact  
11 a certain member of the Advisory Committee and to speak  
12 to that person. This was done and the individual who  
13 was making the inquiry was told that Greg Smith and  
14 Michelle Dodd had to go. This was in writing. I've  
15 got it. This statement has, of course, made the  
16 Shelter staff very suspicious of what the Advisory  
17 Committee is trying to do and animosity, and animosity  
18 is now very high. Rumors now began that the donation  
19 money received by the Animal Shelter is being misused.  
20 This has been investigated and found to be untrue. Mr.  
21 Daniel has been down there ---

22 END OF SIDE TWO, TAPE TWO

23 TOM ALLEN: -- a very egregious action  
24 when wedding pictures of the Staff manager were taken  
25 off of a Facebook page and sent to numerous people with  
26 the statement questioning who was running the Shelter.  
27 Well, this wedding was held on a Saturday, out of town,  
28 but the Shelter staff -- was fully staffed. Same  
29 number of people as they always have on a Saturday on  
30 the weekend. It's gone too far when an individual's  
31 wedding day is taken and something negative is  
32 attempted to be made out of it. I don't -- I'm not --  
33 I don't know. I'm not labeling anybody. I'm not  
34 saying how this got started, but it should never have  
35 gotten started is the point. Animosity is now very  
36 high and some Shelter staff began to consider this a  
37 hostile work environment which can be grounds for legal  
38 action. Now the email barrage begins coming from such  
39 places as Charleston, South Carolina and even West  
40 Virginia. The emails are filled with inaccurate  
41 information and some hate. As an example, one lady is  
42 upset that nineteen thousand animals are unaccounted  
43 for a year at the Animal Shelter. Well, we only get in  
44 fourteen thousand animals a year max. Nineteen  
45 thousand. That's an, that's an error. Words like  
46 horrendous abuse are used when referring to the  
47 Shelter. Dogs are kept in inhumane conditions at the  
48 Shelter. It's feared that these inhumane practices  
49 will continue unabated with the silence of County  
50 officials. I can't list all the negative comments in

1 these emails and some I can't repeat in public. Now,  
2 however, I started getting emails that were identical  
3 in wording, misspelling, and rumor. These emails were  
4 possibly written by a single individual and forwarded  
5 to people to send back to Anderson. Once this had been  
6 done a number of times, all the rumors, innuendo and  
7 untruths, and out of context comments have become fact  
8 in the cyber world of the computer. None of this helps  
9 the animals. Not at all. Many of the people who sent  
10 emails have never been to the Shelter or even to  
11 Anderson for that matter, but we're not finished yet.  
12 We've now made the big time on the world wide web. All  
13 the rumors about the Animal Shelter can now be read by  
14 anyone from Russia to Australia to China and beyond.  
15 How does this help the animals in Anderson County?  
16 Just click on [www.painfultruth.org](http://www.painfultruth.org) and go to the topic  
17 entitled, Deadly Shelters Project. I find it  
18 interesting that this web site uses the word truth in  
19 it's title without ever checking to verify the facts.  
20 The animosity that's been developed has created a  
21 counter productive atmosphere that is not helping the  
22 animals. An editorial in the Independent Mail on  
23 August 29 of this year noted that perhaps the County  
24 Council failed to establish what the Animal Shelter  
25 Committee is supposed to do and how it's supposed to  
26 conduct itself. Well, to answer both of those points,  
27 it's supposed to do exactly what it says in the  
28 ordinance and that is to make recommendations to the  
29 Council. That's pretty straight forward. As to how it  
30 should conduct itself, that should be self evident. It  
31 should be done in a manner, it should be done in an  
32 adult manner with respect for all parties. No where in  
33 the ordinance does it say that emails, rumors, and half  
34 truths are to be sent out world wide. Again, the  
35 purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide  
36 recommendations to the Council for action. However,  
37 the current environment is not in the best interest of  
38 the animals at the Shelter and it creates a very  
39 difficult work environment for Shelter staff. I would  
40 certainly hope that all of this is reversed very soon.  
41 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Then  
43 I'll just -- moving on to Item Number 17. You touched  
44 on what I wanted to touch on. Due to some members of  
45 the Committee and point in the paper that we don't have  
46 -- didn't have a job description. We do have one, but  
47 hopefully we'll have an Ad Hoc Committee getting stuff  
48 for Animal Shelter and Council and tighten that up  
49 some. Some recommendations and stuff. And then I'll  
50 just leave it at that, but I do just want to add that -

1 - like you said. Echo your things. A lot of this has  
2 gotten took away from the animals. It helps them none  
3 and we need to be focusing -- that's what we need to be  
4 focusing on. The animals and doing that and that's  
5 what I want to see us do. And hopefully we can quit  
6 bringing up old stuff and move forward and I think we  
7 all agree they need to be improvements at the Animal  
8 Shelter. It's nobody's fault because of this, that,  
9 and the other. Staffing, funding or what not and we'll  
10 get to the, we'll get to it and correct these things.  
11 But that's what we need to be concentrating on instead  
12 of throwing stones. We'll move on. I thank you very  
13 much, Mr. Allen, for that and them comments. I think  
14 it was very much appropriate. Number 18, Resolution  
15 R2010-057. A resolution requesting that the County  
16 Administrator instruct Anderson County staff to begin  
17 the process of creating a residential corridor  
18 affecting property in proximity of the East-West  
19 Connector and further impose a six moratorium on re-  
20 zoning request for property located in proximity to the  
21 East-West Connector, and other matters related to. Mr.  
22 Crowder. And Mr. Crowder, if you want to, this is  
23 entirely up to you, you can, you can enter that in the  
24 record as, as is. You ain't got to read it word for  
25 word and we can go ---

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, I move that --  
27 I recommend this to the Council for approval.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

29 CINDY WILSON: Second.

30 TOM ALLEN: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any

32 further discussion?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we going to have any of  
34 the community people on this, on this, on this thing?

