

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – June 2, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

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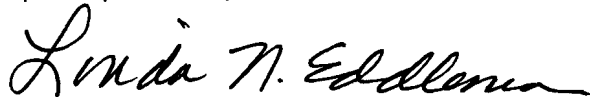
PRESENT

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson - District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Mike Pitts, County Attorney
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

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June 2, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: This meeting, regular
2 meeting, June 2nd, is now called to order. We'll now
3 have the invocation and pledge of allegiance by Tommy
4 Dunn.

5 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 3 on the
7 agenda, the Approval of Minutes. The first minutes
8 will be May 14th, the regular called meeting. There
9 was a called meeting on May 14th. Do we have any
10 adjustments to the minutes?

11 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I move that
12 the minutes be approved.

13 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
14 floor that the minutes be approved. Do I have a
15 second?

16 TOM ALLEN: Second.

17 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
18 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
19 Minutes are approved. Please let it be shown that Mr.
20 Wilson is not here yet.

21 Item B, May 19th, the regular called meeting.
22 Any corrections to the regular meeting minutes? We
23 have a motion on the floor to approve the minutes. Do
24 I have a second.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

26 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in
27 favor raise your right hand. Minutes are approved. We
28 now go to Item 4 on the Citizens Comments. I remind
29 you to please address the Chair. We are governed under
30 Robert's Rules of Orders which that requires you to
31 address the Chair. And I would appreciate it if you
32 would keep your comments to one item, agenda item, so
33 that the comments you make will be on one agenda item.
34 And please be civil. We really don't want to get out
35 of hand like we did the last meeting. We are going to
36 govern a little tighter tonight so I just ask for you
37 to please be a little civil. We want your comments,
38 but we want you to be civil. We also ask for everyone
39 to please turn off your cell phones because if your
40 cell phone goes off, we are going to ask you to leave.
41 And once you leave, you will not be back, so cut your
42 cell phones off.

43 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first
44 citizen signed up tonight to speak on agenda matters is
45 Chad Summerall.

46 CHAD SUMMERALL: Yes, it's me again. How
47 are y'all doing tonight? Speaking on immigration as
48 usual. We still have a town full of it. It is going
49 on with all of your roofers going all over town with
50 van loads of them. The e-verify system has been

1 working with the restaurants since Cracker Barrel and
2 Golden Corral have started doing it and they are all
3 catching on, I hope. Cracker Barrel called me last
4 week and said they had hired seven American citizens
5 and rejected seven illegals because of the e-verify
6 system, which they just started I think a month ago.
7 We need to spend a little more time on checking this e-
8 verify system out and go ahead and run with it and stop
9 the madness. When those guys are coming for your jobs,
10 which is going to be pretty soon, y'all will look back
11 and say, man, he had it right. That's all I've got.
12 I'm going to turn it over to Margaret.

13 MIKE PITTS: Next is Margaret
14 Thompson.

15 MARGARET THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16 I've got a couple of CDs that I would like, I guess, to
17 present to Ms. Floyd and to yourself. What the CDs are
18 is a thirty-four minute -- it is basically about the
19 problems this issue of illegal immigration has caused.
20 So if I could bring them up to your ...

21 I just want to encourage you -- I notice that
22 e-verification is on the agenda tonight and I hope that
23 y'all would consider using this when you do contracts
24 and put it in your contracts for the builders and
25 things like that. Particularly since this is a
26 taxpayers' project.

27 Also, I think y'all do have a copy of the
28 ordinances that have been approved through Aiken,
29 Beaufort, Dorchester. Did y'all get copies of all
30 those? It was probably back in some previous meetings.
31 But I do want to throw out an atta boy to Cracker
32 Barrel for using e-verify and Golden Corral for using
33 e-verify. And we hope the other restaurants will get
34 on board and do the same thing because it is -- it does
35 work. Thank you very much.

36 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.

37 LESLIE WHITE: Good evening. And I will
38 address my comments tonight to the Chairman. Just
39 wanted to make the comment that there are a lot of
40 important issues on the agenda tonight and I would just
41 respectfully request that all council members, as well
42 as all audience members, stay for the totality of the
43 meeting. It promises to have the potential to be a
44 lengthy one and I would just like for everybody to be
45 aware of that in the beginning and to commit to staying
46 for the totality of the meeting. Thank you.

47 MIKE PITTS: Next is Terry Chapman.

48 TERRY CHAPMAN: Terry Chapman, District
49 2, community leader, Old Town/New Town. I was just
50 wanting to bring up on this Resolution R2009-054, the

1 resolution to provide legal counsel for Anderson County
2 and Mr. Waldrep. Are we going to hire everybody a
3 lawyer? It seems like that is all it has been is
4 lawyers. I was hoping we would discuss the first
5 hundred days because I was still trying to figure out
6 what was going on in that too except hiring lawyers and
7 legal aids and investigators. I just want to know and
8 the people in my community is wanting to know when this
9 is going to stop. Every day they read the paper that
10 somebody is pointing the finger again and still worried
11 about the old administrator, the second one, the third
12 one, the fourth and ever how many we have had here
13 lately. But they're wanting to know when we're going
14 to get on with the business. I like what these folks
15 have been talking about before us. Trying to get rid
16 of these illegals that is taking the jobs. We need to
17 worry about jobs. We need to worry about the people's
18 welfare in this community, not who's right and who's
19 wrong. And I am going to sit down, Mr. Chairman, and
20 just direct this -- you said direct it to you. When
21 y'all three new ones came in, I heard people talking
22 about what a difference it is going to make. Yesterday
23 I heard what planet are y'all from, because they
24 haven't seen anything done, just pointing fingers and
25 calling names. Please get down to business, what the
26 people in your districts asked for. I know I carry
27 water or whatever to Ms. Floyd, but she lets her people
28 know, her people's involved because I have been with
29 her and around her. Ask other people, they have no
30 idea. Thank you.

31 MIKE PITTS: Next is Steve Pope.
32 STEVE POPE: Steve Pope, Bellview
33 Estates, County Council District 1. Mr. Chairman,
34 Anderson County truly is becoming the laughing stock
35 among the state because of all these lawsuits we have.
36 I had a chance to glance at the latest one we are
37 dealing with right now coming up and a question came to
38 my mind. Where were all these people bringing lawsuits
39 in the previous council when they ran over peoples'
40 rights? If we look back over the last few years,
41 council used -- you know, they were able to intimidate
42 citizens because we are just citizens, we are not an
43 elected official. And we have heard elected officials
44 talk about they were hired -- they were elected to do
45 the peoples' business as they thought best. But we are
46 not seeing -- what happens is when you stop listening
47 to the people, we lose our entire system of government,
48 democracy, everything that we value, our republic was
49 founded on collapses. And I would like to see some
50 civility return where we can get past all of these dumb

1 lawsuits which are really over nothing and go back and
2 start doing what a county should do. Because as our
3 legal bills pile up, we are only making ourselves -- we
4 are putting ourselves between a rock and a hard place.
5 You don't want to tell people their taxes are going to
6 have to go up to pay for all the lawsuits or then you
7 are going to end up having to cut things out of your
8 budget to help somehow get the money. Maybe one day we
9 can get civility back in. But just looking over the
10 last few years, we've seen also -- I can understand,
11 Mr. Chairman, how you want to stand by Robert's Rules
12 of Order because they do provide a method of decorum
13 when used properly. But used improperly, they can also
14 ramrod legislation right down your throats so quick, so
15 fast, without any input from the people, that you could
16 end up then with a worst situation. So let's just all
17 work together, council and people together, and then we
18 can do the things we need to do to get Anderson County
19 moving again. Thank you.

20 MIKE PITTS: Next is Charles Crow.

21 CHARLES CROW: Can you hear me? Mr.
22 Chairman, Charles Crow from Five Forks. I had signed
23 up, but planned on waiting until the public hearing
24 part of the agenda, but I would like to also speak on
25 Resolution 2009-54. You know, most of us taxpayers
26 trust you people enough to know which one of you acted
27 within the best interest of the County or in the
28 interest of the County and those who didn't when it
29 comes down to hiring and obtaining legal assistance.
30 And so we have got all the confidence in the world in
31 that. And so I just hope, like the last speaker, I
32 would like for it to stop, but how many lawsuits has,
33 Mr. Chairman, has this council initiated? They have
34 all been initiated from people out in this crowd here.
35 And so those are the ones that you want to look at when
36 you go to getting your taxes raised. They are the ones
37 that are giving all these -- Mr. Chairman, you know
38 that. They are the ones that are coming up with these
39 slap suits and things that just are ridiculous so you
40 have to respond to them. Everybody who knows anything
41 about lawsuits knows you have to, you have to answer
42 them. Probably -- there ain't many people in this room
43 been sued more times than I've been sued. That's
44 because of the business I was in. I was in a business
45 where if you looked at somebody hard they would sue
46 you. And never lost a case. Never lost a case. But
47 that just goes to show you that people will sue for
48 anything. But anyway, I appreciate everything y'all
49 have done and -- the whole council. And I know you are
50 not going to get a hundred percent vote every time, but

1 at least you -- you're approaching it the way it should
2 be done. And these people that say nothing is
3 happening, they must be reading out of the Anderson
4 Independent.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Y'all hold it down
6 please.

