

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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**CORRECTED**

**Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
MINUTES**

**Special Recognition Section – April 21, 2015 - 6:01 p.m.**

Kimberly A. Poulin, Clerk to Council

**PRESENT**

Francis M. Crowder, Sr. - District One  
J. Michelle Cole – District Three  
Tom Allen – District Four  
Vice Chairman Ken Waters - District Six  
M. Cindy Wilson - District Seven

Rusty Burns – County Administrator  
Kimberly Poulin - Clerk to Council

- Gracie S. Floyd – District Two - Absent

This section of the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting - April 7, 2015 - 6:31 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District One  
Gracie S. Floyd – District Two  
J. Mitchell Cole – District Three  
Tom Allen – District Four  
Vice Chairman Ken Waters - District Six  
M. Cindy Wilson- District Seven

Rusty Burns- County Administrator  
Leon Harmon - County Attorney  
Kim Poulin – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval. The regular business meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Poulin  
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina    )  
County   of           Anderson    )

CORRECTED

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:  
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
KEN WATERS, VICE CHAIRMAN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER  
GRACIE FLOYD  
J. MICHAEL COLE  
TOM ALLEN  
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the Anderson County Council presentation portion  
3 of our meeting to order, April 21st, 2015. And at  
4 this time I'd like to call on Item number 2,  
5 Resolutions 2(a), R 2015-024. Mr. Ken Waters. Mr.  
6 Waters.

7 KEN WATERS: Resolution R2015-024. A  
8 resolution to honor Mary Sue Threatt and Ashley Edge  
9 for contributions to our community through  
10 environmental control contributions; and other  
11 matters related thereto.

12 **WHEREAS**, litter, in all its forms, has  
13 become a nuisance and threat to public health and  
14 safety within Anderson County; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Anderson County desires to be pro-  
16 active in maintaining a safe and healthy environment  
17 for the citizens of our County; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council wishes  
19 to recognize the efforts of individual citizens who  
20 without urging take action to ensure Anderson County  
21 is clean and present a wholesome natural environment  
22 to fellow citizens and visitors alike; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mary Sue Threatt and her  
24 granddaughter Ashley Edge have been observed cleaning  
25 up the Mountain View Road area near Pendleton; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Ashley Edge, a twelve year old who  
27 resides in Pelzer with her parents, Grady and Cathy  
28 Edge, eagerly assists her grandmother in beautifying  
29 her neighborhood with the hopes that others will see  
30 their efforts and begin a clean-up project of their  
31 own.

32 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council  
33 recognizes that the key to success in a community is  
34 its people--especially those who demonstrate  
35 qualities of individual excellence, servant  
36 leadership, and unselfish devotion to their  
37 community.

38 We, the Council, are grateful for both of  
39 your efforts and hope that others in the community  
40 will take your lead and begin a beautification  
41 project of their own.

42 This resolution shall take effect and be in  
43 force immediately upon enactment;

44 **RESOLVED** in meeting duly assembled this 21st  
45 day of April, 2015. Anderson County Council.

46 And I bring that in the form of a motion,  
47 Mr. Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and  
49 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none,  
50 all in favor of the motion show of hands. All

1 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
2 unanimously. Mr. Waters.

3 KEN WATERS: I'd like for the County  
4 Council, Ms. Threatt and Ashley, if you won't mind,  
5 will you come up and we'll get a picture and ...

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?

7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to be excused  
9 from going up and down the steps, please.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

11 **(PRESENTATION)**

12 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to the next item  
13 on the agenda, Item number 3, Proclamation.  
14 Councilman Cole. Mr. Cole.

15 MITCHELL COLE: This is a proclamation  
16 proclaiming the week of April 27 to May 1st as Air  
17 Quality Awareness. (Inaudible)

18 TOMMY DUNN: You can't hear?

19 TOM ALLEN: She can't hear.

20 TOMMY DUNN: You can't? Okay.

21 TOM ALLEN: It's either not on or not  
22 close enough.

23 TOMMY DUNN: It ain't on.

24 MITCHELL COLE: **WHEREAS**, Anderson County,  
25 South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a  
26 political subdivision of the State of South Carolina,  
27 recognizes the importance of air quality to every  
28 man, woman and child and to the protection of  
29 economic vitality in Anderson County and the Upstate;  
30 and,

31 **WHEREAS**, Clean air is essential for the  
32 survival of human beings, animals and plants; and  
33 poor air quality affects the environment, economy and  
34 health of all Anderson County citizens; and

35 **WHEREAS**, The summer months bring a higher  
36 incidence of days when ozone pollution may pose a  
37 risk to Anderson County citizens and environment; and  
38 that children; people with lung diseases, such as  
39 asthma; older adults and people with heart disease  
40 are more vulnerable to outdoor air pollution; and

41 **WHEREAS**, Committing to support outreach and  
42 education efforts, identifying specific actions for  
43 our community and implementing these as part of  
44 collaborative effort to ensure that Anderson County  
45 and the Upstate maintain a level of air quality that  
46 allows our region to reach its full potential as a  
47 great place to live, work and play; and,

48 **WHEREAS**, Recognizing this is not just an  
49 Anderson County issue, but instead it is an Upstate  
50 issue and that each and every person is a steward of

1 air quality upon which future generations depend;  
2 NOW THEREFORE, Anderson County, acting by  
3 and through its County Council, hereby proclaims the  
4 week of April 27 through May 1, 2015, to be "Anderson  
5 County Air Quality Awareness Week" in order to raise  
6 public awareness of the importance of air quality and  
7 encourage community action to reduce air pollution  
8 levels during this week and throughout the year.

9 And, Mr. Chairman, I make this in the form  
10 of a motion.

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Cole and  
13 second by Mr. Crowder. Any discussion? All in favor  
14 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
15 Show the motion carries unanimously.

16 At this time this portion of Council meeting  
17 will be adjourned. We'll be starting back our  
18 regular council meeting at 6:30. If any Council  
19 members hadn't and wishing to get their picture took  
20 for the web page, stay in the conference room. Thank  
21 y'all.

22  
23 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED 6:10 P.M.)**

State of South Carolina     )  
County   of           Anderson    )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:  
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
KEN WATERS, VICE CHAIRMAN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER  
GRACIE FLOYD  
J. MICHAEL COLE  
TOM ALLEN  
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
KIM POULIN  
LEON HARMON

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the Anderson County Council regular meeting of  
3 April 21st to order. And at this time I'll ask  
4 Councilman Mitch Cole if he'd lead us in the  
5 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all  
6 rise, please.

7 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY**  
8 **MR. MITCHELL COLE)**

9 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, moving on to  
10 Item -- agenda Item number 3, approval of the minutes  
11 of April 7th, 2015. Are there any changes or  
12 corrections to be made to those minutes?

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm surprised, Chairman.  
14 I don't have any tonight.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone? Hearing none, do  
16 I have a motion to accept?

17 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion to accept.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder. Have  
19 a second?

20 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. All in  
22 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
23 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

24 Moving on, Item number 4, Citizens Comments.  
25 At this time, Attorney Mr. Harmon will call your  
26 name. You got three minutes. Please state your name  
27 and your district you're from and first part of the  
28 Council meeting is only on agenda items only. Second  
29 part will be all -- speak to anything on the second,  
30 at the end of the meeting, comments at the end of the  
31 meeting. For now it's agenda items only. Have three  
32 minutes. Please address the Chair. Mr. Harmon.

33 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one  
34 citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

36 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, y'all. I'm  
37 speaking on Item number 11(d), transfers. Going to  
38 do a little fussing here. Probably a couple of  
39 months ago I had brought up to the Council the fact  
40 that since the gas prices were so much lower that we  
41 needed to put that excess that everybody had put in  
42 their budgets in reserve. And hopefully that money  
43 would just not get used and be turned over when the  
44 budget turns over in July the 31st. But this  
45 transfer from the Sheriff blows that out of the  
46 bounds of reasons.