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. They'll,  
36 they'll be coming in and meeting with Mr. West when Mr.  
37 West and the City gets, gets a plan together. If Mr.  
38 West wants to speak to how it works, how the process  
39 works, but the community will be heavily involved.

40 BILL WEST: We're, we're setting up  
41 meetings to bring the community in -- all -- and then  
42 they'll be -- we will attempt to notify, you know,  
43 folks actually touching the area as well as general  
44 publication for anyone else in the County who doesn't  
45 reside in the area and to, you know, review the  
46 conditions out there and to make their recommendations  
47 of what they'd like to see.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any more  
49 discussion? All in favor of the resolution, show of  
50 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously. Moving on to Item 19, a Report from the  
2 Finance Committee. Mr. Crowder, Chairman of the  
3 Finance Committee. Any comments you want to make or I  
4 see you give us a copy of everything.

5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, actually, actually,  
6 Mr. Chairman, I've included on each Council member's  
7 information a summary of what was discussed. Detailed  
8 minutes of them will be available as soon as they're  
9 transcribed. If there's any questions about particular  
10 item that we discussed, I'll be glad to address that.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I do, Mr. Chair.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ms., Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, Mr. Crowder, you  
14 can be brief on this. Okay. But on Number 5, County  
15 finance staff provided documentation that losses do  
16 range approximately seven hundred thousand dollars per  
17 year. Now the County -- your, your staff did this and  
18 not the County staff, right?

19 FRANCIS CROWDER: No. The County staff.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Finance here.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Good.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Anderson County, Ms. ---  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Finance department.

24 FRANCIS CROWDER: The Finance department ---  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Did that.

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: Not Francis Crowder. No.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: And this, and this does not  
28 reflect the -- Mr. Chair, this question's to you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: This does not reflect the  
31 thinking of Council as a, as a whole?

32 TOMMY DUNN: This is just facts that the  
33 Finance Committee come up with as far as a ---  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, sir.

35 TOMMY DUNN: -- a fund and something.  
36 And it don't, you know, it don't entail like the, the  
37 things and enjoyment you get out of it or the A tax  
38 money.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it does not --  
40 this is just the ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: Finance Committee.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Just the Finance Committee.

43 TOMMY DUNN: This is their report.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Any, anyone else have any  
46 questions of Mr. Crowder? I'm sure there might be some  
47 after you've had a chance to look at this and I'm sure  
48 he'll be able, able to answer that. Moving on to Item  
49 Number 20, Acceptance of Tuscany Subdivision into the  
50 County Road System. Mr. West.

1 BILL WEST: Hope y'all don't get too  
2 tired of me. But this is a subdivision out on the --  
3 on Thompson Road at the corner of Shackleburg Road that  
4 -- it went into default and the County has had to call  
5 the bonds in to complete the project for the residents  
6 that are already in there. We have the money in hand,  
7 the check is in the, is in the bank and we can complete  
8 the infrastructure, but we cannot do that until the  
9 County agrees to accept the roads once -- and then we  
10 can go onto the property to make the improvements.  
11 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.  
12 BILL WEST: I told you where it was  
13 located. That's in Council District Four, it'll add  
14 about sixty-two hundred and ninety-four feet to the  
15 County road system.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.  
17 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Usually we  
18 accept the roads after it's gone through the vetting  
19 process and meets our standards. So what you're saying  
20 is that we must accept it prior to the work being done  
21 in order for the County to do the work with the bond  
22 proceeds?  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, if I may?  
24 BILL WEST: We ---  
25 TOMMY DUNN: It has been some work done.  
26 It just ain't finished. They got the first coat of  
27 asphalt on, I believe, and what you call it. I believe  
28 the developers and I don't talk, but they're no longer  
29 around and ---  
30 BILL WEST: They're bankrupt.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: -- the bonds got to come on  
32 and take it, but I'll let Mr. West with it. But they  
33 have -- the subdivision roads have been cut and the  
34 first coat of asphalt has been on that subdivision.  
35 CINDY WILSON: But what -- my understanding  
36 is correct then, we're having to accept it prior to it  
37 actually meeting our standards in order to spend the  
38 bond money to meet the standards.  
39 BILL WEST: Okay.  
40 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, if you -- without  
41 doing this we'd actually be working on private  
42 property. This makes it legal for us to do the work.  
43 BILL WEST: Yeah.  
44 CINDY WILSON: Okay. That's what I --  
45 thank you.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion?  
47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes the motion.  
49 Do we have a second?  
50 EDDIE MOORE: Second.