7 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mark Powell.

8 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, Williamston,
9 District 7. E-verify sounds like the best system when
10 I've checked around with people that I know who are in
11 the industry. It seems to be the cleanest cut method
12 that everyone uses. I hope we will do something with
13 that in our ordinances.

14 Steve is speaking to us tonight from the COG,
15 Council of Governments, speaking about the stimulus
16 package. I attended the COG meeting, I guess a couple
17 of months ago when they spoke about it there, and a
18 thing I want to remind everyone is all monies being
19 spent through this government bailout for the counties,
20 for the schools, for everything they give comes a
21 gigantic noose to hang yourself with. The stimulus
22 package for energy efficiency, the stimulus package for
23 anything you pay an employee to do work with, has to be
24 paid at federal wage -- actually at union wage levels.
25 And I had spoken with Steve about that at the COG
26 meeting when he spoke about it there. Again, this
27 comes with a giant noose. We are going to have to pay
28 employees two, three times the amount of wage they are
29 used to being getting and the thing that is going to do
30 is give President Hussein the ability to push the
31 unions all across our nation. This is going to be the
32 worst thing our nation could ever see. All stimulus
33 money has to be paid at union wages and everyone
34 receiving it is going to go, oh, I want some more of
35 that. I can make three times as much by signing a card
36 and asking to be unionized. We need to stop that.

37 Resolution 054. You know it's the right thing
38 to do. When a member of our council stands up and does
39 something to protect us, the citizen, and someone comes
40 after us, you guys with a frivolous lawsuit, I want
41 each and all and every one of you to feel -- a lot, I
42 can't say all, I don't speak for everyone, but we stand
43 behind you in hiring lawyers to protect yourself from
44 the people who are trying to stop you on these
45 investigations. I'm looking forward to the novel being
46 presented. I don't know when that is going to happen.
47 I thought it was somewhere near June 1st. I think some
48 of the novel got played out in the countersuit. Again,
49 Anderson County did not sue anyone. Anderson County
50 had to countersue someone. And I don't think we have

1 fourteen lawyers, I think each case has three or four
2 lawyers signed on as the name of the company. That
3 don't mean we've hired fourteen or fifteen lawyers.
4 That means we hired a law firm. But, you know, you
5 guys keep up the good work. We are very proud of what
6 you're doing. You ran up the new -- previously
7 elected, and also the three of you that got put in, you
8 ran on that you would go out and dig and find out where
9 the monies went, what had gone on in this county and
10 you have done it. People are upset about it. But hey,
11 it's all good and we appreciate you getting it done.
12 Continue the good work. Thank you.

13 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

14 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, Mr.

15 Chairman. It's great to be in America and it's great
16 to be in Anderson, South Carolina because finally we
17 are on the right track. But remember, coming to county
18 council meetings is a privilege. And unlike the former
19 council who would not let the public speak or council
20 members, any individual can speak his mind. However,
21 the bullying, the sarcasm and the threat of additional
22 lawsuits needs to stop. If you cannot speak and act
23 like an adult, stay home. Legal fees are to respond to
24 frivolous lawsuits all perpetuated by one member of
25 council, three citizens and one former administrator.

26 For the public's knowledge, you should know that
27 the former administrator has been meeting with the
28 councilman's -- woman's lawyer.

29 MIKE PITTS: Next is Rick Freemantle.

30 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr.

31 Chairman, Council. I would also like to speak on
32 Resolution 2009-054. I pray that this council provides
33 legal representation for Councilman Waldrep to protect
34 him from yet another, in my opinion, frivolous lawsuit
35 while acting within the legal boundaries of a
36 councilperson in the performance of his council
37 business. I further hope that when this lawsuit is
38 declared patently absurd, as I'm feeling very confident
39 it will be, that this council body start taking an
40 aggressive action towards these frivolous lawsuits and
41 going after damages. Personally, whatever it's costing
42 you to fight these lawsuits, I think it's worth every
43 single penny. It's obvious what's going on here.
44 There are other investigations going on. These things,
45 in my opinion, are being done to impede those
46 investigations. The folks on the other side of the
47 aisle had better wake up and smell the coffee. We're
48 talking about a slow moving freight train that's coming
49 at them and there is no stopping it.

50 It's strange also -- you know, with the answer to

1 the Cunningham lawsuit, we talk about malfeasance of
2 office, collusion, I believe the word was. It's awful
3 strange that we've got two lawsuits in a row from the
4 same attorney. Correct me if I'm wrong, but Mr.
5 Waldrep seems to be brought in after the fact. In
6 other words, the first one gets filed against the
7 Chairman and others and then the second part of this
8 comes after Mr. Waldrep or some other council member.
9 My personal opinion, that's being done to look like
10 we're hiring a new lawyer every day of the week. And
11 obviously, from comments from the other side of the
12 aisle, apparently it's working a little bit. But I
13 think this will all tie in with some of our other
14 ongoing problems that we have in this county. And
15 again, I would hope that you would vote to give
16 councilman from District 1 the representation which
17 he's due. He has not acted outside the bounds of his
18 authority, from what I can see in comparison with
19 previous councils. I mean, we had other members
20 running around telling lawyers to draw up contracts,
21 finance directors to find money for, you know, buyouts.
22 Others telling lawyers to negotiate with administrators
23 so we can have buyouts, all outside the boundary of the
24 authority of the council. I remember sitting here at
25 the meeting and I believe the word was aggressive
26 defense. Well, aggressive defense, if that means
27 investigations and whoever is doing the investigating,
28 that's part of it.

29 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr.
30 Chairman. And last is Doreen Montepara.

31 DOREEN MONTEPARA: Doreen Montepara, not the
32 Little Rascal Gang from South McDuffie Street
33 Extension, and I'm in District 5. As far as that
34 comment goes, Mr. Chairman, I do not think that it's
35 proper for a council chairman, let alone a council
36 chairman ---

37 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Montepara, please
38 talk on the agenda items.

39 DOREEN MONTEPARA: I am, thank you, but I
40 just needed to let you know, do not give out my
41 personal street address. Thank you.

42 I'm here to talk about the park again. Last time
43 when I was here, things were construed so far out as to
44 where people went and said that I was down there and I
45 was planting all these different things in the places
46 to make it look like safety hazards. Sorry folks, but
47 that was not the fact. Yes, thank you, Mr. Burns.
48 Thank you, Council. The county did go down there
49 finally and has been straightening out those problems,
50 but we still have a long way to go. So I still suggest

1 that we discuss making sure that there is funds
2 available to help keep that park, not only up to
3 standards, but maintained. We do have volunteers that
4 are willing to help, but they cannot do it all the
5 time. So that is a main priority that that park is
6 taken care of.

7 And as far as attorneys go, we have already paid
8 for one of his. There's -- I don't understand why you
9 are saying we can only talk on one agenda item, when
10 there's many agenda items on this agenda tonight. If
11 you could explain that to me. I'm asking politely,
12 explain to me where it says we're only allowed to speak
13 on one agenda item.

14 EDDIE MOORE: One agenda item.

15 DOREEN MONTEPARA: Yeah, your rule.

16 MIKE PITTS: That's everyone that
17 signed up, Mr. Chairman.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Item 5 has been taken off
19 the agenda. We will now go to Item 6, the discussion
20 of the stimulus package.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, do I have
22 the floor?

23 EDDIE MOORE: You do.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I have invited Steve
25 Pelissier to speak with us tonight on the stimulus
26 package. A couple of weeks ago, Mr. Pelissier, who is
27 the Director/CEO of the Appalachians Council of
28 Government, did an excellent presentation explaining
29 the stimulus packages, because there are several of
30 them, explaining -- trying to take away some of the
31 myth about it. It seems that there's some people get a
32 little bit of knowledge and they run crazy with it.
33 This is the man who can tell us what's really going on
34 here. Mr. Pelissier, would you prefer to speak from
35 the podium over here where you can spread out?

36 STEVE PELISSIER: I think yes.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, would you
38 please help him get the thing cut on and ...

39 STEVE PELISSIER: Can I ask you to help me
40 with my handouts? Thank you, members of council, and
41 thank you, Ms. Floyd, for that introduction. I
42 appreciate the opportunity to be with you back in
43 Anderson County this evening. As Ms. Floyd mentioned,
44 over the last couple of Council of Government's Board
45 meetings, I have given a couple of presentations on the
46 stimulus program. The handout which Mr. Burns is
47 helping me with right now is the slides from those
48 presentations. This evening, my intention is to give
49 you a very brief summary of those. But the detailed
50 information on funding amounts and particular programs

1 and items applicable are in those handouts.