47 The Sheriff has a transfer from fuel and oil  
48 in the amount of a hundred and twenty-five thousand  
49 and all of a sudden there's a list of about ten  
50 things of where that money's going. Fifty thousand

1 to ammunition, chemicals, forensics, office supplies,  
2 twenty thousand. Supplies -- safety supplies, twenty  
3 thousand. And a few others.

4 Now, I know that the Sheriff knows how to  
5 budget money and I know that he usually does a good  
6 job. But this, to me, is like taking bonus money and  
7 trying to spend it on other things before the end of  
8 the year. The taxpayers in Anderson County are taxed  
9 to the limit. They can't afford another cent.  
10 Between the government lying to us all -- you can  
11 keep your doctor and your health plans will be much  
12 lower -- that's not happening. For most people their  
13 health plans are twice as much. And then they don't  
14 even get anything until after they've paid five  
15 thousand dollars of their own money before insurance  
16 even kicks in. Plus the Obama czars and what he's  
17 done with power and Duke Power. I got my bill the  
18 other day and it had a little circular in it and it  
19 talked about what the costs were to Duke Power from  
20 2014 to 2022, their additional costs it's going to  
21 cost them, which of course will get passed on to us.  
22 In 2014 it was two billion. In 2022 it's like  
23 twenty-four billion. And I understand that the Duke  
24 Power costs to all of us between 2014 and 2016 is  
25 going to go up forty percent. Where are your seniors  
26 and other people on fixed incomes going to pay for  
27 this?

28 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be time. Anyone  
29 else, Mr. Harmon?

30 LEON HARMON: No one else has signed up,  
31 Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

33 Moving on to Item number 5, a video  
34 presentation for Council's vision for Green Pond.  
35 Ms. Angie Stringer.

36 ANGIE STRINGER: As all of you know,  
37 recently the Green Pond Project was completed. We  
38 had Bass Masters, thanks to the Council's vision and  
39 making this facility a reality. So we have a team at  
40 the county and I just want to introduce them real  
41 quick. We put together a video based on video of --  
42 and pictures -- from the entire project so this is a  
43 documentary and put together in house completely. So  
44 I want to introduce you to our team. We have interns  
45 from Career Campus 5. We have Katie Gilliland, and  
46 Jay Cline Ellington. And then we have Ms. Kelly  
47 Turpin, and Steve Combs, Lauren Godfrey, and Rachel  
48 Skipper. So this is totally in house. And we're  
49 real proud of it and we hope you'll enjoy it.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate



1 y'all.

2 **(VIDEO PRESENTATION)**

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Stinger.  
4 Appreciate it. Still a couple more people out in the  
5 audience I want to recognize. Matt, Sharon, Lynn,  
6 y'all got anything y'all like to say? I appreciate  
7 y'all, all the hard work y'all done. And most of the  
8 folks say you get paid, that's your job, but no,  
9 y'all done a whole lot -- way beyond your job. I was  
10 out there way after hours and y'all was out there  
11 working, doing things, and appreciate what y'all done  
12 to make this possible and something for the citizens  
13 of Anderson County to be proud for years and years to  
14 come. I know it's something y'all should be very  
15 proud about. Really appreciate y'all. Thank you.  
16 Thank you very much. Thank y'all.

17 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

19 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I would just like to  
20 thank Angie and the crew that put this together.  
21 That was very well done. That was very, very well  
22 done. So thank you for what you did there.

23 TOMMY DUNN: It was my -- Mr. Waters?

24 KEN WATERS: When you talk about bass  
25 fishing, you usually don't catch me speechless. But  
26 wow! That was good. I am impressed and look forward  
27 to seeing some more of that work. Let's go fishing  
28 now.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all very much.

30 Moving on to Item number 6 on the agenda.  
31 Request to speak to Council concerning Brown Road  
32 drainage. Mr. Greg Alewine. Give it just a second,  
33 Mr. Alewine. Let them get out of your way and they  
34 won't bother you.

35 GREG ALEWINE: Okay.

36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Help him with the mike,  
37 Mr. Burns.

38 GREG ALEWINE: Thank you, Council.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

40 GREG ALEWINE: Well, if I had known they  
41 were going to have the Bass Masters Tournament next  
42 year, I'd have invited them to my backyard and they  
43 could fish through that gully that's going through  
44 it. And my neighbors, too. I got a call this week  
45 -- let me start back about sixteen years ago. I  
46 bought property on Brown Road in Sunrise Harbor, next  
47 to Brown Road. When I bought it, the plat showed no  
48 pipes ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: Can you get the microphone  
50 a little bit? She can't hear you.

1 GREG ALEWINE: Hello, hello, hello.

2 TOMMY DUNN: There you go.

3 TOM ALLEN: There you go.

4 GREG ALEWINE: About sixteen years I  
5 bought my house at Sunrise Harbor on Brown Road. The  
6 plat showed no pipes coming through. I inspected the  
7 property. There were no pipes coming on to my yard.  
8 About a year and a half ago, Mr. Crowder, I think it  
9 is, Bobby Patterson that lives in my neighborhood is  
10 in my home owners association, used to work for  
11 Department of -- South Carolina Department of  
12 Transportation, which Brown Road was a state road  
13 until I think about ten years ago. He got to making  
14 some inquiries about the road and the rough ride and  
15 all that kind of stuff. The county came out and  
16 looked around and they saw on Dicky McClellion's side  
17 of Brown Road there was a pipe coming through and it  
18 was evidently coming through to my property. And not  
19 only that, there was a pipe coming all the way down  
20 the other side of Brown Road at the Sunrise Harbor  
21 sign on to my property. So I've suddenly become a  
22 holding pond for the county of Anderson. They  
23 cleared all those out. They took down about a  
24 hundred year old oak tree. I had fourteen year old  
25 variegated ligustrum growing on the -- as a barrier  
26 between me and the road. They shaved the hill down.  
27 They did put me some trees back. Tony Owens did  
28 everything he could do, bless his heart, he did as  
29 good a job as he could do. They opened that pipe up,  
30 put a new one in, and they put five and ten pound  
31 riprap in front of it. And he said, Greg, I think  
32 this will disperse the water and it will go out over  
33 the property, you know, it won't be a problem.

34 Well we had that hundred years rain last  
35 year. The thing came gully washing through. It took  
36 the big riprap rocks and threw them like they were  
37 pebbles all over my backyard. So I called Councilman  
38 Crowder. He came out, he's been out several times.  
39 He's been a great help and a great assistance. Guys  
40 have been back out. But to say all that, I say this,  
41 you know, it's destroying my property value. And  
42 I've got both sides -- I keep being told that the  
43 letter of the law is this. Well, that's the natural  
44 flow of the water. But anytime you dig a hole or a  
45 gully or a ditch and you point it at somebody, you  
46 tell me what's natural about that. On Dicky  
47 McClellion's side of Brown Road, luckily, he's got  
48 the terraced fields, you know, about twenty-seven  
49 acres. If -- since he's passed, if they ever develop  
50 that into a subdivision or something, all of that

1 water's going to drain exponentially more right into  
2 my backyard.

3 And then got a text this week from my  
4 neighbor -- I got a new neighbor, Paul Bates, he  
5 moved from up North. He said, Greg, got a swimming  
6 pool in my backyard. I said, mine or yours? He said  
7 mine. He said yours is the river that's feeding it.  
8 He's lower than my yard. So we've got both sides of  
9 Brown Road draining through my backyard down into his  
10 backyard. I'm being told it's the natural flow and  
11 unless God makes thirty-six inch concrete pipes that  
12 go under roads, there's nothing natural about that.