1 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
2 discussion? All in favor of the motion, show of hands.  
3 All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries by  
4 Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Moore, Mr.  
5 Crowder, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Floyd abstaining. Moving on  
6 to Item Number 21, Appointments to Various Boards and  
7 Commissions. Mr. Wilson. Do you have any? Mr. Allen.  
8 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Moore.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: None at this time, Mr.  
13 Chairman.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
15 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes. I have, I have my  
16 first. I would like to reappoint Mr. Ken Lowery to the  
17 Airport Board and secondly, I'd like to appoint Billy  
18 Rhodes to the Civic Center Board.  
19 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Any, any discussion on those  
21 two? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
22 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
23 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Crowder?  
24 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir. Thank you.  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.  
26 CINDY WILSON: None.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item Number 22.  
28 We have no bids tonight to accept or to approve.  
29 Approval of Departmental Transfers, Number 23. Mr.  
30 Burns.  
31 RUSTY BURNS: Any questions, any questions  
32 from Council, Rita will be happy to answer them for  
33 you.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Y'all have any questions on  
35 Item Number 23? Going to make a motion?  
36 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion that we  
37 approve them.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Second.  
39 TOM ALLEN: Second.  
40 TOMMY DUNN: Second, second. Motion made  
41 Mr. Crowder. Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All  
42 in favor of the motion, show of hands. All opposed  
43 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Item  
44 Number 24, Requests by Council Members. Ms. Wilson.  
45 CINDY WILSON: I thank you. Just one  
46 tonight for the Town of Pelzer for a paving project --  
47 five thousand dollars. In the form of a motion to  
48 appropriate five thousand from the District Seven  
49 paving account to Pelzer.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: I have a motion by Ms.

1 Wilson. Do I have a second?  
2 EDDIE MOORE: Second.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Moore. Any  
4 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of Ms. Wilson's  
5 motion, show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
6 motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Wilson?  
7 Mr. Crowder.  
8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, I have none.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: You got any money to have  
10 any? Mr. Moore.  
11 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
12 do, I have several. I'd like to group them all  
13 together and while I'm doing this, I'd like to remind  
14 all Council members that we have the Standpipe Festival  
15 coming up. And it'll be coming up pretty soon so if  
16 y'all can spare any money to the museum and arts  
17 festival over there. I'd like to appropriate a  
18 thousand dollars to the Belton Museum. They'll be  
19 helping with all kind of activities going on with the  
20 Standpipe Festival. And also the Belton Arts, five  
21 hundred dollars. And I would like to donate a thousand  
22 to the Balloon Festival. And to the Fire Departments,  
23 Flat Rock, Bowen, Starr Fire Department and Iva Fire  
24 Department -- I'd like to give each of them fifteen  
25 hundred dollars to help them with their expenses.  
26 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: I have a second Ms. Wilson.  
28 Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of  
29 Mr. Moore's motion, show of hands. All opposed like  
30 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd.  
31 You have any?  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.  
34 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I have two or three or  
35 four or five. I'm not sure. I'd like to donate five  
36 thousand out of my recreation fund to the Pendleton  
37 Recreation Department.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Do you want to do it all at  
39 one time or do you want to do it separate?  
40 TOM ALLEN: Okay. I'll do them all at  
41 once. All right. If it'll be okay.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
43 TOM ALLEN: I'd like to do three  
44 thousand to the Townville Recreation Department. And  
45 I'd like to donate two thousand to the Tour De France  
46 challenge. You know, we had -- I don't know how many  
47 of you got to go to that -- to the races here this past  
48 weekend, but that, that was really impressive. You  
49 know, this is not just guys riding around on bicycles.  
50 This is some really impressive stuff and they're

1 looking at possibly having a national -- I think it was  
2 a national championship here next year in Anderson. A  
3 national championship -- people from all over the world  
4 and ten different countries were represented at this  
5 one. So I think this is something that would really  
6 boost the image and morale of Anderson and I challenge  
7 the other Council members if they'd like to chip in  
8 too. So those were my comments and donations for this  
9 evening.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?

11 CINDY WILSON: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
13 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the  
14 motion, show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the  
15 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wilson. None. I'd  
16 like to donate also twenty-five hundred dollars to the  
17 Tour de France. I put that in the form of a motion.

18 CINDY WILSON: Second.

19 TOM ALLEN: Second.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Any further discussion?

21 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, show of  
22 hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion  
23 carries unanimously. Moving on, Citizens Comments --  
24 Administrator's Report. I'm sorry.

25 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, through my  
26 fault, Ms. Sandy's here with us tonight and Council in  
27 our work session, while we took no vote, agreed for her  
28 to have space in the McCants Building and I would just  
29 like to make sure that that's on the agenda for next  
30 time and I would also like to thank her for all of the  
31 hard work that she did in helping organize Tour de La  
32 France and bringing the hand cyclers to Anderson  
33 County. I believe we had ten here. We had the -- in  
34 his class, the second fastest hand cyclist in the  
35 country and she is working with them right now to bring  
36 the national championships to Anderson. And we just  
37 want to thank her and commend her for all her hard work  
38 and certainly the staff. The next thing, just as an  
39 item of information, we received another grant for the  
40 airport -- three hundred and thirty thousand dollars.  
41 And that will be for new fencing at the airport.  
42 That's getting pretty close to four million dollars in  
43 about a month at the airport. And on Thursday,  
44 September 9th at 2:00 p.m. we will have a ribbon  
45 cutting ceremony for all members of Council to attend  
46 at the Manse Jolly Convenience Center. As you know,  
47 Harris Bridge is closed. The new center is open now  
48 and Thursday we will have that ribbon cutting -- Manse  
49 Jolly Road.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