2 The total stimulus bill ended up being seven
3 hundred eighty-seven billion dollars. Of that, the
4 spending part through discretionary and mandatory
5 programs was five hundred seventy-five billion and tax
6 incentives accounted for the other two hundred twelve
7 billion. Just to try to give a sense of the scale and
8 perspective, the fiscal year 2008 budget for the United
9 States was 2.98 trillion. So seven hundred eighty-two
10 billion is about twenty-six percent of that. So the
11 stimulus program is about twenty-six percent of what
12 the U.S. federal budget was last year. Also, to try to
13 give a sense of scale, there's two hundred eighty-one
14 million people in this country. So as an individual,
15 your share of -- well a couple of ways to look at it,
16 one way, your share of stimulus funds is two thousand
17 seven hundred ninety-seven dollars. Or the other way
18 to look at that is your share of the stimulus debt is
19 two thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars. The
20 scale took a while for me to grasp. Seven hundred
21 eighty-seven billion dollars is a lot of money. And
22 it's a national program. And a hundred million dollars
23 sounds like a lot of money, but when you keep in mind
24 there are fifty states and the population of South
25 Carolina is about two percent of the country, that
26 means for a hundred million dollar -- a program funded
27 at a hundred million dollars, South Carolina's share is
28 about two million. So again, while we are talking
29 really large numbers, I think to keep that in mind is
30 important. You know, for instance, one of the programs
31 in the stimulus is two hundred ten million dollars to
32 build, renovate or expand on fire stations. How much
33 does a fire station cost these days, a million and a
34 half, two and a half million? So that's one or two
35 fire stations in South Carolina.

36 Several months passed between President Obama's
37 original announcement of his intention to have a
38 stimulus program and the final legislation that came
39 out. That time allowed a lot of speculation, rumors,
40 some misinformation. And my comment at the time was
41 those in the know aren't talking and those who are
42 talking aren't in the know, and since I'm talking about
43 it, you know which camp that puts me in, which was
44 truly the case. Lots of organizations came up with
45 lists when they heard talk of stimulus and wanted to
46 know who to submit those to and how to get first in
47 line. In the final legislation, a really pretty small
48 amount of items of interest to local governments were
49 included in the funding. In fact, Congress and the
50 administration appeared to go to length to ensure that

1 it didn't look like a pork barrel program with a lot of
2 projects just all over the country meeting the wish
3 lists of local elected officials.

4 The stimulus funding also represents a philosophy
5 of the administration and congress that the way we've
6 done things in the past isn't necessarily the best way
7 to do things in the future. Therefore, a lot of what
8 we have seen as traditional hard infrastructure, roads,
9 water, sewer, got very limited funding. Conversely,
10 energy, telecommunications, items like that, got
11 relatively large amounts of funding. I was at one
12 conference learning about stimulus funds and one
13 participant at the conference noted that only a hundred
14 fifty million dollars went to the economic development
15 administration, the traditional source, probably
16 primary source of funding for infrastructure for
17 prosperity and growth, whereas five hundred million
18 went to digital T.V. converters. Three and one half
19 times what went to infrastructure. The response was,
20 if you have a pothole in your street or you sit for a
21 long time in congested traffic on your way home from
22 work, you call your county council member. If your
23 T.V. doesn't work, you call your congressman. I'm not
24 sure about that, but that was the explanation.

25 In the final legislation, funding comes down
26 through existing federal agencies and programs. To get
27 out the money quickly, in the legislation congress
28 attached very aggressive time frames. Those, combined
29 with standard federal regulations and just the
30 complexity of accomplishing any really significant
31 large scale project, makes it a real challenge to spend
32 the money. For instance, the South Carolina DOT had
33 four hundred sixty-three million dollars to spend on
34 road projects. Engineering, environmental process,
35 right of way acquisition, they had a tough time finding
36 projects ready to go in such a short time frame, which
37 is one reason why a fairly large percentage of that
38 went to repaving. That's a project you can get
39 underway pretty quickly.

40 We'll talk a little bit about funding by area, give
41 you a sense of how much funding's available and how to
42 go about accessing those funds. Through the rural
43 development administration, community facilities are
44 funded for a hundred thirty million dollars, in South
45 Carolina that's about three million, primarily through
46 loans. Application is through the South Carolina
47 Budget and Control Board. Rural utilities service,
48 nine hundred sixty eight million; rural housing
49 service, two hundred million; rural businesses, a
50 hundred thirty million, these are all loans; rural

1 business service, twenty million in grants, for South
2 Carolina it's about three hundred thousand. For rural
3 development administration, you do have to be in a
4 rural area. By definition, all of Anderson County,
5 except the City of Anderson, is rural. For
6 application, it's through the local rural development
7 administration office which is located on Pearman Dairy
8 Road right here in town. Economic development
9 administration, a hundred fifty million, that's about
10 three million per state. The guideline, it's
11 supplement to normal EDA funding. The guidelines are
12 not that there's a specific separate grant application
13 project for stimulus funds, but it's a supplemental to,
14 in our case, what comes out of the Atlanta region each
15 year. To apply for EDA funds, it's the normal EDA
16 application and the local, the local economic
17 development district that you work through happens to
18 be us at the Council of Governments. Those projects
19 primarily for infrastructure to attract business
20 industry where you have a bird in hand, an industry or
21 business ready to commit to jobs and private sector
22 investment.

23 An interesting one is the NTIA or National
24 Telecommunications Infrastructure Administration. They
25 have 4.17 billion dollars for broadband
26 telecommunications improvement. The interesting thing
27 with this one is they have to spend their money quickly
28 and the regulations say you have to have a broadband
29 telecommunications plan in place. The Appalachian
30 Council of Governments just completed such a plan for
31 Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. That makes you
32 all one of really a very few areas that meets that
33 requirement for eligibility. And I would think any
34 project you come up with would be highly competitive.
35 Providing broadband access to industrial parks, wi-fi
36 clouds like in a town or a downtown area, ways to make
37 telecommunications for schools, medical centers better,
38 or just to serve people or business. There is a twenty
39 percent match for funds. And at 4.7 billion, we are
40 talking about a lot of money. South Carolina really
41 has opportunity for tens of millions here and there's
42 just not that many local areas ready to go. So that is
43 one really to think about.

44 Department of Energy community facilities block
45 grants. For that, Anderson County is an entitlement
46 community based on your population. You are entitled
47 to seven hundred fifty-one thousand dollars through the
48 Department of Energy. When I was here last time, Mr.
49 Burns mentioned y'all were already underway in working
50 on the applications and paperwork to get that. Again,

1 that is an entitlement to you for you have to serve
2 your citizens. Again, twenty percent matched with
3 that.

4 Through the Environmental Protection Agency, four
5 billion dollars available to loans for clean water.
6 Two billion for safe drinking water. For South
7 Carolina that comes out to about forty million dollars.
8 And again, application is through the South Carolina
9 Budget and Control Board. That is loan funds.

10 Health and Human Services, funding for Head Start
11 and Early Head Start that school systems are eligible
12 for. Through the Health and Human Services
13 Administration on Aging, there are sixty-five million
14 dollars nationally allocated for congregate meals and
15 thirty-two for home delivered meals. In the six county
16 South Carolina Appalachian region, that comes out to
17 two hundred three thousand. My agency is the
18 designated area agency on aging. Quite frankly, we're
19 struggling a little bit to find folks to distribute
20 those funds to. It can be a government organization,
21 faith based, civic, education. We're willing to talk
22 to anybody who can get meals out to people either
23 congregate dining or home delivered and really are
24 interested in talking with anybody on council or
25 anybody who, you know, who knows of an organization
26 that can help distribute that.

27 Funding through the Department of Housing and Urban
28 Development applied to public housing authorities on a
29 formula basis. Community development block grant
30 program. South Carolina has received a little over
31 five million in stimulus funds. Under this program,
32 fifty one percent or more of the beneficiaries have to
33 meet a federal definition for low or moderate income.
34 And again, to get the money out in a hurry, they're
35 looking for projects that are ready to go. Right now
36 the state -- this is another one where the state --
37 people who run the state program have asked the
38 Councils of Governments to help identify projects that
39 meet the income requirements and are ready to go.
40 Community facilities, community enhancement, those
41 types of things. And again we are, we are looking for
42 good projects.

43 Work Force Investment Act, 2.95 billion nationally.
44 The Worklink, or the Pendleton district, includes
45 Anderson, Oconee and Pickens County, received 4.1
46 million in stimulus funds. And for a sense of scale,
47 their typical annual budget is five million. So this
48 is about eighty percent of their normal budget for
49 adult programs, youth programs and dislocated workers
50 and a summer youth program. And Worklink, it would be

1 the folks to -- over in Pendleton would be the folks to
2 contact for that.

3 DOT for surface transportation, nationally about
4 twenty-seven billion, South Carolina four hundred
5 sixty-three million. The DOT Commission has allocated
6 funds for all projects on that. And in Anderson
7 County, the list, a City of Anderson intersection
8 reconstruction project, seven hundred fifty thousand;
9 intersection improvements on S.C. 28, a million
10 dollars; Electric City Transit vehicle acquisition,
11 preventative maintenance, bus shelter, security
12 equipment, eight hundred eighty-seven thousand;
13 resurfacing in the county, 5.6 million; and the East-
14 West Connector, 7.65 million. Total transportation
15 funding under stimulus in Anderson County, fifteen
16 million nine hundred nineteen thousand.