13 I understand that you've got to do what  
14 you've got to do and the water's got to go somewhere.  
15 And you know, I'll be perfectly honest with you, my  
16 title insurance says that the county has right-of-way  
17 so, you know, legally, I don't have a foot to stand  
18 on. What I'm looking for is some warm bodies with  
19 some brains to say let's figure this out. It's, you  
20 know, if you look in the back of my subdivision, they  
21 put adequate storm drainage to go down to the lake.  
22 If they were to dig the ditch on Dicky McClellion's  
23 side of Brown Road another hundred, two hundred feet,  
24 that water would drain on down to Lake Hartwell and  
25 there would be no need for it to come under Brown  
26 Road and into my yard. Now what could be done about  
27 the pipe that comes out on the King Road side, you  
28 know, in my yard, I don't have a clue. But if I  
29 could just get rid of one of them, even, you know, it  
30 would be helpful. But I hate to destroy my property  
31 value over something I didn't know. And I've had  
32 conversations with people and they say well, caveat  
33 emptor, you know, if you buy a pig in a poke, you get  
34 a pig in a poke. But in all honesty, those pipes  
35 weren't visible, they weren't on the plat. I'm just  
36 going to turn it right back on the county. You know,  
37 if you put the pig in the poke, then -- and that's  
38 your job is to zone these things to where people are  
39 protected. If it's going to be too much water  
40 running on a piece of land, don't zone it for  
41 residential. Just that simple. Of course, at the  
42 time it wasn't yours. It was the state's. So you  
43 see my dilemma. And I'm not trying to be  
44 unreasonable. I know there's probably thousands and  
45 thousands of people in the county that have these  
46 kind of problems.

47 But Councilman Crowder, he encouraged me to  
48 come to speak with you guys. And I said, is it going  
49 to do any good? He said, well, I don't know, but you  
50 won't know until you try. So I'll just yield the

1 rest of my time. And if you guys could figure  
2 something out for me -- you want to send Tony back  
3 out or a civil engineer, or anybody. I've got some  
4 ideas, but it's -- not only is it hurting my yard,  
5 it's ruining -- and I've got -- I've also got  
6 pictures and videos that I could email to any of the  
7 Council members that would be interested in looking  
8 at it. And like I said, it's right on Brown Road.  
9 But just trying to be a little proactive here.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Alewine, I can't make  
11 no promises, but we'll definitely look at it. Get  
12 staff to look at it. And we'll -- somebody from  
13 staff or Mr. Crowder or somebody will get in touch  
14 with you and see what we can do. Like I said, I  
15 don't know what you're talking about as far as your  
16 piece -- particular piece of property, I know the  
17 area. But we'll look at it and if there's anything  
18 can be done, we'll sure try to do our best.

19 GREG ALEWINE: Thank you, sir. Thank  
20 you, Council.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else got anything?  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Have you talked to Mr.  
25 Hopkins about this situation; this problem? I know  
26 you talked to Tony.

27 GREG ALEWINE: Holt knows about it.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But you ---  
29 GREG ALEWINE: They all know about it.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But have you talked  
31 to him about a possible resolution? Since he's the  
32 supervisor out there and all that.

33 GREG ALEWINE: I've talked to his  
34 underlings.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: His what?  
36 GREG ALEWINE: His underlings, the people  
37 that work for him. You know, and they've sent some  
38 people -- you know, they won't knock on my door, they  
39 won't call me, they'll -- I'll walk out in the yard  
40 and just happen to see somebody marking something or  
41 looking at something, you know. And I'll say --  
42 well, we're looking at this pipe situation. Well,  
43 what's going to be done about it? Well, we don't  
44 know. I'm telling you it's a bureaucratic nightmare  
45 and the ball's getting pushed around. I would just  
46 like to see the weight of Council get behind it and  
47 let's do the right thing.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Like I said, we'll try --  
49 can't make no promises, but we'll definitely look  
50 into it. Somebody will be in touch with you. Okay?

1 GREG ALEWINE: That's all I'm asking for.  
2 Thank you, guys.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for being so  
4 gracious.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
6 --  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, I'm sorry. Go  
8 ahead, Ms. Floyd.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- what's your last  
10 name?  
11 GREG ALEWINE: Alewine.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Alewine, I would  
13 suggest that you do contact Mr. Hopkins; okay? It's  
14 good that you have talked to his -- what do you call  
15 them -- underlings?  
16 GREG ALEWINE: Well, his employees or  
17 whoever works for him.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: It's good that you've  
19 talked to them. But Holt, I'm going to ask that you  
20 please make an attempt to get in touch with him and  
21 you two get together because I know you have done  
22 some great -- some good things in this sort of thing  
23 in Anderson County and I know that you can solve  
24 this.  
25 GREG ALEWINE: And listen, Tony did a  
26 great job.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Tony always does.  
28 GREG ALEWINE: Tony did everything he  
29 could possibly do. This isn't a complaint.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that.  
31 GREG ALEWINE: This is just a cry for  
32 help.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: I understand. Appreciate  
34 your predicament.  
35 GREG ALEWINE: Thanks guys.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, I think, got  
37 -- are through, Ms. Floyd? Thank you.  
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Hopkins has been  
39 involved. Remember, I brought him out and Mr. Burns  
40 ---  
41 GREG ALEWINE: You talked to him more  
42 than I have.  
43 FRANCIS CROWDER: So they were both  
44 involved. Both analyzed what the probabilities were,  
45 so I don't want it to look like Holt has not been out  
46 there. Or that Mr. Burns hasn't been out there. So  
47 that it won't be like, you know, we haven't tried.  
48 But, you know, I did ask you to come. Mr. Dunn,  
49 who's Chairman, has promised you that we're going to  
50 look at it. You accomplished your goal.

1 GREG ALEWINE: Thank you, guys.

2 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you for coming.

3 GREG ALEWINE: Thank you so much.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

5 Moving on to Item number 7, Discussion  
6 Concerning Fair Housing and reading of Resolution.  
7 Ms. Floyd. Councilman Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I am doing  
9 this tonight because this resolution that we have  
10 here, that we got it last week is -- it comes from  
11 the state of South Carolina and the Housing Authority  
12 in South -- in the state has asked us to do this  
13 every year. The last week, it was not read. It was  
14 just put into the agenda without reading it. And I  
15 asked why and I was told that we didn't have to read  
16 everything that came. But this is a resolution  
17 that's too important for us not to read. So tonight  
18 I am -- I'd like to read it out so that people who  
19 are at home who's listening to this and people in the  
20 audience can hear this. When something is put into  
21 the minutes without being read, no one knows about  
22 it. No one hears it. I understand that the same  
23 night we had a Fair Housing resolution that something  
24 was going on at the Civic Center. I knew nothing  
25 about it. And the people that I asked about it knew  
26 nothing about it. So tonight we're going to read  
27 Resolution #R2015-017. It's a Resolution supporting  
28 Fair Housing in Anderson County and Other Matters  
29 Related Thereto.

30 **Whereas,** Anderson County supports the Fair  
31 Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in  
32 housing because of race, color, national origin,  
33 religion, sex, familial status or handicap; and

34 **Whereas,** Anderson County participates in the  
35 Community Development Block Grant Program, and has  
36 certified, through its Administrator, that it will  
37 adhere to all applicable requirements in the receipt  
38 of those federal funds; and

39 **Whereas,** Anderson County is committed to  
40 enforcing policies that provide its citizens with  
41 greater housing opportunities.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Anderson  
43 County that:

44 1. Anderson County will undertake efforts,  
45 including, but not limited to, this resolution to  
46 make its citizens aware of their rights under the  
47 Fair Housing Act. I'd like to read that again.  
48 Anderson County will undertake efforts, including,  
49 but not limited to, this resolution to make its  
50 citizens aware of their rights under the Fair Housing

1 Act and to deter housing discrimination in any form.  
2 2. All orders and resolutions in conflict  
3 herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only,  
4 repealed and rescinded.