1 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Moving on.  
3 Citizens Comments. Please sign up, state your name and  
4 your address and where you're from and address the  
5 Chair, please.  
6 MIKE PITTS: Mike Jones is the first one  
7 signed up this evening, Mr. Chairman.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: How many you got there?  
9 MIKE PITTS: Ten.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Mr. Jones.  
11 MIKE JONES: Members of Council, I  
12 appreciate you letting me speak for a few minutes. I'm  
13 Mike Jones from Powdersville, District Six. I'm, I'm  
14 not down here begging for money or wanting you to put  
15 sidewalks or parks, I'm concerned about the trash and  
16 litter in our area and other areas in the County. And  
17 it's happening, it's happening on Saturdays. Do you,  
18 do you have a litter officer?  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.  
20 MIKE JONES: Well, he needs to work on  
21 Saturday and be off on Wednesday or Thursday. And I'll  
22 tell you where the trash is coming from. People are  
23 driving to these landfills. I go to Three and Twenty  
24 at Powdersville. And they're coming in there and it's  
25 just like a drop off at school every morning. The poor  
26 man trying to run the place, he's got more than two  
27 people can do and these people's come in there with  
28 these trucks with barrels on them. They're not covered  
29 and I've got a paper right here where we give a half of  
30 mile of Old Pendleton Road in 1948, plus an  
31 intersection and some of the tight neighbors down the  
32 road wouldn't even give topsoil, we, on top of that  
33 give topsoil to get a good road. I'm mowing grass on  
34 the side of the road and I'm tired of picking up trash.  
35 I'm sick and tired of it. And if you've got a litter  
36 officer and I'm from the county and I'll tell you, if  
37 you, if a hen won't lay, don't keep feeding her. Make  
38 chicken salad out of her. And if he's not going to  
39 work, there's people needs to work. And he needs to go  
40 to these -- where these places where you put your trash  
41 and say, how come you're not covered? Here's you a  
42 ticket. And, and the one up at Three and Twenty, a  
43 fourth of the people that comes there on Saturdays  
44 coming out of Pickens County. I live up there. I know  
45 what I'm talking about. And I go to my farm in  
46 Abbeville twice a week, I pass through his territory  
47 down there at Creightonville and Trail Road on  
48 Saturday. There they go to garbage -- and they think  
49 cause they got it in sack that it's covered, but the  
50 whole sack flies out. Then these stray dogs that

1 tonight's been spent about talking about gets in them  
2 and tears them up. I am -- I've had enough of it and I  
3 think I -- we done our part when we give the land up  
4 there and if you -- if -- get the administrator -- the  
5 County Administrator to point out to this officer what  
6 his job is and put him on Saturday checking these  
7 places where these vehicles come in here not covered.  
8 It's not people throwing out Hardee boxes and all, it's  
9 people that's going to these places to get rid of their  
10 trash. And if you're concerned, it would affect every  
11 one of y'all. And he can write enough tickets to pay  
12 for two officers. I'm telling you what I know.

13 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Jones. Your,  
15 your concerns have been duly noted and we'll see what  
16 we can do about it.

17 MIKE JONES: Okay.

18 MIKE PITTS: Anthony Seville.

19 ANTHONY SEVILLE: Thank you. I -- do I have  
20 to reintroduce myself or are you okay? You know who I  
21 am.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Go ahead.

23 ANTHONY SEVILLE: Okay.

24 TOMMY DUNN: For the record.

25 ANTHONY SEVILLE: I'll tell you what concerns  
26 me is if you go anywhere here in Anderson County you'll  
27 see these black ethanol tankers sitting in every single  
28 siting. Now let me tell you, those are full of  
29 ethanol. People know that you can run an automobile on  
30 it and people know that you can drink this stuff. It  
31 might make you blind, it might kill you, but people  
32 know that you can drink it. So the first thing we've  
33 got to look at is tampering. If somebody tampers with  
34 it, let me tell you something, you're sitting on a  
35 bomb. It can blow up and once one tanker goes up, all  
36 of them will go up. And if you've ever seen a can of  
37 gasoline go up, it -- all it does is the flame comes  
38 straight out of it up the top and it travels a hang of  
39 a distance. Now there's already been a derailment in  
40 Williamston with this and the rail lines that we've got  
41 in our part of the County are in a bad state of repair.  
42 This is an accident waiting to happen. I'll tell you  
43 as far as this is concerned, this can cause an  
44 emergency and all sorts of problems here. And it's  
45 something that should be taken care of. And that's all  
46 I've got to say on it. I can enlarge on it if somebody  
47 would like to do, but just go down the road. Go two  
48 blocks down here and you'll see that there are twenty  
49 tankers sitting there. And let me tell you something,  
50 that'll blow half of Anderson away. Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.  
2 MIKE PITTS: Demika Thompson, if she's  
3 here.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Thompson?  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I think she left.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Think she's gone?  
7 MIKE PITTS: Next is James and I'm having  
8 a hard time making out the spelling of the last name --  
9 Lovey. I probably have that wrong.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: First name's James and you  
11 signed up, can you step up?  
12 MIKE PITTS: Maybe Flobey?  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Gone.  
14 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.  
15 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.  
16 East-West Connector. I was at the ANATS meeting. The  
17 state pretty well said you'll either take this four  
18 million dollars and we will landscape. If you don't  
19 take the four million, you're going to get a three lane  
20 road with no landscape. You know, that's, that's a bit  
21 of blackmail. The people there were told you either  
22 take the four million and make it five lanes and get  
23 landscaping or you don't take the extra four million  
24 and you don't get landscaping. The fact that you're  
25 only limiting six months, that's sad. It is sad.  
26 What's really sad is you choose to do it as an  
27 ordinance which means you've got two more readings  
28 which means you have a month and a half. And anyone  
29 who does a re-zoning change before then -- between then  
30 and now overrules your gig, if I read that correctly.  
31 I thought I heard that in it, you hopefully I didn't.  
32 The other thing is in the meeting Friday, the Finance  
33 meeting, I heard that you were going to try to get the  
34 City to chime in and help with some of this maintenance  
35 cost. I hope you got it done. If you didn't, we just  
36 paid for it as Anderson County and the City don't have  
37 to carry any of the tab with them. The other thing I'd  
38 like to say is, yeah, sometimes I may jump the gun on -  
39 - I heard Friday there was going to be a tax increase.  
40 But you need to understand this as a member, not a  
41 elected official, but as a member of the Anderson  
42 County Taxpayer's Association, we are going to dog you,  
43 each, all, and every time if we think you're increasing  
44 taxes. Understand it, know it, believe it, and be  
45 ready for it. Okay? If you're going to increase taxes  
46 or anything doing with our money -- you know, the fact  
47 that they didn't lower our taxes by one mil and  
48 switched it over to infrastructure -- as a taxpayer I'm  
49 kind of good with that because our roads and  
50 infrastructures are terrible because the Council in the