17 I think a question folks always have, okay, how do
18 I get a hold of these funds that are available? And
19 just to summarize the programs I went over, through the
20 Rural Development Administration EPA revolving loan
21 funds, that application is through the South Carolina
22 Budget and Control Board. For the Economic Development
23 Administration funds, it is a standard application
24 process. The first step is through the Council of
25 Governments. The National Telecommunications
26 Infrastructure Administration, those regs and
27 guidelines are still pending. We're looking to see
28 something from that any day now. The energy, as I
29 mentioned, y'all are already well underway on that.
30 The senior meals for us, as I mentioned, we are really
31 looking for projects. Those have to serve folks who
32 are age 65 and over and there are income limits on
33 that. There's many other programs as well, but not
34 particularly relevant to local governments. Through
35 education, homeland security, transportation funds,
36 funds the housing authorities and such.

37 That really concludes my prepared comments. I
38 certainly would be glad to field any questions from any
39 council members.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Any council member like
41 to ask Mr. Pelissier any questions?

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pelissier, you were
45 talking about the transportation part of it. Excuse
46 me. ACOG helped Anderson County secure the bus that we
47 have that goes from Anderson to Tri County Tech.

48 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am, we worked, we
49 worked with your staff on that.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is there money in

1 there for that type of transportation system?
2 STEVE PELISSIER: In the stimulus, there is
3 funding for transit -- mass transit and funding for
4 rolling stock purchase. Those funds go by formula
5 directly to operators. And in the funding that
6 Electric City Transit received, I understand that
7 vehicle purchase was part of that.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That -- but that
9 doesn't -- this is -- that's the city part. This was a
10 county thing with this bus with the CAT system.
11 STEVE PELISSIER: Right.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Time has expired. Anyone
14 like to make a motion to extend five minutes?
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I make a
16 motion that we extend this conversation for five more
17 minutes.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?
19 TOM ALLEN: I second.
20 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor? Extended
21 five minutes.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
23 STEVE PELISSIER: That funding through the
24 legislation was allocated directly and only to
25 designated urban transit providers. So the short
26 answer to your question is no.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: There's no money in there
28 for that?
29 STEVE PELISSIER: Right.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
31 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman?
32 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
33 TOM ALLEN: Could you just very
34 quickly repeat those numbers again for Anderson County
35 for transportation monies?
36 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes sir, one second.
37 City of Anderson intersection improvements scattered,
38 seven hundred fifty thousand; South Carolina 28
39 intersection reconstruction and improvements, one
40 million; Electric City Transit vehicle acquisition,
41 preventive maintenance, bus shelter security equipment,
42 eight hundred eighty-seven thousand; county wide
43 resurfacing, 5.6 million; and East-West Connector, 7.65
44 million. For a total of 15.9.
45 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.
46 STEVE PELISSIER: Sure.
47 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman?
48 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
49 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Pelissier, the East-
50 West Connector, is that going to fully fund that East-

1 West Connector?

2 STEVE PELISSIER: That combined with the

3 ANATS Urban Guide share funding applied to that will.

4 Will. This is a portion of it and then ANATS has

5 applied, you know, a fairly significant portion of

6 their guide shares to make that.

7 BOB WALDREP: So that is one of those

8 shovel ready projects, is that correct?

9 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes sir. Yes sir.

10 BOB WALDREP: That means it will get

11 started, do you know when, when the shovels will start

12 digging?

13 STEVE PELISSIER: If it was, if it was in a

14 non-urban area of the region I would know. On that

15 one, I can look that up and get an answer to that real

16 quickly.

17 BOB WALDREP: Okay. The next question

18 I had was, as far as Anderson County is concerned, I do

19 understand everyone who gets any of this stimulus money

20 has to go through the process of application. Is that

21 correct?

22 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes. There is an

23 application process. Some of it is more competitive

24 than others. For instance, the energy, you are an

25 entitlement, if you fill out your forms correctly you

26 receive it.

27 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Do you have any

28 opinion as to where Anderson County is in the

29 application process or -- that is something you do to

30 assist us, is it not?

31 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, sir. That's

32 certainly something we provide technical assistance.

33 BOB WALDREP: Where are we in that

34 process?

35 STEVE PELISSIER: Are you talking

36 particular to the energy or just in general?

37 BOB WALDREP: Just in general as to --

38 are we, so to speak, getting our share, so to speak, if

39 we are going to proceed with the stimulus?

40 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes sir, you're getting

41 your share. You -- unfortunately, there's just not a

42 lot of funding that's available to local governments.

43 Outside of the energy, the one to keep track of and

44 watch is the telecommunications infrastructure.

45 There's a lot of funding there. I think Anderson

46 County's in a good position to capture that. As I

47 mentioned, that's one where the process has not been

48 finalized and made public yet, but is one to watch for.

49 On energy y'all are on top of last time I was here.

50 The others, you know, the loan programs and such, I'm

1 not fully sure of what all the county and entities in
2 the county are doing. I know that several of your
3 special purpose districts have sought some of those
4 loans. I don't have the exact, who's done what.

5 BOB WALDREP: I was interested to know
6 about the issue of the infrastructure help, you know,
7 which certain things are deleted and certain things are
8 not eligible, I guess you might say. Would a dam
9 project be eligible in the stimulus package?

10 STEVE PELISSIER: I believe not. I cannot
11 think of a program that would include that.

12 BOB WALDREP: You can't think of that.
13 Okay. Thank you very much.

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

15 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Mr.
17 Pelissier, you mentioned that we might be eligible for
18 telecommunication funding assistance. Would fiber
19 optics come under that for economic development?

20 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am. I see the
21 wheels spinning.

22 CINDY WILSON: That would be a good one.
23 And under the USDA Rural Development and the EPA for
24 drinking water, would some of our water issues like
25 over in the Saluda River, Belton-Honea Path Water
26 Authority is in dire need of two big pumps. And some
27 of the clean water issues and a lot of the water
28 facilities around probably need to upgrade treatment
29 capabilities, both sewer and intake?

30 STEVE PELISSIER: Without knowing the
31 specifics, in all likelihood.

32 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

33 STEVE PELISSIER: Again, the definition of
34 rural in Anderson County is everything but the City of
35 Anderson, so it sounds like the rural and the type of
36 issues you're talking about are what those programs are
37 to attack. Again, it's loans and not grants for that.

38 CINDY WILSON: Oh, they're all -- oh,
39 for the water?

40 STEVE PELISSIER: Right.

41 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And, but the fiber
42 optics? Grant?

43 STEVE PELISSIER: That's eighty percent
44 grant, percent grant.

45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chair.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Time has expired. Mr.
47 Pelissier, we appreciate that very much.

48 STEVE PELISSIER: Right. Thank y'all. I
49 appreciate the invitation.

50 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 7 on the

1 agenda. Ms. Floyd.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Pelissier,
3 can you stay around a little bit?

4 STEVE PELISSIER: Yes, ma'am.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Because I have
6 some things that I need to get from you and ask you.
7 Okay. Thank you.

8 We only have five minutes for the e-verification
9 system, so we're going to have to be quick with it.
10 But Margaret, I have to tell you this too, I went to
11 Golden Corral and I talked to the manager and I asked
12 him how did he go about selecting his employees and he
13 pointed to a sign on his wall that touched my heart.
14 It said, all applications are scanned through the e-
15 verification system. I happened to talk with the big
16 manager over the whole region and he came up and
17 introduced himself and he, too, told me that he
18 personally checks each application that has to be e-
19 verified to make sure that his employees are working
20 citizens who are here for the -- who came here just ...

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22 GRACIE FLOYD: My question, Mr. Pitts, very
23 quickly, is this. How -- where are we on this system?
24 The last time we talked, you were going to insert that
25 into our contract. Can you be quickly with me because
26 I need for Mr. Chair to talk, okay?

27 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am. I believe where
28 we were last was that we were going to work on some
29 contract language to insert into the county's contracts
30 on projects involving manual labor that would require
31 the contractor to comply with both South Carolina and
32 federal law. And again, neither federal nor South
33 Carolina law mandates the use of e-verification.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now what has the city
35 done? The city came out with their -- with something,
36 and I was hoping that we would do it first, but ...

37 MIKE PITTS: I'm not aware of anything
38 the city's done, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you reading the paper?

40 MIKE PITTS: I'll be happy to look into
41 that for you.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Did ---

43 MIKE PITTS: The City of Anderson?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

45 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am, I'm not aware of
46 anything they've done.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You are -- okay,
48 Margaret, could you please come up and tell us what
49 they've done. Go to the mike right in front of you.
50 Quickly, Margaret.

1 MARGARET THOMPSON: I don't have all the
2 wording. They do have it in their contracts now, but
3 they don't have the wording of e-verify in it. But
4 they are -- and it has started immediately that they
5 basically are saying that somebody that submits a
6 contract or gets a contract with the city that they
7 will basically check their workers to make sure they're
8 all in compliance.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

10 MARGARET THOMPSON: But e-verify, I've still
11 -- the word mandate is -- we can do this, because in
12 the state law, it does permit us to have our own
13 ordinances.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. Chad,
15 would you please -- please forgive me for calling you
16 by your first name?

17 CHAD SUMMERALL: That's okay.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good. You were
19 going to talk with us about the situation, how it's
20 coming along out there. What's going on?