5 3. Should any part or portion of this  
6 resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise  
7 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction,  
8 such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof,  
9 all of which is hereby deemed separable.

10 4. This resolution will take effect and be  
11 in force upon enactment.

12 It was resolved on the 7th day of April,  
13 2015 in the meeting of Anderson County Council. But  
14 because it was not read to the public as we do all  
15 other resolutions, I thought it was only right and  
16 fair to bring it back tonight. Thank you.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

18 Moving on to Item number 8, Third Readings.  
19 Number 8(a) 2015-004, an ordinance updating the  
20 County Road Functional Classification List.  
21 Mr. Michael Forman. Mr. Forman, you got anything,  
22 any comments?

23 MICHAEL FORMAN: No, sir.

24 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion?

25 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder and  
27 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of  
28 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
29 Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr.  
30 Forman.

31 Now moving on to Item number 8(b), Third  
32 Reading. Note to Council, this agenda item -- it's  
33 the third reading, which requires a public hearing.  
34 Public hearing was properly noticed in the newspaper  
35 for general circulation. We will now hold a public  
36 hearing on this matter. This ain't no public hearing  
37 on this right here. I got my notes wrong. No, I'm  
38 sorry.

39 Moving to 8(b). Give me a second. Sorry,  
40 public hearing was last meeting, Ms. Poulin. This  
41 will be Item 8(b), Ordinance authorizing the  
42 execution and delivery of one or more incentive  
43 agreements by and among Anderson County, South  
44 Carolina and Project WEXLER. Mr. Burriss Nelson.

45 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
46 Members of Council, Mr. Burns has copies of ??? last  
47 two pages of ??? Company is bringing eleven million  
48 dollars in capital investment, forty-nine jobs at  
49 fifteen dollars twenty-six cent an hour. Approximate  
50 payroll of ??? Annual payroll of a ???. Package

1 also ??? First four years ??? This project comes to  
2 Council with the recommendation of staff and Advisory  
3 Development Advisory Board.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions,  
5 comments for Mr. Nelson? We have a motion?

6 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We  
8 have second? Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in  
9 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
10 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

11 Now we're moving on to 8(c) 2015-009, an  
12 ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property in  
13 Alliance Park in accordance with that certain  
14 agreement to purchase and sale land ("purchase  
15 agreement") by and between Anderson County, South  
16 Carolina and WEXLER, the grant of a right of first  
17 refusal in accordance with that certain right of  
18 first refusal agreement by and between the county and  
19 the company with regard to the purchase of any of the  
20 county's property in Alliance Park not acquired under  
21 the purchase agreement and other matters related  
22 thereto. Mr. Nelson.

23 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chair, we do need to  
24 hold a public hearing on Item 8(b) and 8(c).

25 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

26 LEON HARMON: There was -- those public  
27 hearings were noticed in the newspaper for this  
28 meeting. And we're required by state law to hold a  
29 public hearing.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I thought that's the  
31 note you gave me, but I didn't see it on the thing  
32 here. Okay. I gotcha. We're back up then. We'll  
33 have a public hearing on 8(b). Anyone wishing to  
34 speak to this matter, please step forward and state  
35 your name and district and address the Chair. Anyone  
36 at all wishing to speak to this. Anyone? Anyone at  
37 all? Hearing none, public hearing will be closed.  
38 We'll do that again, ask Mr. Crowder to make the  
39 motion.

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion that we  
41 approve the project.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it.  
43 Now any further discussion? All in favor -- we're  
44 voting on (b) again for the second time. Make it --  
45 all in favor show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
46 Show the motion carries unanimously.

47 Now moving on to 8(c). And this will be --  
48 what I said, will be a public hearing. Anyone  
49 wishing to speak to this matter, please address the  
50 Chair, state your name and district. Be a public



1 hearing. Anyone at all that wishes to speak to this.  
2 Item 8(c), 2015-009. Anyone?  
3 STAN WELCH: Mr. Chairman, I'm just  
4 going to take advantage of an opportunity. Stan  
5 Welch, District 4.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.  
7 STAN WELCH: Could you please tell us  
8 the purchase price of this land y'all are getting  
9 ready to sell the company?  
10 TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Nelson will be  
11 touching on that maybe when he comes up.  
12 BURRISS NELSON: Thirty-two thousand five  
13 hundred dollars. ???  
14 STAN WELCH: Thank you.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
16 Hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have  
17 discussion in a minute. Mr. Nelson, you got any  
18 comments on this?  
19 BURRISS NELSON: ????  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?  
21 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have a question. Kind  
22 of walk me through first refusal. I mean, I know  
23 what first refusal is, but how long are we  
24 indemnified to give them the right of first refusal  
25 and how do we unwind it should somebody walk up and  
26 say I want to buy the property for ---  
27 BURRISS NELSON: We've offered them five  
28 years ???  
29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Five years, but does it  
30 say that in here? I missed that.  
31 BURRISS NELSON: Five years from today.  
32 ???? Moving much faster than original ???  
33 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah, I know that. I was  
34 just wondering if they were to all of a sudden BMW  
35 decides they can't do whatever they do, are we stuck  
36 with that piece of land out there, like a dangling  
37 participle in English?  
38 BURRISS NELSON: ???  
39 FRANCIS CROWDER: This is actually more for  
40 the media than it is for **council**. Okay, thank you.  
41 Got that out there?  
42 CINDY WILSON: May I --  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?  
44 CINDY WILSON: That clause in the right  
45 of first refusal agreement, they have a period of  
46 five years for the right of first refusal at the  
47 thirty-two five per acre. And if the county shall  
48 receive a bonafide offer to purchase the additional  
49 property, which is acceptable to the county as  
50 provided above hereinafter called an offer, the

1 county shall promptly notify the company in writing  
2 of such offer and of all terms and conditions  
3 thereof. If the company shall notify the county in  
4 writing within sixty days of the company's receipt of  
5 such notice, of its exercise of the refusal right,  
6 and pays any earnest money deposit required by the  
7 offer, then the additional property shall be acquired  
8 by the company at the purchase price of thirty-two  
9 five per acre.

10 My only concern is that should they be  
11 languishing on it the fourth or fifth year and they  
12 haven't exercised their right of refusal and some hot  
13 prospect comes along, sixty days might be a bit  
14 lengthy. So I would suggest that we might look at  
15 that. I know in houses, we'll do like forty-eight to  
16 seventy-two hours, called a kick-out clause. So that  
17 might be something to think about. Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a  
19 motion to move this? Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a  
20 second.

21 TOM ALLEN: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Further  
23 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of  
24 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
25 carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

26 Moving on to Item number (d), 2015-010, an  
27 ordinance amending Chapter 53 of the Code of  
28 Ordinance, Anderson County, South Carolina so as to  
29 add Article IV pertaining to the solicitation of  
30 funds on roads and streets; and matters related  
31 thereto. Have a motion?

32 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder.  
34 Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none,  
35 all in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
36 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
37 unanimously.

38 Moving on to item number 9, Mr. Burns. Do  
39 we need number 9?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, we absolutely  
41 need number 9.

42 TOMMY DUNN: We have -- ask to make a  
43 motion to go into Executive Session for economic  
44 development matters.

45 MITCHELL COLE: So moved.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Cole. Have a  
47 second?

48 TOM ALLEN: Second.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in  
50 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like

1 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Can we  
2 go back here?

3 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:12 PM TO 7:25 PM)**

4 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to come  
5 back into session?

6 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion we go back  
7 to session.

8 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from Mr.  
9 Crowder.

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Having discussed economic  
11 development issues, having made no votes.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Taken no action. Do we  
13 have a second?

14 TOM ALLEN: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in  
16 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
17 sign. Show the motion carries.

