

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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**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.

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(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 Informentum 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.)