1 past has spent so much money on crap instead of the  
2 roads and the bridges and our infrastructure. The last  
3 thing I'd like to say is for what it's worth, Mark  
4 Powell is running for District, South Carolina House  
5 District Ten as a write in candidate and I'd appreciate  
6 anyone's vote for that. If you're in District Ten, I  
7 look forward to hopefully making some changes as a very  
8 outspoken conservative instead of people who just allow  
9 ---

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Powell, that's out of  
11 order. You can't run a campaign thing up here. I  
12 appreciate it though.

13 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Gone.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Freemantle.

16 MIKE PITTS: Jonathan Hill.

17 JONATHAN HILL: Thank you. I'm Jonathan  
18 Hill from District Four. On the tax increase wording,  
19 or the Item 12 on the agenda, I was also very disturbed  
20 by that because it clearly said tax increase of one  
21 million. I appreciate very much the clarification on  
22 what actually was the issue there. I would ask,  
23 however, that if there was not a tax increase that it  
24 would not be, that it would not say that there's a tax  
25 increase and just eliminate some confusion before it  
26 happens. The second thing is on re-zoning, we need to  
27 get out of the way of American small businesses across  
28 the board. Federal level, state level, and local  
29 level. And when a person wants to do something with  
30 their private property, unless there is some compelling  
31 reason why it's going to endanger other people's  
32 property rights, they ought to be able to do it.  
33 Especially when it's going to potentially bring more  
34 small business into the County. And, and furthermore,  
35 whenever you do go out and look at the land, why don't  
36 you take some time and go and talk to the neighbors  
37 before you just assume that no they don't want a  
38 certain, certain thing there like a car lot. Find out.  
39 Talk to people. And then the last thing is someone  
40 said earlier that a society would be judged by how it  
41 treats it's helpless. I couldn't agree with that more,  
42 but I would even go so far as to say that if one could  
43 hear the screams and the cries of the unborn, all the  
44 unborn babies that have been murdered in abortion  
45 clinics since the 1970's, that that thunder would  
46 completely drown out the cries of any mistreated  
47 animals. Thank you.

48 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

49 ELIZABETH FANT: That's hard to top. I have  
50 three items that I want to discuss. The first one I

1 want to discuss is about the Animal Shelter. I  
2 appreciate what Mr. Allen -- his synopsis and he and I  
3 have been saying the same thing, I guess. Just about  
4 every Ad Hoc meeting or one we've had together, we've  
5 both have said how the Anderson Independent has  
6 distorted and created animosity where there was none.  
7 Purposely said things that quoted people that were not  
8 even there, so I appreciate that. I'm sorry to hear  
9 about all those emails because I don't do emails. I'm  
10 trying to learn how, but I'm not there yet. So it's a  
11 blessing that I haven't seen all that. However, I will  
12 reiterate again -- Greg Smith, come up here a minute.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. That's out of  
14 order.  
15 ELIZABETH FANT: Okay. I'll tell him later  
16 then.  
17 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be fine.  
18 ELIZABETH FANT: The Animal Shelter is under  
19 lots of burdens. We all know that. They, they all  
20 know we work -- that you work hard and we appreciate  
21 that. We just want to make sure that our policies are  
22 straight and that everybody understands where we're  
23 going for, forth and that everybody's on the same page  
24 doing the same thing for the same reason. And the  
25 second thing I want to point out is about Carol Glenn.  
26 I think she got thrown under the bus. There was a lot  
27 of stuff that was said that was not necessary and was  
28 not meaning at all from her. The only question was she  
29 got an email and found out that half of the staff was  
30 at a wedding. It had nothing to do with the fact that  
31 half the staff was at a wedding. She was not  
32 antagonizing towards the event of the day. All she  
33 wanted to know was that she had been told that there  
34 had to be thirteen workers every day at the Shelter and  
35 there were only four and she asked why that was  
36 happening. A lot of you don't know because the Glenns  
37 are very private people and they don't go around  
38 boasting, but besides the land that they have given for  
39 this new shelter, the Glenns paid for the big sign  
40 that's out there at the Shelter, they paid for the  
41 landscaping that's out there, they paid for the  
42 irrigation, they paid for -- and don't get this wrong  
43 when I say this, but there are three cat houses out  
44 back that house extra kittens and cats. They have paid  
45 for the renovation of the air and the heat all without  
46 asking for praise or asking for anything. And the way  
47 they have been treated is deplorable and I do have to  
48 tell you Council members that you all have been part of  
49 that and I -- you should be ashamed of that. The third  
50 thing is ---