18 For the record, let the record show that Mr.  
19 Waters recused his self for the first part of that  
20 meeting, due to appearance of any conflicts or  
21 anything.

22 Moving on to Item number 10(a). Second  
23 reading 2015-011, an ordinance authorizing the  
24 execution and delivery of one or more incentive  
25 agreements by and among Anderson County, South  
26 Carolina, and a company known to the county as  
27 Project Machine as sponsor, and one or more existing  
28 or to-be-formed or acquired subsidiaries, or  
29 affiliated or related entities and certain sponsor  
30 affiliates, to provide for a Fee in Lieu of ad  
31 valorem taxes incentive; to provide for the inclusion  
32 of the project in a multi-county business or  
33 industrial park; to provide for special source  
34 revenue credits; to provide for the addition of one  
35 or more sponsor affiliates; and other matters related  
36 thereto. Mr. Nelson.

37 BURRISS NELSON: ??? (Inaudible).

38 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion ---

39 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder and  
41 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have one question.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.

44 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm sorry. Is it going to  
45 be two sixteen or one hundred?

46 BURRISS NELSON: Two sixteen ???

47 FRANCIS CROWDER: What's the difference?

48 BURRISS NELSON: It has to do with ???

49 FRANCIS CROWDER: I will congratulate  
50 whatever attorneys wrote this. I will congratulate

1       them.

2               BURRISS NELSON:     We work with them quite a  
3       lot.

4               FRANCIS CROWDER:   That's not to be  
5       interpreted as a negative comment. They earn their  
6       money.

7               BURRISS NELSON:     ???

8               FRANCIS CROWDER:   But it's at least one  
9       hundred, with a hopeful two hundred and sixteen.  
10      Thank you. That's all I needed to know.

11              BURRISS NELSON:     ???

12              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Sure. Thank you.

13              TOMMY DUNN:         Any more discussion? All  
14      in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
15      like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

16              Moving on to Item number 10(b), 2015-012, an  
17      ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of  
18      one or more incentive agreements by and among  
19      Anderson County South Carolina, and a company known  
20      to the county as Project Machine as sponsor and one  
21      or more existing or to-be-formed or acquired  
22      subsidiaries, or affiliated or related entities; to  
23      provide for the inclusion of the project in a multi-  
24      county business or industrial park; to provide for  
25      special source revenue credits; and other matters  
26      related thereto. Have a motion?

27              CINDY WILSON:       So moved.

28              TOMMY DUNN:         Motion Ms. Wilson, second  
29      Mr. Crowder.

30              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yes, sir.

31              TOMMY DUNN:         Now discussion. Mr.

32      Nelson, you have anything?

33              BURRISS NELSON:     Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
34      this is all related to Project Machine and is part of  
35      the incentive package.

36              TOMMY DUNN:         Have anything? All in  
37      favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
38      sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

39              Moving on to Item number (c), 10(c), 2015-  
40      013, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the  
41      development of a joint county industrial and business  
42      park (2010 park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties  
43      so as to enlarge the park. Have a motion to move  
44      this on?

45              TOM ALLEN:           So moved.

46              TOMMY DUNN:         Motion Mr. Allen. Have a  
47      second? Second Mr. Crowder. Discussion, Mr. Nelson?

48              BURRISS NELSON:     Mr. Chairman, this is  
49      simply us returning the favor to Greenville. They're  
50      putting a project together in their county and we're

1 sharing with them in the multi-county park agreement.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
3 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
4 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
5 unanimously.

6 Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate it.  
7 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you for  
8 all your support.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number  
10 11. Report from the Finance Committee. Mr. Crowder.  
11 Chairman Crowder.

12 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. You  
13 have in your packet tonight the agenda for it. Our  
14 first item was a bid for the Long Road materials  
15 contract. Holt, are you going to talk about this or  
16 do I want to just read it and -- all right, thank  
17 you. Well, we actually had -- well, I can't find the  
18 paper now. I just had it -- well, anyway we had -- I  
19 got it, I have it right here. The pages stuck  
20 together. We only had one bid on that particular  
21 item. There were one, two, three, four, five, six  
22 non-responses for the material. This is hollow core  
23 slab material for Long Road bridge. The winning bid  
24 was ninety-seven thousand nine hundred and thirty  
25 dollars. The Finance Committee recommends approval.  
26 Well, recommends forwarding this to full Council for  
27 their vote.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from the  
29 Finance Committee; doesn't need a second. Any  
30 discussion?

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, if we are  
34 talking about the bid, Long Road material?

35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: When that information came  
37 you really didn't know what it was saying because you  
38 couldn't read it. I don't know if yours was like  
39 mine, but this is what I received.

40 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Maybe you can read that,  
42 but I couldn't.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I can read it, but not  
44 very good. I can see you have trouble. No, I got  
45 iPad, so I didn't get a print copy.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, this is how I get  
47 it.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: But if you can read it, if  
50 you can read it some, then you knew about it more

1       than I did because nobody could read that.

2               TOMMY DUNN:           I'm on the second page. I  
3       couldn't read the first page neither.

4               GRACIE FLOYD:        But anyway, I don't even  
5       know what this is about.

6               TOMMY DUNN:           We'll explain it.

7               Mr. Hopkins, you mind explaining it? And  
8       also, if you maybe elaborate you know why out of I  
9       think seven vendors only one ---

10              HOLT HOPKINS:        We think it had to do with  
11       the size and the specifications. We normally, on  
12       this type or size of hollow core, it normally comes  
13       from that one vendor. Just all of them can't -- just  
14       because they can pour concrete, all of them can't  
15       make this type of span.

16              TOMMY DUNN:           Would you explain for  
17       everybody where this is at and what this is about,  
18       this particular project.

19              HOLT HOPKINS:        This project is on Long  
20       Road. Long Road is just before you get to Bosch  
21       going up 81, Long Road turns to the right. The  
22       bridge is in pretty bad shape, that we need to either  
23       fix it or close it in the next few years. And that's  
24       where we're at. We're trying to get everything lined  
25       up to replace the bridge.

26              TOMMY DUNN:           This will be material for  
27       the county to do the work.

28              HOLT HOPKINS:        County crew will be  
29       installing it. This is just for the material itself.

30              TOMMY DUNN:           That answer your question,  
31       Ms. Floyd?

32              GRACIE FLOYD:        No. Mr. Hopkins, why are  
33       we repairing that bridge?

34              HOLT HOPKINS:        It's getting very old and  
35       not in the best of shape.

36              GRACIE FLOYD:        Is that bridge important  
37       to another project out that way?

38              HOLT HOPKINS:        We selected it based on  
39       criteria, not anything outside of that. It was just  
40       the criteria of the bridge, the condition. Or a lot  
41       of things been talked about on Long Road. But this  
42       bridge replacement had been in the works for three or  
43       four years.

44              GRACIE FLOYD:        Okay. Things are being  
45       talked about on that road. And the bridge is going  
46       to be important to completing whatever it is we're  
47       talking about.

48              HOLT HOPKINS:        If it's the development  
49       we've talked about, it's unrelated as far as we're  
50       concerned, because either we'd have to cut that road

1 in half and close that bridge or we've got to replace  
2 it. I mean, the road can't -- won't stay open many  
3 more years unless we replace that bridge.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Ready to vote? All in  
6 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
7 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank  
8 you, Mr. Hopkins.

9 Moving on, Mr. Crowder.

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: AIM has requested funds  
11 for Snap-to work initiative. AIM is requesting in  
12 the amount of thirty thousand dollars to help fund a  
13 full and part-time housing position and a Snap-to  
14 work initiative. These staff members will work in  
15 the area of housing rehabilitation, South Carolina  
16 Helpful Closure Assistance, rapid rehousing, and  
17 education and training. The Finance Committee  
18 reviewed this, discussed it with Mr. Burns and he  
19 told us all the good advantages of having this kind  
20 of relationship since the County does not have a  
21 housing program of this magnitude. And so the  
22 Finance Committee recommends it to Council for their  
23 consideration.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, did -- what  
25 was the vote -- was it voted to recommended for it or  
26 just to go forward?