21 CHAD SUMMERALL: Oh, with Lennar Homes,
22 these people out of Miami, they're coming into our
23 towns building homes and the homebuilders in Anderson
24 are sitting at home doing nothing, but yet they're on
25 our homebuilders association and all that sort of
26 stuff. But I was just wondering how -- I know it's
27 legal, you know, you can work anywhere in the country,
28 but everybody from Anderson is having to go out of
29 state to work and everybody from out of state is here
30 working. That doesn't make any sense. You know, with
31 your ABC Tree Services and you've got thousands of
32 people from Texas up here doing our tree trimming for
33 Duke Power when they should be doing -- we should be
34 doing that ourselves. That would give me a job.
35 Cause, I still am unemployed even though I could, I
36 could go to work at Cracker Barrel now it looks like,
37 so ... But I mean, the e-verify system, I don't see
38 anything wrong with. The only problem is -- would be,
39 would be against us. It's helping the whole community.
40 What's so wrong with it? I don't understand what the
41 problem is.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

43 CHAD SUMMERALL: It looks like the good
44 old boy system wants to keep it going, but I just want
45 to go back to work.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

47 CHAD SUMMERALL: Thank you.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you.
49 Folks, it does seem like we are dragging our feet on
50 this problem here. It is a big problem. It may not

1 have touched you yet because out in the audience, the
2 people that usually come every week, most of you are
3 retired. You don't have this -- you don't have the
4 same problems that you have to confront everyday,
5 finding a job, feeding the family. Most of your
6 families are grown and gone. But still we have to look
7 out for those of us who are still working and still
8 trying to make a living and still can't find a job. I
9 just recently heard of a young girl who cannot graduate
10 because she can't afford to pay her senior fees. The
11 child was a good student all these years and now she
12 won't be able to march because she doesn't have the
13 money to pay the senior fees and the father cannot find
14 a job. That's not fair. It's something wrong with
15 this picture. And, Mr. Pitts, I again ask you to
16 please, sir, please, please find what we can on this
17 verification system. Ms. Margaret has told us several
18 times that the state of South Carolina said you could
19 do your own ordinances and stuff, if it says that,
20 would you mind please checking that to see if it says
21 that, and if it does, then we need to be about the
22 business of helping the people of Anderson County find
23 jobs and keep jobs so they can support their families.
24 And I thank you, Mr. Pitts.

25 MIKE PITTS: And I've looked at that
26 and I believe any ordinance that we would pass would
27 have to be based upon either a business license or
28 business registration scheme, something the county does
29 not have. And I've looked at that.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, just ---

31 MIKE PITTS: I'll be happy to -- if
32 Ms. Thompson has anything she would like to share with
33 me, I would be more than happy to look at it.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: I think she did. Ms.
35 Thompson, didn't you send us some stuff one time about
36 that?

37 EDDIE MOORE: Time has expired.

38 MARGARET THOMPSON: You know, he's welcome to
39 call me. You know, we can talk about it.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, Mr. Pitts,
41 if you would please get in touch with Ms. Thompson so
42 we can try to do the right thing for our people here in
43 Anderson.

44 MIKE PITTS: And I would just ask that
45 she give me a ring and I'll be happy to talk to her.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: She doesn't mind calling
47 you.

48 MIKE PITTS: That'll be fine. I'll be
49 happy to talk to her.

50 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 8(a) on

1 the agenda, the ordinance's third reading, 2009-10, an
2 ordinance amending Chapter 38 of Anderson County Code
3 of Ordinances pertaining to flood damage prevention and
4 matters related thereto. Mr. Burns.

5 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman.
6 Excuse me. This is the third and final reading of the
7 flood damage prevention ordinance and it is one of
8 those that we've discussed in detail and it is a
9 requirement and we would request approval on third
10 reading.

11 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we approve
12 this.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

14 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
15 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
16 Unanimous.

17 We now go to 2009-12, an ordinance amending
18 Ordinance 2008-37 pertaining to the issuance and sale
19 of general obligation bonds, Series 2008, and matters
20 related thereto. Mr. Dunn.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
22 -- I make a motion we move this forward on third
23 reading.

24 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to move
25 forward.

26 RON WILSON: Second.

27 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
28 discussion?

29 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: As I was absent last
32 meeting, I was very, very distraught to hear of the big
33 ruckus involving these -- the re-prioritization of
34 these general obligation bonds and parks. I want to
35 point out that while the park in Homeland Park is
36 certainly very worthy, no one came here in the past
37 eight years to tell us about that park needing work.
38 Never once until about two meetings ago. And then I
39 understand there was a bit of attention paid there.
40 And I want to point out that this is the council that
41 is going to get the job done. But we were never
42 advised of that until very recently. I understand that
43 a former administrator sat on the information and never
44 did anything about it. There were two prior council
45 members representing District 5 and we never heard
46 anything about it from them either. And it's just so
47 grossly unfair for individual council members, or this
48 council, to be beaten up over something that they were
49 never made aware of prior to this recently. But be
50 assured that this is the council that will get the work

1 done. And I understand that there is something being
2 done about it. As far as the monies going to the civic
3 center, it's also important to note that the civic
4 center is for all people in the county.

5 There were reports over the years that a lot of
6 citizens didn't feel welcome out there and didn't think
7 they were getting their fair use of the civic center
8 and that now, with an expansion, there should be plenty
9 of room and also to bring tournament play to Anderson
10 County, which should be a big help economically
11 speaking for our county. Again, this is the council
12 that is getting the work done. And it's all the more
13 helpful when citizens draw our attention to needs, but
14 is it necessary to slap lawsuits on county council
15 without some discussion. And once there's a discussion
16 and an impasse reached, then it might be understandable
17 for a legal action to be made. But it's been
18 absolutely astonishing how every time we turn around
19 we're being sued and people raising sand about general
20 obligation bonds that were passed last year, public
21 hearings, et cetera. But, again, this is the council
22 that will get the job done and these funds will go
23 where everyone can use them. And folks in Homeland
24 Park will also be treated very nicely. Their park will
25 be attended to. Thank you.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? We now
27 vote. All in favor raise your right hand. All
28 opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr.
29 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. ' .
30 Ms. Floyd voted no. The measure passes.

31 We now go to 9, ordinance's second reading. These
32 will be public hearings. 2009-011 an ordinance
33 amending Chapter 55 Anderson County Code of Ordinances
34 pertaining to official county holidays and matters
35 related thereto. A public hearing. The public hearing
36 is now open.

37 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, Williamston,
38 District 7. You know, last year, right before the year
39 ended -- matter of fact, it was a special somewhat
40 called meeting right before December 31st, we gathered
41 for a couple of things. One of the main things was
42 Anderson County sucked. We didn't have enough holidays
43 compared to other counties in our state and we were
44 terrible, and by golly, our county needs the same
45 number as everybody else got within this state. Turns
46 out, we already had one more than the rest of the
47 people in this state basically and we ended up with two
48 additional ones. And, you know, if you think from a
49 personal opinion standpoint, it might just be that
50 trying to give extra days for people working in this

1 county might keep their mouths shut over investigation
2 and things that are going on. I hate to think that's
3 what it was, but it might very well have been that
4 because it sure was shoved in really quick and a lot of
5 misinformation was given pertaining to how many we had
6 compared to the other counties within this state. I
7 was glad to see that this has been put on the agenda.
8 I kind of hate that you didn't get around to doing it
9 January 6th, or at least before they got that free
10 additional day this past Easter weekend, Good Friday.
11 But I do appreciate the fact that you're remedying it
12 now. We do have good employees. They work hard, you
13 know. But I'll say again, if we were able to give
14 every last one of them an additional day off, I know
15 y'all are trying not to fire anybody to save our
16 budget, but if we gave everybody a day off, that equals
17 three employees, if you do the math, per year, that we
18 didn't have to do with because everybody got that day
19 off this year. And if you do the two days that we had
20 extra, that's six employees that we obviously don't
21 need because that's an extra three people. When you do
22 the math, nine hundred employees, three hundred sixty-
23 five days a year, that we could have done without. I
24 appreciate you bringing us back in line to not more
25 than, but to the same level as other state officials
26 and the other counties in our state have. Thank you
27 for removing that burden on us taxpayers. Thank you.

28 CANDY KERN FULLER: Mr. Chair. Candy Kern
29 Fuller from District 4, Mr. Allen's district. It's
30 very disappointing that this council has chosen to
31 balance the budgets on the backs of our employees. We
32 have some of the finest employees in the upstate of
33 South Carolina. I do a fair amount of my work daily as
34 an employment lawyer and we have cut their benefits,
35 we've frozen their raises and now we're taking away
36 holidays. I urge you to reject doing this. I urge my
37 council member, Mr. Allen, to please reject doing this.
38 You've lost fine employees already. Jeff Ricketson was
39 a fine employee, one who I battled against over zoning
40 of the Jones Creek, the covered bridge at Jones Creek,
41 which I think Ms. Wilson may remember, but he was a
42 fine employee none the less and we've lost him. How
43 many other fine employees will we lose? Please do not
44 balance the budget of this county on the backs of your
45 employees. Honor them. Thank you.