1                   MIKE PITTS:           That's time, Mr. Chairman.  
2     Dan Harvell.  
3                   TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you, Mr. Pitts.  
4                   DAN HARVELL:           I'll spare us some time. I  
5     think I made my points earlier. Thank you.  
6                   TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you, Mr. Harvell.  
7     Greatly appreciated.  
8                   MIKE PITTS:           And Kelly Blair is the last  
9     person signed up tonight, Mr. Chairman.  
10                  TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you. Ms. Blair.  
11                  KELLY BLAIR:           Hey there, Mr. Chairman and  
12     Council. I'm Kelly Blair and I am not a citizen of  
13     this County sadly. I live in Oconee County, but I  
14     operate a three acre no kill shelter -- five thousand  
15     square foot no kill shelter in Anderson County so I do  
16     pay some sales tax when I eat lunch and dinner here  
17     everyday. I would like to touch a little bit on what  
18     Mr. Allen spoke about with the Committee. I've been  
19     affiliated with the Anderson County Shelter for many  
20     years. My agency alone has sent Anderson County  
21     Shelter dogs and cats to the vet to the tune of about  
22     sixty thousand dollars over the last four years.  
23     That's to one vet. We also help with Oconee County  
24     pets. We help with Greenville County, a lot of the  
25     upstate shelters and I have to say that I've read these  
26     things in the, in the mail, in the newspaper, heard it  
27     on the radio, and it's very embarrassing, number one  
28     for me to be an upstate citizen and I work so hard for  
29     Anderson County Shelter to hear that they've been given  
30     a D rating. And I go in shelters all over this state  
31     and I can show you a D rating that still uses the gas  
32     chamber, inmates run the shelter. And I am very proud  
33     to be a part of Anderson County's Shelter and I thank  
34     each and every one of y'all that will step forward and  
35     give guidelines to this Committee. Nothing wrong with  
36     the Committee. Everybody needs some -- ten opinions.  
37     You know we may can take ten opinions and find out  
38     something that will be better for the animals. I've  
39     worked with Michelle and Greg for many years and I'm  
40     very proud to work with them. I've worked with several  
41     members of the Shelter Committee. I'm friends with  
42     several members of the Shelter Committee and I'm, I'm  
43     just terribly embarrassed -- I'm embarrassed about  
44     things that's coming out because we do have a good  
45     group of people at that Shelter. SOPs -- everybody  
46     needs to run their business, non-profit, we have a non-  
47     profit organization, we have an SOP. The Shelter needs  
48     an SOP. I'm not going to argue that fact at all, but I  
49     just want to say that we have -- this agency has given  
50     to Anderson County's Shelter. We've given our heart

1 and soul to the, to the pets there, and we've given our  
2 money that we've raised in jars in the community and  
3 grant money and we will continue to do that. And I  
4 also want to say that I, too, contacted a Committee  
5 member and told ---  
6 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.  
7 KELLY BLAIR: -- this Committee person  
8 that ---  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. That, that's  
10 times expired. Thank you much. Anyone else, Mr.  
11 Pitts? Thank you. Now it's time for Council's  
12 Comments and Remarks. Mr., Mr. Wilson.  
13 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I,  
14 I don't normally say anything, but I will tonight.  
15 There is a lot of animosity between the Advisory  
16 Committee and the staff at the Animal Shelter. And I  
17 think Greg and them have done a fine job out there.  
18 Can it be improved on and did we need the Standard  
19 Operating Procedure? I think so. And so we should  
20 always strive to improve a situation like this. But  
21 for people to stand up here tonight and to give Carol  
22 Glenn a pass is silly. Now she and her husband done a  
23 lot of this County and contribute a lot, they certainly  
24 have and we should be very proud of that and they  
25 should be commended for it. But when Carol Glenn does  
26 what she did and continues to bully people on that  
27 Advisory staff, it's time for her to go and she should  
28 step down and give this Committee -- this Advisory  
29 Committee a chance to function as it should. Thank  
30 you, Mr. Chairman.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wilson. Mr.  
32 Allen.  
33 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just a couple of  
34 quick comments. I, too, want to thank Sandy for your  
35 help back there on Tour de La France. She did a great  
36 job for us. And on the Animal Shelter, yes, I know  
37 we've, we've pretty much beat this subject to death,  
38 but the staff down there does a good job under the  
39 conditions that they have. That is not a pleasant  
40 place to work and, and what they have to do down there,  
41 I don't think I could do it. Can, can anyone improve  
42 in management? Sure they can. GE, Walmart, Home  
43 Depot, you name it, they are all continuously working  
44 on their management skills and improving. And that can  
45 be done any place, but those folks do a great job down  
46 there, but with the kind of comments that have come out  
47 in the recent past it makes it extremely difficult for  
48 them to work and, again, I've said it before, it's not  
49 helping the animals. And that's all I've got, Mr.  
50 Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.  
2 Floyd.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I have several  
4 things that I'll be quickly -- I'll be quick. Okay.  
5 First of all, Mr. Burns, okay. I need to ask you about  
6 something's in the budget concerning Mr. Daniel.  
7 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand he's supposed  
9 to be working only five hours a week.  
10 RUSTY BURNS: He was projected to work  
11 five hours a week for a total of twenty-five thousand  
12 dollars. I have requested that he perform ---  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Wait a minute.  
14 You're getting too far ahead of me. Okay. I was  
15 looking at the time cards and he's working forty to  
16 fifty hours per week. What's happening there?  
17 RUSTY BURNS: The way I interpreted that  
18 in the budget was that he would work five hours a week  
19 projected throughout the year or up to twenty-five  
20 thousand dollars. I have requested him to look into  
21 the Animal Shelter situation. That's why that  
22 additional time is there. He will not exceed twenty-  
23 five thousand dollars. It would be against the budget  
24 ordinance.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Also, Mr. Burns, I  
26 understand that there -- that he has brought in  
27 somebody else to work with him.  
28 RUSTY BURNS: He brought in an assistant  
29 to set up some computer operations for him.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now who's paying that  
31 bill?  
32 RUSTY BURNS: We'll be paying that. He'll  
33 be paying that out of his.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Why are we?  
35 RUSTY BURNS: Because we requested him to  
36 do that. I specifically requested him to do that.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: You requested him to bring  
38 somebody in to work even though we have a ---  
39 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. I requested him  
40 to complete an assignment.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So he brought  
42 somebody else in to work even though ---  
43 RUSTY BURNS: Yeah. I think the gentleman  
44 was here maybe ---  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Will you let me finish?  
46 RUSTY BURNS: I was trying to answer your  
47 question.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no. Wait til I  
49 finish. Okay. Because you might not understand the  
50 whole question. All right. He brought somebody else