27 FRANCIS CROWDER: For it.

28 TOMMY DUNN: For it?

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance  
31 Committee doesn't need a second. Discussion? I'd  
32 like -- how much money -- I didn't catch it.

33 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thirty thousand.

34 TOMMY DUNN: And that's the coming  
35 budget or budget we're in right now?

36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Coming budget.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Then there's no need for  
38 us to act on it tonight, are we?

39 RUSTY BURNS: Well, they would need an  
40 assurance. Then we would know to include it in the  
41 budget. Mr. Chairman, the Finance Committee, if I  
42 could provide further information.

43 FRANCIS CROWDER: Please do.

44 RUSTY BURNS: As you know, Anderson  
45 County Council voted last year to fund ten thousand  
46 dollars to AIM, and to provide these types of  
47 services. They want to expand that relationship.  
48 The County Council has funded for several years now  
49 one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for demolition  
50 across the county. That has been a very successful

1 program. Because that has been such a successful  
2 program, others have noted how successful that has  
3 been and they are about to give us a great big amount  
4 of money that I can't talk about because it would  
5 jeopardize it, because that's part of the rules and  
6 regulations. So we're requesting that this year,  
7 from the Council, we put in only fifty thousand  
8 dollars in that line item. Then give them the thirty  
9 to continue performing these services, and the other  
10 seventy if my math is correct, goes back into the  
11 general fund.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I'd just to say --  
13 let me ask you this, Mr. Crowder or Mr. Burns, if we  
14 don't act on this tonight, is the world going to come  
15 to an end? I just got a problem -- we ain't even --  
16 we just now getting in our budget process. We're  
17 guaranteeing somebody thirty thousand dollars and we  
18 ain't even took care of our own yet.

19 RUSTY BURNS: And we will get  
20 clarification for our budget purposes. But if we  
21 don't do it tonight, the world won't come to an end.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I, too, was going to ask  
25 that we put this aside a little bit. AIM has a lot  
26 of good things that they have been doing, helping  
27 out. And they have copied or used our demolition  
28 programs and they're doing the same things, too. You  
29 know, it's like, well, they want to do it, too. But  
30 there's some other -- there's another side that I'm  
31 hearing a lot about that maybe you all have not heard  
32 about. There are -- people have been calling me to  
33 tell me that it's hard to get down there to talk to  
34 those people. It's hard to get on the telephone.  
35 The phone just ring and ring and ring and ring. And  
36 when they do go down there, the employees are busy  
37 socializing. Now I've heard this and I think I can  
38 go back and trace the people who told me this. But  
39 before we give any more money to AIM, I would like  
40 for the Council or a -- what do you call that thing?  
41 A group?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Committee?

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Committee to meet with AIM  
44 to see -- let's hear -- to see what they have to say  
45 about it. To see if this thing could be improved.  
46 Are the people having the wrong ideas. Or the wrong  
47 things are being said. But even when I call down  
48 there, I've called several times, and one time I  
49 received somebody -- I talked to somebody on the  
50 phone. It was a man who couldn't give me any



1 information because nobody else was there. But if  
2 AIM is going to get the money, I want them to do, I  
3 want them to do the job. And I want them to do a  
4 good job as they have been known in the past to do.  
5 And I, too, was going to ask that we just set this  
6 aside until we have some time to talk about this.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.  
8 Allen?

9 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just one additional  
10 comment, too, and I certainly don't disagree with  
11 either one of you. I believe, too, AIM has access to  
12 dollars that we cannot get; we, the county. So  
13 that's just another thing to consider in this, too.  
14 I certainly want them doing their job, also. But  
15 because of the type of organization they are, they  
16 have access to a lot more grant money that we, the  
17 county, cannot get a hold of.

18 TOMMY DUNN: I agree, but we give them  
19 money the first part of the year, the money. This is  
20 a position. I think we need to make sure our budget  
21 is -- to promise them, because I think it would be a  
22 promise, if the vote is tonight that we're going to  
23 put that in our budget. And this is just another  
24 position that, I mean, what's it -- I'd like to talk  
25 to somebody and have some parameters. What's this  
26 going to turn into? Is it going to be -- are they  
27 going to come back and ask for a pay raise next time  
28 or whatnot? But I'd like to see our -- get a little  
29 bit more in the budget process before we guarantee  
30 some outside agency some money myself. Ms. Floyd?

31 GRACIE FLOYD: It sounds like we -- there  
32 are three different concerns about this, and I do  
33 think it would behoove us to take the time and let's  
34 look at this carefully.

35 TOMMY DUNN: If there's no objections,  
36 I make a motion we just table this till a little bit  
37 further, we get a little bit more information.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: I second it.

39 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
40 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
41 motion carries unanimously.

42 Now, Mr. Chairman, moving on.

43 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. The next item  
44 is air terminal design. The letter you have in your  
45 packet on your iPad from Don Acevedo, co-member of  
46 the Finance Committee, Mr. Allen, would you like to  
47 discuss this, please, sir?

48 TOM ALLEN: Yes. As we discussed at  
49 the last Council meeting, the Airport Committee had  
50 come to the Council and ultimately to the Finance

1 Committee to see if we could come up with some  
2 dollars to look at building a new terminal. They  
3 gave us two options. One was a renovation of the  
4 current terminal, and as I stated at the last Council  
5 meeting, the money we would get for that would have  
6 to go into infrastructure out there and you'd never  
7 notice a difference in the building. It'd go to  
8 heating and air and electrical etcetera, etcetera.  
9 The other option was to go with a new terminal  
10 building. And what they had asked for in their  
11 letter was to see if we could come up with fifty  
12 thousand dollars in this year's -- in the coming  
13 budget -- to get architectural drawings done for a  
14 new terminal building so that we could in turn take  
15 those drawings around to industry, for instance, and  
16 see if we can get those folks who might want to apply  
17 some money to the new building. We'd give them  
18 advertising rights in the building and that sort of  
19 thing. So basically what they want to do right now  
20 is simply get some architectural drawings done.

21 Now they sent a dollar amount in there,  
22 requesting fifty thousand. What we discussed at the  
23 Finance Committee meeting was we thought that was a  
24 little bit high. And we would like to see if we can  
25 get a more specific dollar amount, get that nailed  
26 down and possibly to a smaller amount of money.

27 Now, if this is to occur, and if we decide  
28 to go this way, and if we decide to build a new  
29 terminal, and if we were to start this today, it  
30 would probably be five or six years down the road  
31 before you'd ever see a new terminal because of all  
32 the hoops that have to be jumped through; the design,  
33 the architect, tearing down the old building, getting  
34 in line for grants to build a new terminal and so on.  
35 So it would be a long term project, if we decide to  
36 do this. But the bottom line is, we wanted to find  
37 out can we get a better nailed down dollar amount as  
38 to what it would cost for architectural design.

39 Does that sum it up, Mr. Crowder?

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir, it does.

41 TOMMY DUNN: If I may?

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I think -- is this just  
44 information tonight, Mr. Allen?

45 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Go ahead, Mr.  
46 Crowder.

47 FRANCIS CROWDER: Did we not actually want  
48 Council to vote on it tonight? Or did we ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: Vote to what?

50 TOM ALLEN: It was to vote to see if

1 we could get a better number. If we could talk to  
2 some architects and see if we can get a better dollar  
3 amount.