46 RICK FREEMANTLE: Mr. Chairman, Rick
47 Freemantle from District 6. I would like to applaud
48 you for taking this action. I think, you know, if it's
49 good enough for the state, it's good enough for
50 Anderson County. Also, it'll help bring some

1 consistency to who has what days off. We'll be the
2 same as the state. Now we won't have any problems
3 trying to figure out who's got what day off in this
4 county. You know, we do have some very good employees,
5 there's no doubt about that. But you know, when you
6 get right down to brass tacks, there's no difference
7 between our county employees and the people, like
8 myself, who go to work everyday and pay the taxes to
9 keep this county running. Now these county employees,
10 myself as a small businessman, these county employees
11 have about twelve more paid holidays a year than I get.
12 I think I'm being very generous. I don't see you as
13 balancing the budget on the backs of the county
14 employees. I -- what I see you doing is taking an
15 even, fair, responsible look at where we are in the
16 world at this particular moment. Our whole country,
17 our whole world, is in trouble economically speaking.
18 To think that we could sit here when we have thousands
19 of people in this country losing their jobs every day
20 of the week. We just had General Motors file
21 bankruptcy. Those people don't know if they've got a
22 job today or not. Many plants are shutting down. To
23 sit here and say something as absurd as balancing the
24 budget on the backs of our employees. I just don't
25 understand that. We're being very generous with our
26 employees by giving them the paid holidays that they're
27 getting. And I'm sure that they accept that generosity
28 and I don't think there's any animosity coming from
29 these people. They're probably very grateful that they
30 have a job, A, and paid holidays, B, and health care.
31 All of which, with the exception of the job, I don't
32 have. No health care, no paid holidays. And yet, I'm
33 the one who pays the taxes so they can have these fine
34 things. I applaud your actions. Thank you.

35 TERRY CHAPMAN: Terry Chapman, District
36 2. I can't understand why we're trying to compare
37 ourselves with any other county or anybody throughout
38 the state. This is Anderson County. And trying to
39 compare us with General Motors, or any other big
40 organization, and I'm sorry Mr. Freemantle don't get
41 all those vacations, but he chose to work for himself.
42 But our county employees, like I say, we've got some of
43 the finest ones. I've worked with all of them from --
44 even getting grants from COG, to picking up trash and
45 doing whatever with the rest of them. They're hard
46 working employees. They deserve the best. We can't
47 look at why -- whether it's balancing the budget on one
48 of them's back or not. These folks work hard. And
49 quit looking at what everybody else is doing. What do
50 we want to do? What do we want to do for our

1 employees?

2 To me, when I was working before I retired, they --
3 I'd rather have time off than I had a pay raise. Comp
4 time, time off. They could say you want overtime or
5 time off? I wanted time off to spend with my family.
6 That's what a lot of these folks count on. Used to,
7 yeah it was, you got two weeks, or a week the Fourth of
8 July, you got this -- even school system's so screwed
9 up, I don't know when our kids is out and when they're
10 going anymore. But the county employees here deserve
11 the best because they're the best. Thank you.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Seeing none,
13 hearing none, the public hearing is now closed. Do I
14 have a motion on the floor?

15 TOMMY DUNN: I make a motion we move to
16 adopt this.

17 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to adopt.
18 Do I have a second.

19 CINDY WILSON: Second.

20 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
21 discussion with council members?

22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

23 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: Last fall when this first
25 came up before the previous council, we were trying to
26 find out the holidays for counties across the state. I
27 just want to point out that the information we were
28 provided by the council -- previous council member who
29 basically encouraged this ordinance, was
30 misrepresented. And I think that this particular
31 ordinance at this time brings us back into line with
32 what the actual state holidays are, which will also
33 make it easier for our employees and state employees to
34 coordinate work schedules and so forth. It will be --
35 I think it will be far more helpful. Thank you.

36 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman?

37 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

38 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I would just like to
39 state something that -- we're not attempting to balance
40 this budget on the back of county employees. We are
41 working very, very hard to keep jobs here at Anderson
42 County. Not have to lay anyone off. Not have to
43 furlough anyone. We have fired no one. If you'll go
44 on the internet or grab a newspaper from anywhere in
45 this state, look at what every county, most of the
46 cities, and most of the school boards are doing,
47 they're laying people off. They don't have the money
48 to run. Again, I'll say it, we're trying desperately
49 to keep these jobs here and we are not trying to
50 balance this budget on the backs of the employees.

1 They are good employees. No one will argue with that.
2 Thank you.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Basically what we have
4 done, we have eliminated one day and that is Good
5 Friday. All of -- basically, all of the holidays
6 remain the same. We've only eliminated one day. Doing
7 that, we tried very hard in all of the workshops so
8 that we don't have to lay anybody off. And I think
9 we've done real well. And I think we need to pass this
10 and I would like to see it go forward. Anyone else?
11 We now vote. All in favor raise your right hand. All
12 opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr.
13 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, and Ms. Wilson voted yes.
14 Ms. Floyd voted no. Measure passes.

15 We now go to Item (b) which is 2009-13 which is an
16 ordinance authorizing the property tax credit to
17 taxpayers within Anderson County, South Carolina for
18 installation of fire sprinkler systems in compliance
19 with the South Carolina Code Ann. 12-6-3622 and other
20 matters. Mr. Dunn, this is a public hearing. The
21 public hearing is now open. Anyone have any comments?
22 Seeing none, hearing none, the public hearing is now
23 closed. Any council member have any discussion?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I was, I make
25 a motion we adopt this on second reading.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor to
27 adopt. Do I have a second?

28 TOM ALLEN: Second.

29 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
30 discussion? Ms. Floyd.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have been looking
32 at this for the past two weeks now since it was brought
33 up. And this could -- I mean this is a -- could be a
34 good idea for some of the citizens of Anderson County.
35 But for those who don't have the means to do this or
36 the water power to do this, it seems like it's a little
37 unfair to them. Others will be getting, what is it,
38 tax credit, yeah, property tax credit. Somebody's
39 going to have to make that tax loss up some kind of
40 way. I would not be able to afford to do this at my
41 house. Somebody else out there might be able to afford
42 to do it. They would get a tax deduction. I won't.
43 But after a while, who's going to make up that
44 shortfall. To me, this is another example of the rich
45 get richer and the poor gets poorer. Thank you.

46 EDDIE MOORE: In Charleston -- I would
47 like to make one comment. In Charleston when -- a lot
48 of you probably remember the warehouse fire. This is
49 what has brought this on and most of your -- a lot of
50 your counties have passed this. And it's basically for

1 businesses more than it is for residential. And what
2 it would do for us, it may help us to attract
3 businesses into this county to create jobs by giving
4 them a tax incentive if they come in and -- with their
5 business and install the sprinkler systems. Anything
6 we can do to help business, to create jobs, I will be
7 in -- for it. I will be for it. And I would like to
8 see the council to vote for it. Any other council
9 member?

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
11 EDDIE MOORE: I want to hear all the
12 council members first, Ms. Floyd, then I will come back
13 to you. Anyone else? Ms. Floyd.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I, too, would
15 not -- I would like to see businesses adopt this
16 measure because it is safety related. But I understood
17 from the last meeting that this would be for homes, for
18 homes, and is not for the businesses. I have no
19 problems with businesses doing this. But we're talking
20 about homes, and installing this thing in homes. Now,
21 has it changed from the last meeting to this one?

22 EDDIE MOORE: It's always been anybody.
23 If any business or any home installs this, they get a
24 credit.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Then ---
26 EDDIE MOORE: It's pretty much been
27 adopted throughout the state.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: I still have the floor.
30 TOMMY DUNN: That would be, that would
31 be -- to clear -- point of order. That will only be
32 for business that's not required to do it by law.
33 Anybody -- there are some businesses out there, or any
34 residence, not required to do it by law, that's who
35 this will affect.

36 EDDIE MOORE: We now vote. All in
37 favor raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it be
38 shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
39 Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no.

40 We now go to 2009-14. This will be the budget.
41 The ordinance to adopt the operating capital budget of
42 Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1st
43 through July 30th of 2010 and make appropriation for
44 such Anderson County budgets for county ordinance
45 purposes and for county purposes which county may levy
46 tax other than Tri County Technical College purposes;
47 to provide levy of taxes and taxable personal and real
48 estate properties in Anderson, South Carolina for such
49 county ordinary purposes including sufficient tax to
50 pay for principal and interest on outstanding

1 indebtedness of Anderson County maturing during said
2 fiscal year; to adopt the operating capital budgets for
3 Anderson County budgets for Tri County Tech; to provide
4 for the levy and taxes of all personal and real
5 properties in Anderson County in which school taxes may
6 be levied for such Tri County Technical purpose; and to
7 provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of
8 certain other taxes and fees to provide for the
9 expenditures of said taxes and other revenues coming to
10 the county during said fiscal year; and to provide for
11 other matters relating to Anderson County. The public
12 hearing is now open for comments.