1 in to work, we have a hiring freeze, he hired somebody  
2 and brought him in, and we've got to pay him?  
3 RUSTY BURNS: He brought a person who  
4 works for Green and Company in. We did not hire an  
5 additional person.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So who pays this guy  
7 that he brings in?  
8 RUSTY BURNS: I would imagine it will come  
9 through Mr. Daniel, but I can get you a definitive  
10 answer tomorrow, but we haven't hired any new  
11 employees.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. That would be nice to  
13 know because we have a hiring freeze on it.  
14 RUSTY BURNS: And we didn't hire anybody.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I don't know. It  
16 depends who's going to pay him. But, anyway, I would  
17 like to see that. And another thing I have here is  
18 Night Falls Landing. I was at Broadway Lake meeting  
19 the other night and Mr. Burns joined me there and Mr.  
20 Hopkins and I thank y'all for coming. And they tell me  
21 that we are doing great. Of course, I'm sure you  
22 remember that they named it, Gracie's Dance Hall.  
23 Well, come on and let's dance, honey, because we are  
24 doing wonderful in that area. We are -- people are  
25 renting it. We cannot -- we have very, very few open  
26 dates so that, that's a biggie for Broadway Lake and  
27 for, for Anderson County as well. Not only are we  
28 hiring it privately, we have companies that are coming  
29 in to, to be a part of that. So if you have not been  
30 there yet, please go. I think you will enjoy it. We  
31 have a couple of things to work on, but we do all  
32 right. Mr. Chairman, I took exception with the lady  
33 that came forward to speak spoke as a public citizen.  
34 She said she was a voting public citizen and I just  
35 took exception the way certain people in the audience  
36 called her out by name and, and, you know, said the  
37 things they've said about. We need to be careful when  
38 we allow that to happen because we're going to have  
39 people afraid to come to Council meeting. We already  
40 have a bunch that will not come to these meetings  
41 because of what happens the next day. But I just think  
42 it's wrong to when someone comes to speak that we say  
43 things like she's trying to get more money or, or she's  
44 the biggest lawyer or whatever was said. I don't think  
45 it was fair to her. And my last thing, Mr. Chairman,  
46 and I promise you I'm going to be, I'm going to be  
47 brief. Okay. Again I said, again I said that I did  
48 not leak anything. It wasn't marked confidential. I  
49 was asked a question. Did I have a copy? Folks, what  
50 was I supposed to say? Was I supposed to lie and say,