4 FRANCIS CROWDER: That'll be fine.

5 TOMMY DUNN: I personally don't think  
6 you need a vote for that. I mean it won't cost you  
7 nothing.

8 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

9 TOMMY DUNN: I mean, what I'm saying is  
10 this. I think what you're going to find out -- I  
11 don't think you're going to find an architect's going  
12 to draw a building for fifty thousand dollars. It's  
13 going to be based on a percentage of what that  
14 building -- what it's going to cost. And I mean  
15 there's different ways you can go about doing that.  
16 But I don't think you'll find one that's going to be,  
17 you know, it's going to be negotiable whether it's  
18 four percent, five, six, seven percent or whatnot.  
19 But that's what the fee's going to be based on about,  
20 you know, cost of building; most of them I've seen or  
21 something or other. To pursue this which y'all  
22 asking about getting something down, ain't going to  
23 cost the county nothing for information. I don't see  
24 -- I don't see what -- Mr. Burns, you see anything  
25 wrong? I think you've had a conversation -- I think  
26 you've had some conversation with the architect and  
27 engineering firm with the airport employees, haven't  
28 you?

29 RUSTY BURNS: Finance Committee  
30 suggested that, (a), they bring this for information  
31 to Council and then the Finance Committee would seek  
32 another price, then bring it back to Council before  
33 we proceeded.

34 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah, we were requesting  
35 permission to move forward to get a price and bring  
36 it back to Council.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I thought that  
39 you had to -- have we signed the project?

40 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I thought you had to  
42 sign the project deal before you could get a drawing  
43 of the whole thing?

44 RUSTY BURNS: We have not signed a  
45 contract with any architect, engineer, etcetera. But  
46 we have received different estimates on how much this  
47 could possibly cost. And some members of the  
48 committee questioned whether this was too much or too  
49 little. So they were seeking clarification as to a  
50 better number before they brought it to Council.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: But before we can get a  
2 plan for the airport, we're going to have to sign the  
3 project deal?  
4 RUSTY BURNS: Before anybody will start  
5 doing work for a project like this, they would want  
6 something signed.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So it's not the  
8 same thing you told me earlier today. It's not the  
9 same kind of deal here; right?  
10 RUSTY BURNS: No.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: That we talked about  
12 earlier.  
13 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. It is not.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? I think it  
16 don't cost nothing for information. Y'all go out --  
17 I think you're going to find out that what Ms.  
18 Floyd's talking about and we've done it on the spec  
19 building, on something else. The way to do it --  
20 this thing, to me would you could have different  
21 firms come in and present different concepts, which  
22 don't cost nothing. They can show you about this.  
23 And they'll tell you what they'll charge or something  
24 like that right there, just going out. That make  
25 sense?  
26 TOM ALLEN: All right.  
27 FRANCIS CROWDER: Makes sense to me.  
28 TOM ALLEN: So we get -- the motion  
29 would be that we could go ahead and pursue that.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think you -- I  
31 think that's fine. Don't think you need no motion  
32 for that. If you want one, so be -- vote on it to  
33 pursue it ---  
34 FRANCIS CROWDER: Let's just give the  
35 permission.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.  
37 FRANCIS CROWDER: Give them permission to  
38 ---  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Receive more -- a better  
40 price or a price. No action will be taken though.  
41 Any more discussion? All in favor of that motion  
42 show of hands. Just for information. All opposed.  
43 Show the motion carries unanimously.  
44 Mr. Chairman.  
45 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. You have your  
46 transfer sheets in front of you. You'll notice that  
47 the very first two are transfers to the  
48 Administrator's office from Council that actually  
49 supplies some additional funds in the Administrator's  
50 budget for the new nice intern that we have in his

1 office that we do not have enough funds to carry him  
2 for the rest of this fiscal year. So I don't know if  
3 you want to vote on these independently or you just  
4 want me to go through all of them.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Why don't we just do this  
6 -- go ahead, Ms. Floyd.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Got a question on the  
8 first one he just mentioned. Okay. If we take the  
9 money from County Council part time, will that leave  
10 -- what will that leave in the County Council budget  
11 for part time work?  
12 RUSTY BURNS: Rita, do you have that  
13 number?  
14 RITA DAVIS: Well, of course, ma'am,  
15 currently we're not charging anything to the County  
16 Council part time budget. I'm not exactly sure the  
17 remaining balance on that, but I'll be glad to get  
18 that back to you in that account.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we haven't had the  
20 need ---  
21 RITA DAVIS: That's right.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: --- so far for County  
23 Council budget. As you well remember, our full time  
24 person retired, what, two or three months ago.  
25 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But with -- if an  
27 emergency should come up and we need that, where will  
28 we get the money from?  
29 RITA DAVIS: I assure you, ma'am, we  
30 will -- we would find that money. No problem  
31 whatsoever. I might remind you that the intern  
32 filled in while the prior Clerk to Council was sick.  
33 He attended the County Council meetings for the  
34 Administrator and the Council.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: That was the last one we  
36 had.  
37 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. That's this  
38 one.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Justice?  
40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Was sitting over there?  
42 RITA DAVIS: And Justin. Beginning of  
43 this fiscal year.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Justin?  
45 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, Justin, yeah, I  
47 remember Justin. But Justice ---  
48 RITA DAVIS: He did. And this is  
49 helped covering some of that cost. Yes, ma'am.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, anyway, you can't

1 find the money anywhere else?

2 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am, if Council is  
3 -- declines the transfer, we will.

4 TOMMY DUNN: If I can ---

5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Chairman, when she gets  
6 through.

7 RUSTY BURNS: Point of clarification,  
8 Mr. Chairman.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Make sure your mike's on,  
10 Rusty, Mr. Burns.

11 RUSTY BURNS: In the last budget  
12 approved by County Council, moneys were allocated for  
13 an intern in the Council office. An intern was never  
14 hired in the Council office. So in essence we have  
15 shared the interns that we have who works here and  
16 works over for our County Council. So you have that  
17 salary for that intern for that position that was  
18 never filled. This would cover it.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Point being, we're not  
20 going to use it, because we only got two months left  
21 in the year.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: That was my point.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I think I see ---

24 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: When our present person  
26 went on vacation, there was nobody in that office  
27 answering the telephone. Nobody. Now I know that we  
28 only have two more months in this year; okay. So  
29 because of that I will, I will go along just to get  
30 along, which is not very much -- were you sitting  
31 there laughing at me a few minutes ago?

32 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Not laughing  
33 at all.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good. Good. That's  
35 not nice. But anyway, I concede. We only have two  
36 more months. But when -- Mr. Chairman, when we do  
37 our budget, I would like to make sure that we have  
38 money in that account for us to hire an intern in  
39 that office. Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And I'm  
41 almost positive in saying this, I don't remember  
42 exact dollar figure, but transferring this money  
43 ain't going to wipe that account completely out  
44 because we haven't spent some of the money already.  
45 So -- coming from Finance Committee doesn't need a  
46 second. All in favor of that motion show of hands.  
47 All opposed. Show the motion carries, Mr. Waters,  
48 Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder, Ms.  
49 Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposed.