13 CHARLES CROW: Mr. Chairman, pardon me
14 for jumping the gun, but I saved a little time by
15 getting on down here. My name is Charles Crow and I'm
16 -- live in Five Forks. I'd first like to commend the
17 administrative staff and this council for coming up
18 with a budget that we understand is not going to be any
19 tax increase. I have a couple of questions that I --
20 to you Mr. Chairman, and then maybe the staff or
21 somebody later on can answer it before you take up your
22 third and final reading.

23 I didn't see anything in the budget where we're
24 spending any money on these 800 megahertz radios. Are
25 we using them, or we just got them and can't afford to
26 use them, or what's the story there on the 800
27 megahertz radios?

28 The next one is the Farmer's Market. I've noticed
29 in this information I've received that we have two
30 employees out there, one is the manager and one is the
31 assistant, and they take in a grand total of around
32 thirteen thousand dollars a year rent. Now, I'm not
33 comparing any employee with the amount of money they
34 bring in, but it looks to me like this job could be
35 handled by a good part-time employee and would save
36 this county around a hundred thousand dollars.

37 Okay. The solid waste fees. I know the taxes
38 haven't been increased, but if anybody looks, the solid
39 waste fees, thanks to the last council before y'all,
40 they fixed that thing up where this year we may not get
41 a millage increased, but we're certainly going to get a
42 fee increase there. And even those of us that -- I
43 understand that -- and every year, see this is what I
44 don't understand, nothing in that ordinance that they
45 passed implies that if you start out this year with a
46 -- last year with a sixty dollar solid waste fee, this
47 year it's plus CPI which is going to bring it up to
48 sixty-four or sixty-five bucks. Now, next year,
49 there's nothing in the ordinance that straightens this
50 out. Will we pay -- of course, it says continued on.

1 Will we pay the percentage of CPI on the sixty-five
2 dollars or will we still do it on the sixty dollars?
3 So you see what I'm saying. That needs to be addressed
4 probably in this thing. And it's all based on the cost
5 of living.

6 All right. I've only got one more question. I
7 don't want to put you on the spot because we're so
8 thankful for this, but we keep hearing through the
9 grapevine that there's a pretty big savings here in
10 this year's budget and we're not doubting it, and we
11 don't know it for sure because, you know, we haven't
12 heard it -- had anybody officially tell us that.
13 However, if there is, we're interested in knowing how
14 did they waste that much money last year? I mean, you
15 know, somebody had to waste a ton of money if we're
16 going to have the kind of savings we're hearing. Or I
17 just don't understand. But maybe those are the kind of
18 questions that y'all can address prior to the third
19 reading.

20 Now, one more thing, and I beg, if you have to
21 throw me out, throw me out, but I've got to ask this
22 question. I'm afraid one of the council people is
23 going to leave this building before I get to ask this
24 question of her. I'd like to know who that young lady
25 is that can't graduate because I'll raise the money for
26 her. Thank you.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

28 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr.
29 Chairman. Rick Freemantle. I may not get paid
30 holidays, but I'll be willing to help Charles. I'm
31 very impressed with this budget process. You know,
32 from what I've heard, we're looking a seven million
33 dollar cut in the budget this year. That's the first
34 time in twelve years that I've heard of any cut in any
35 budget for Anderson County. That's phenomenal,
36 especially in this economic climate. That is really
37 good. No jobs cut. Again, the person that spoke
38 before me talking about the jobs being cut all over
39 this state or, it might have been Mr. Allen, I'm not
40 sure, but they are, they're laying off people
41 everywhere. They're doing whatever they can dream up
42 to cut their budgets because they're responsible
43 people, just like y'all are. You realize the shape
44 we're in and you're doing the right thing regardless if
45 people like the medicine or not. Sometimes it's the
46 worst tasting medicine that gives you the best cure.

47 No tax increases. Man, twelve years. You know,
48 they've played all kinds of games. Oh, it's not a tax
49 increase, it's a millage increase. Oh, it's not a tax
50 increase, but your solid waste is going up. It's not a

1 tax increase, but the cost to register a vehicle is
2 going up. Every time we turned around for the last
3 twelve years, that's all we saw was increase in the tax
4 bill, which at the bottom line is a tax increase. I
5 don't care what you name it, what you call it, what
6 department you put it in, if the bill is more this year
7 than it was last year, it's a tax increase. So I'm
8 very happy to know that we're not going to have a tax
9 increase. For a conservative, that is bitter medicine
10 well swallowed.

11 You've allowed public input at most of your budget
12 hearings. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make a lot
13 of them. Prior commitments. You know that job with no
14 paid holidays. But you actually listened. You
15 accepted public input. For the seven, eight years I've
16 been going to this stuff, we were allowed to come, sit
17 down and shut up. No public input needed. That's what
18 the air was. A big change now.

19 Less vehicles on the road. I applaud you, Mr.
20 Allen. To think of all the gas that we're saving, the
21 insurance, the chances of accidents. Awesome job,
22 awesome job. And I'm reaching out here, but in spite
23 of the frivolous lawsuits, I'm willing to venture that
24 we're probably going to have less legal fees for
25 probably the first time in twelve years. Thank you.

26 CANDY KERN FULLER: Mr. Chair. I'd like
27 to speak to the budget issue. I'd like to correct the
28 misinformation that was put forth by the council. Ms.
29 Floyd in her hundred days memo that she read at the
30 last council meeting, exposed the fact that public
31 information office was decimated. Employees were
32 fired. One was demoted. One of them is now part time
33 after being full time. Employees have been affected.
34 And I stand by the fact that despite the efforts of
35 council that employees have been terminated and we are
36 balancing the budget on the backs of our employees.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

38 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, Williamston,
39 District 7. I did attend a few of those budget
40 meetings and it was impressive. The department heads
41 were there. Y'all had open discussions on each
42 department, different things, different avenues.
43 Getting rid of the excess cars. Hey, I was a salesman
44 for twenty-seven years and had a free company car. A
45 county employee having a free company car, oh man,
46 that's just wrong. You know, if there was a department
47 that got unfunded, good. I'd like to see strawberries
48 unfunded. I'd like to see mass transit unfunded. It
49 would be interesting though if you didn't fund those
50 bailout contracts that were given in the last week of

1 November, if those would just go away. I guess it
2 would be another lawsuit. But I do think that the
3 couple of million bucks that we paid, I think it was
4 Nexsen, Pruet to handle our stuff in the past, we're
5 still going to come way under budget for our legal fees
6 this year. I've stated a many of times, many a times,
7 we've gone from three hundred something employees to
8 almost nine hundred, eight hundred something. Whatever
9 it is. Fluff. Fluff, fluff, fluff. Every department
10 became a head. Every department became someone over
11 someone who got someone else to do the work who got
12 someone else to do their work. Yeah, you have a lot of
13 people to manage, but what's being done for me, the
14 taxpayer. Okay? I, again, wish, and I applaud you for
15 not firing many, if any, or just a few. I wish you
16 would have fired a lot more. I think we have way too
17 much overhead. You go from thirty-eight million to a
18 hundred fifty million. Yes, that's a lot of employees.
19 But you know, some departments just aren't busy year
20 round. Hire an employee. Hire someone, you have to do
21 it through a temp agency, change them about every week,
22 have them doing odd jobs, walking around watching these
23 departments, looking at them, when they don't know who
24 they are or what they're doing, to see how much excess
25 time some of these employees have.

26 Speaking of such, I've -- I got one of the biggest
27 laughs I've ever had reading through the Blog-A-Sphere
28 this past week. You have a county employee who loves
29 to blog and it's interesting, how dare you, you ran on
30 the fact that you were going to cut our budgets and you
31 were going to save us tax money, but, by golly, they
32 claim every department is fully funded, not a single
33 department's funded less than they were last year. So
34 not only did you succeed in cutting the fluff budget,
35 they claim that every budget within every department is
36 still fully funded at the same level, they just didn't
37 get, I guess, the gigantual increases that they had
38 anticipated. Whether that's true or not, I don't know.
39 I just think it's very intriguing that you guys got
40 fussed at for not following your campaign promises of
41 cutting budgets. You did cut seven million bucks. I
42 think you could cut several, several more million.
43 Each employee represents fifty thousand on average and
44 every ten employees is a half a million bucks. A
45 hundred employees is five million bucks. Out of eight
46 hundred and something, a hundred wouldn't be a bad
47 number to see go away. Eighty something employees
48 would have been the four million, five million y'all
49 were struggling with to come up with budget cuts. If
50 you continue doing it, you could lower my taxes. A lot