1 no, I don't have a copy? I'm not going to ever do that  
2 for anybody. I'm not going to ever. I may tell a lie  
3 in a few minutes and meet my God in the next minute and  
4 I don't want to stand before him and him tell me and  
5 ask me, Gracie, why did you lie? And I, I don't want  
6 to say to save somebody's butt who shouldn't have  
7 written anything like that anyway. Folks, be careful.  
8 If you cannot sign your name to it, if you cannot stand  
9 up and say that you've said it, then don't do it. I  
10 thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Moore.  
12 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
13 would just like to remind everybody again that we have  
14 the, the Belton Standpipe Festival coming up and we  
15 also have the Iva Depot Days that'll be coming up also.  
16 I think they're actually on the same day if I'm not  
17 mistaken in the first of October. Remind everybody to  
18 come. It's going to be a lot of fun. If you ever --  
19 they've got some tremendous cars and antiques and all  
20 kind of stuff, so it'll just be a lot of fun for  
21 everybody to come. Just remind you about it. I'll be  
22 reminding you about it again at the next meeting. I'll  
23 hopefully have some brochures to pass out for people  
24 here and a little bit more details. But also I would  
25 like to discuss -- I appreciate the Council members  
26 supporting passing the SOP tonight. I think it was the  
27 right thing to do and a lot of talk's been going on and  
28 I'm just glad that we're finally going to have a good  
29 procedure in place here in the next few weeks that  
30 everybody can live with. And it's about the animals  
31 and that's -- we've got a new facility we're going in  
32 to and we just want to make sure it's run in a first  
33 class manner. And -- but I would like to address some  
34 comments that was made tonight referencing Ms. Glenn.  
35 I have been friends with the Glenns for many years and  
36 I'm going to tell you, there's not a mean bone in  
37 either one of them's and it just hurts me that they  
38 would attack her like she did. What she sent was a  
39 confidential letter and it was confidential -- question  
40 and the legitimate question she asked was how many  
41 people does it take to run the Animal Shelter because  
42 there's thirteen has been put in the -- was requested  
43 for the Animal Shelter. That was a legitimate  
44 question. That's the only question she asked. And for  
45 things to get turned all completely out of whack and  
46 everybody get all upset about a question is just beyond  
47 me. I just don't quite understand. Anybody that  
48 especially knows the Glenns and their activities in  
49 church and everything. There's not a mean bone in  
50 either one of them and I just don't like the things

1 that's happened about that. With that I thank you, Mr.  
2 Chairman.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Moore. Mr.  
4 Crowder.

5 FRANCIS CROWDER: At this time, I have no  
6 remarks.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Bless you. Thank you and  
8 thank you. Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

9 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 Following Mr. Moore's comments regarding the situation  
11 and Mr. Allen's report, we basically through that  
12 Committee under the bus so speak. That's been used  
13 frequently tonight, because we failed to give them  
14 direction and to point out to them that they're  
15 advisory to Council. My recommendation was that they  
16 start addressing all communication to the Council and  
17 simultaneously, the Administrator. The email in  
18 question I never saw until there were copies put out  
19 for us and it was absolutely a legitimate question.  
20 Facebook entries are not private entries, private  
21 entries. They tell high school and college students if  
22 you don't want the world to know, don't put it on  
23 Facebook. But the question was a very serious one.  
24 The minutes would reflect that the Committee was told  
25 that they had to have thirteen people staffing the  
26 Animal Shelter every morning and the question was if  
27 that's the case, then how could all these people be  
28 gone? So the main thing is when we put our private  
29 citizens in positions where they're to advise us, we  
30 should at least give them some input. That Committee  
31 did an incredible job, they've done an incredible  
32 service. I think there are going to be some really  
33 good things to come out of it that will benefit the  
34 animals and the people in this County. I ---

35 END OF SIDE ONE, TAPE THREE

36 CINDY WILSON: Animal Shelter Advisory  
37 Committee minutes posted. I think if the actual  
38 minutes are taken and then posted then that alleviates  
39 a lot of questions that people have as to what actually  
40 took place. So I'm going to request that we have the  
41 up to date minutes posted and post them in a timely  
42 manner so that there won't be these misunderstandings.  
43 The ethanol message that one of the gentleman made to  
44 us tonight is a really serious one. We did pass a  
45 resolution imploring and requesting help and I'll  
46 certainly reissue that. I'm so fearful that the  
47 scenario like the gentleman mentioned or something else  
48 bad will happen and I hope we can avoid that. Thank  
49 you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'll be brief.

1 I just want to say we've got some good things going on  
2 in Anderson. Haven't got a chance to go up to the  
3 exits Clemson Highway, Liberty Highway, and 81 to see  
4 the lightings that went on last week. It's phenomenal.  
5 I think it's going to be great safety and also great  
6 for the economic development. I think it's going to  
7 really pay off. Secondly, the Tour de France. I  
8 think it's only going to grow and I want to thank  
9 everybody that had a part in that in putting that  
10 together. And all this is going to be good for  
11 Anderson and great and grow. It's for good causes and  
12 I think it's going to be great tremendously. I want to  
13 say last but not least the Animal Shelter thing. We  
14 can sit here all night long about this that and the  
15 other. We need to move on. And, you know, it's not  
16 about, you know, the Glenns this and that and the other  
17 and keep bringing this back up. We need to move on and  
18 work together to keep up about the animals. That's what  
19 this things all about. We spent more time tonight not  
20 talking about the animals, but about this. Who said  
21 what about said what. It's debatable. I'm not going  
22 to get into it. You know, about thirteen people. I  
23 don't even think thirteen people work at the whole  
24 Animal Shelter. That'd make it -- wouldn't nobody get  
25 a day off. I'm not going to get into that. But let's  
26 move on. And they had directions and I brought this  
27 up before, what Mr. Allen brought up, it's in the  
28 ordinance their directions. I even brought this up to  
29 Council members and had it handed to me, but we will  
30 define that. I've asked, I've asked Mr. Moore for us  
31 to have an Ad Hoc Committee and get on the thing. The  
32 main thing we need to keep in mind is what it's for --  
33 for the best of the animals and let's move on.  
34 Because, you know, we just don't need to keep on and on  
35 and on with this thing. Making this thing a  
36 personality conflict tonight. Because if it don't move  
37 on I can promise you, Council person's going to make a  
38 motion to disband this Committee and probably get the  
39 votes. It has done some good stuff and it continues to  
40 do some good stuff as long as we keep that in mind. If  
41 no objection, we'll be adjourned.

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47 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.