50 Now, could we look at -- everybody look at

1 the rest of the transfers and see if you got any  
2 questions and see if we -- any explanations or any  
3 questions. Vote on this in a lump sum. Take your  
4 time and look over them if you haven't had a chance  
5 yet. If you got anything, questions, comments.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Shall I wait or ---  
7 TOMMY DUNN: You got something, go  
8 ahead.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Council medicare.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: I'll have to let Ms. Rita  
11 ---  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And it's being  
13 transferred to Administrator medicare. Now is this  
14 for the one person, to the one person? It's not for  
15 the group?  
16 RITA DAVIS: Number one and two go  
17 together, ma'am. That's the medicare on those part  
18 time salaries.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Gottcha.  
20 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Gottcha. Thank you.  
22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Any questions on the  
23 remaining items?  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Give them just a second.  
25 Everybody look over them and everything, get a chance  
26 to ... Anybody got any more questions, comments?  
27 Everybody good? What was the -- Chairman, move on?  
28 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes. I'll make a  
29 recommendation that we -- that Council consider  
30 approval of the balance of the transfers.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: That's coming from Finance  
32 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion?  
33 Any more? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
34 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
35 unanimously.  
36 Now moving on to Item number 11(e),  
37 Chairman, you asking for executive session?  
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee  
39 recommends that we go into Executive Session for two  
40 items. Number one, contractual matters; and number  
41 two, personnel matters.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: I know we don't, but I'm  
43 going to ask can we have a second on that?  
44 MITCHELL COLE: Second.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole makes a second.  
46 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
47 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
48 unanimously.  
49 We're going to go back here. I'm sorry.  
50 FRANCIS CROWDER: Could we go back ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, let's go back --  
2 well, might make it -- we got seats, we can all have  
3 seats back there. I was going to give -- Ms. Floyd's  
4 having trouble getting up and down. Let's just go  
5 back here. I'm not trying to rush you or nothing.  
6 We got -- we'll get seats and take all the time you  
7 need.

8 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:50 PM TO 8:30 PM)**

9 MIKE SETTLES: ... increase tax  
10 revenue, that's per year. And so, I would -- our  
11 agenda matter is not up tonight, but God willing, it  
12 will be up next County Council meeting and I would  
13 ask that all of you give a very favorable  
14 consideration to allowing us to spend seventy-five  
15 million dollars in Anderson County for the citizens  
16 of Anderson County. The projects that I've been  
17 involved in, in the last twenty-three years, have  
18 elevated the bar on ---

19 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

21 MIKE SETTLES: This one will also. Thank  
22 you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

24 LEON HARMON: Next person signed up is  
25 John Beeson.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Beeson. You good?  
27 Okay. Next.

28 LEON HARMON: Next person is Elizabeth  
29 Fant.

30 ELIZABETH FANT: This is one of the best  
31 meetings that we've had in a long while. Everybody  
32 seems to be asking good questions, and not just  
33 taking everything at face value. Digging into the  
34 issues and not just passing things on and I like to  
35 see that.

36 I do want to talk about the Farmers' Market.  
37 As I said last time, we have a jewel and we need to  
38 cultivate that. We do need some repairs to the  
39 facility, though. If you've been down there, the  
40 fascia board around the roof, some of that area needs  
41 to be worked on. Some of the signs are hanging down.  
42 I hope that somebody would put up bids for that and  
43 it doesn't need to be a whole lot of money; it just  
44 needs to be somebody with a little TLC that will take  
45 care of it and cultivate that.

46 Small towns need police, fire, sewer and  
47 water and trash pickup. But the small towns in  
48 Anderson County are dying. And I live in one of  
49 them. Belton, Iva, Pelzer, Williamston, every one of  
50 them has issues. Pendleton needs a police force;



1 they don't have enough money to pay for that. West  
2 Pelzer is having to borrow money for their payroll.  
3 Iva has sewer problems. Belton has issues. There's  
4 not any money coming to the small towns. It all  
5 appears to be happening in Anderson County. All the  
6 businesses that you're bringing in are coming into  
7 Anderson County. The tax bases for the small towns  
8 is dwindling. People who live in the small towns  
9 their taxes are high. We can't afford anymore taxes.  
10 We need for you, Mr. Burns, and Steve Newton and some  
11 of your others, we need for you all to get on the  
12 ball and get at least a hundred thousand dollars in  
13 grants for all of these small towns. We need help.  
14 The taxpayers cannot afford to pay any more taxes.  
15 We need some help internally to get some jobs, to get  
16 housing developments, people who want to build in  
17 these small towns because the small towns are  
18 languishing.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else, Mr. Harmon?  
20 LEON HARMON: That's all, Mr. Chairman.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

22 Moving on to comments and remarks from  
23 Council members. Ms. Wilson?

24 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
25 There is actually a lot going on that may not get  
26 reported in our media as far as our small towns are  
27 concerned. A lot of assistance from the county. I  
28 know Pelzer/West Pelzer, what a jewel. That place  
29 has got incredible potential. A lot of the small  
30 towns are starting to really get together and talk.  
31 There will be a greater effort going forward. The  
32 towns that are along the Saluda River corridor have  
33 an incredible potential with history, tourism, the  
34 Blue Trail on the Saluda River. There's a lot going  
35 on there. A lot of **Brownfields** type efforts under  
36 way. Things are making some progress and hopefully  
37 there will be major reports coming forward soon.  
38 It's just exciting to see the cross pollination and  
39 communication that's really beginning to develop.

40 In your packages in your cubby holes, you've  
41 got some information from what's called EDIS, or  
42 Informetum with AGOG and it's very interesting.  
43 It's a key component of our economic development  
44 efforts. It's everything from demographics to maps  
45 to having a list of everything that's available. I  
46 certainly suggest our real estate industry take  
47 advantage of it, too.

48 There was an update this past meeting where  
49 it was announced that AGOG has made sure that all of  
50 our sites are also listed with something called the

1 national excessive manufacturing, I guess, web site.  
2 So that's giving us another marketing tool. Anyway,  
3 it's a lot of interesting things going on in our  
4 county right now. And, of course, we're having to  
5 delve into the budget. So stay tuned. Thank you.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
7 Mr. Crowder?  
8 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have no comments, Mr.  
9 Chairman. Thank you.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.  
11 Mr. Cole?  
12 MITCHELL COLE: No comment.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole. Ms. Floyd?  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I wanted to thank  
15 the Council for being so willing to help me deal with  
16 my situation. I'm getting better. Getting better.  
17 But the steps were killing me. And I want to thank  
18 you all, especially through our Chairman. This job  
19 isn't easy. It isn't easy. Nobody asked any of us  
20 to run ??? Because we each thought that we could  
21 make a difference. Some of us come thinking that we  
22 know a little bit more than others. But that's the  
23 way people are. Some of us are willing to sit back  
24 and let somebody else do it. And some of us are  
25 willing to take the eagle by the wing and let's go.  
26 Anyway, I wanted to thank my fellow Council  
27 members for helping me with -- my body has gone. My  
28 body is not helping me at all, but my brain is just  
29 fine. If I had to choose between the body and the  
30 brain, which one would you choose? Thank you.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Allen?  
32 TOM ALLEN: Yes, just very quickly.  
33 It was suggested tonight that maybe grants be written  
34 for some of the small towns. And it's kind of  
35 interesting that there was an individual that used to  
36 do that; wrote grants for Honea Path, Pelzer, Belton,  
37 all the small towns. And due to pressure from  
38 certain citizens, we had forbidden that individual to  
39 do that. So it's kind of ironic that that question  
40 would come up and one of the best grant writers in  
41 the county is no longer allowed to do that. So I  
42 just had to throw that out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.  
44 Waters?  
45 KEN WATERS: I have nothing, thank you.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Nothing. I just want to  
47 appreciate all of our -- all my fellow Council  
48 members tonight for the hard work they done and good  
49 meeting. Want to appreciate the staff and all  
50 Council members. I think we got some foundation for

1     some good economic development news here tonight.  
2     And you know, what's good, I've always said this,  
3     what's good for one part of the county is good for  
4     the whole county. You can't make people come in and  
5     go to certain things. We get on it. But you can't  
6     have just a handout neither. People's got to want to  
7     get up and pull theirselves up by the bootstraps.  
8     And they're trying to do it for the county. And I  
9     think this county works with all the things and I  
10    think you talk to the mayors and the councils in  
11    small towns, they get plenty of help from Anderson  
12    County when they got to ask for it and not do it.  
13    But I do appreciate everybody. Meeting will be  
14    adjourned. Thank y'all.

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**(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.)**