1 of people don't keep up with their taxes. I've got a
2 spread sheet on every year I've paid tax. If it goes
3 up ten, twenty, thirty, forty dollars, fifty dollars
4 every year, you think that's nothing, but you look
5 back, and I beg -- I've been in the same house for
6 twenty-seven, yeah, twenty-seven -- well, twenty-eight
7 years, so I haven't changed, I haven't lost sight of
8 what my property tax has done. Since I live in the
9 same house, I know what property taxes have done in the
10 last twenty-eight years. They didn't do anything for
11 years. I'll point out again Powdersville. I'm not
12 talking now to Three and Twenty, I'm talking
13 Powdersville, exactly Powdersville. Powdersville was
14 developed in the eighties. The interest rate was
15 eighteen percent. Why did people build brand new, at
16 the time, I guess, a hundred and ten thousand dollar
17 houses. I think it's Jamestown, the subdivision right
18 there on Highway 81 off 153. Why? Because Anderson
19 County taxes were low. I would love for you to go up
20 and ask the people in that subdivision, hey, in the
21 eighties when you borrowed at eighteen percent, do you
22 think you're still getting your money's worth on the
23 low taxes that you went across the river to build in
24 Anderson County instead of Greenville, Pickens or
25 Oconee Counties? No. People who don't look at their
26 taxes from a long period back, they think our taxes
27 haven't moved much. Our taxes have moved
28 extraordinarily massive. And when you -- the
29 government, thanks to Dan Harvell and that group, when
30 they moved a lot of our property taxes off, it helped
31 us a lot, but it shifted to our cars. Okay. We, as a
32 county, on our homes saved, but we, as owner of cars,
33 our taxes went up. You know, you guys need to look at
34 everything and understand as a citizen and as a county
35 councilman that everything cost money and the things
36 y'all have done to save us money, I appreciate it. I
37 just wish you would do some more. You can't tell me
38 that we don't have a lot of fluff employees. Ten
39 percent less wouldn't be a huge number and it would
40 save us and we could pay off that ten million dollar
41 bond. We could pay it off just by getting rid of -- in
42 two years, by getting rid of an extra hundred employees
43 in this county. Thank you.

44 GREG BUMGARDNER: My name's Greg
45 Bumgardner from District 6. I think the prior speaker
46 used terminology that I'm quite familiar with. One
47 thing I ask the council members sitting here as a new
48 speaker tonight is that there is not a person in this
49 county that, with the exception of a fortunate
50 individual, that may have grown their income. So

1 everybody here, yourselves, everybody on this side of
2 the rail, have suffered economically in these times.
3 But as when a well goes dry and you sling the bucket
4 down that well and you hear it hit rocks, you have no
5 other choice. So your management of this budget, one,
6 two, seven or all, is how we function as a society. If
7 a fire breaks out in Powdersville, it still gets
8 answered. If a robbery takes place at a restaurant on
9 Clemson Boulevard, it still gets answered. So you are
10 to be commended for finding the fiscal responsibility
11 and the fortitude to make the cuts that you have to
12 this point. But my challenge to you is two fold and
13 then I'll wrap this up.

14 First and foremost, the prior speaker said there
15 was fluff in this budget. And to put it more simply,
16 if you, as individuals, begin to take these budgets
17 apart, Anderson County government speaker here earlier,
18 it can double talk somebody out of a pound of cash
19 faster than anybody I know. Literally. I saw some of
20 y'all look at him like, doggone, what's he talking
21 about, but there's money involved. The bottom line is
22 that's an example of this fluff.

23 And the second item is, is that, should we come
24 back to some measure of prosperity, my challenge to you
25 would be to continue to cut this budget because I, as a
26 citizen, and everybody else out here and those of you
27 sitting there, knows best how to spend your money and
28 don't let other people spend it for you. So in these
29 hard times, you are to be commended for finding these
30 cuts. But the challenge is, as we work our way through
31 these hard times, your obligation to us is to continue
32 to find these cuts because, you put a sidewalk in a
33 neighborhood and I'll still show you kids running in
34 the street because that's where they'd rather be. It's
35 -- there's just -- there's tough things to be looked at
36 in this budget and everybody has an opinion. But
37 you've got to remember this, when you're dead broke,
38 your opinion's not worth much. And if you've got money
39 in your pocket, y'all are gracious enough to let us
40 speak. Sometimes ignorantly. Thank you.

41 LESLIE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, Leslie
42 White, District 6. I, too, would like to commend this
43 council on the cuts in this budget. I seem to remember
44 not so long ago standing in this very room at a council
45 meeting where we were told that the budget had been cut
46 to absolute bare bones and that next we were going to
47 be into the tissue. And I'm astounded at what you have
48 managed to save the county. And so I, too, commend you
49 for that as someone who is very seriously affected by
50 the downturn in the economy. I can tell you that the

1 possibility, the potential of tax increases is not a
2 pleasant one when we're barely keeping our heads above
3 water as it is. So I commend you for that. I thank
4 you. And I, too, encourage you to continue to look for
5 places to cut this budget before the final reading on
6 it. Thank you for all your hard work.

7 STEVEN POPE: Mr. Chairman, Steven Pope,
8 County Council District 1, Bellview Estates. I had a
9 chance to just glance over the budget and I am
10 impressed. You have made a lot of cuts and I see a lot
11 of improvement. But still, when we talk about budgets
12 we are basically dealing with only three issues. What
13 we are required and we must do, services that we need
14 to provide and then there is also what we would like to
15 have. And we cut where we -- and the one that gets cut
16 are all the ones that we'd like to have, but we really
17 could do without. And there's still a lot in there we
18 can do and even tighten our belts even tighter to help
19 save this county money. And this can be done on an
20 individual basis when you take trips and the amount of
21 your per diem expenses. If we watch how we spend all
22 of our dollars on our little wants, we would find out
23 how much this all adds up in a year's time. Thank you.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Hearing none,
25 seeing none, the public hearing is now closed. I make
26 a motion we adopt this.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Second. Any discussion?

29 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

31 BOB WALDREP: I do understand that we're
32 not quite through with this budget, that we'll have
33 another workshop?

34 EDDIE MOORE: That's correct. I, I need
35 to go ahead and announce that now. Next Friday at nine
36 o'clock -- didn't mean to interrupt you, Mr. Waldrep.
37 But next Friday at nine o'clock we'll have another
38 budget workshop right here. And as always, the public
39 is involved -- is invited to come and be involved with
40 your county. And if you've got any suggestions, most
41 of the budget, a lot of it, I think, has been
42 published. Some of our -- we'll be passing out, and
43 you're welcome to any input from anyone in the county.
44 Please come. We welcome you to come and be a part of
45 your county. And that will be next Friday at nine
46 o'clock. So come join us. Mr. Waldrep.

47 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, that's really
48 pretty much what I had to ask a question about and to
49 let everyone know that it's not a completely done deal,
50 it can be changed, altered and amended, but that, I

1 think, council is going to continue to be diligent in
2 looking at this budget, every corner of it, for what we
3 think is really a priority and what we don't have to
4 have. So I'm -- I just appreciate the hard work of the
5 council.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman

7 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to talk to
9 what was said earlier about this is the first year,
10 something or another, about we came under budget, or
11 we're not going to spend the money. But I would like
12 to point out that as we progress in the budget process,
13 I thought it might be informative for you to have a
14 history of the general fund balance since fiscal year
15 1999. You will notice that the county did not spend
16 the entire budget amount in any year. For instance, in
17 2006 and 2007, over one million usage of fund balance
18 was budgeted, but nothing was used. And that needs to
19 be taken into consideration every time we go back to
20 the past, we need to, we need to keep up with the truth
21 of the thing. I will repeat that the County did not
22 spend the entire budget amount in any year. For
23 instance in 2006 and 2007, over one million usage of
24 fund balance was budgeted, but nothing was used. This
25 is according to Rusty Burns, the interim county
26 administrator, and it was sent to each one of us on
27 April 24, 2009, which I thank you for.

28 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Having been here
31 for about eight years now, it might be useful to ...

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33 CINDY WILSON: ... even not being a
34 financial accountant, anywhere from three and a half to
35 five million a year that appeared to be a block of
36 wasteful spending. This year they found about seven
37 million. Other years, they had other constituents
38 who'd look and claim they could find about ten million
39 dollars. As for budgets, we all have to live within
40 our means at home, but this county for years failed to
41 do that. For many years, there would be, for example,
42 a million one, a million two transferred on the last
43 day of the fiscal year. We are on a fiscal year which,
44 which starts July 1st and ends June 30th, rather than
45 the calendar year. Many times we wouldn't even have
46 this reported back to council until like maybe sometime
47 between November or February of the following fiscal
48 year. And then when there were questions about the
49 transfers, they were just brushed aside. It's really
50 reassuring, not only to me as a council member, but to

1 my constituents who have talked with me about this
2 process over the years, to have a fully engaged set of
3 employees, county council members and even our public
4 now.

5 But there were a couple of things that I wanted to
6 run by you. There was a typo on page 16, under Section
7 15 that I've spoken with our finance director about and
8 she is addressing that. And then on page 21, there are
9 some items that I have requested, as I requested many
10 years in the past, that Section 27 dealing with
11 administration reporting and transferring funds more
12 accurately reflect what the state home rule language is
13 under the council administrator form of government.
14 And I have asked for a number of lines to be deleted
15 and it primarily takes us back to where Anderson
16 County's administrator reports to council with, at
17 least monthly, on any transfers above twenty-five
18 hundred dollars out of any fund or department. And
19 about three years ago, there was a number of pages
20 added to this very simple almost one paragraph section
21 and it basically reorganized the county in years past
22 with sometimes disparate departments and division heads
23 and there was a system that really became very
24 convoluted between the county administrator's reporting
25 of transfers to the council and the procedure. So
26 anyway, I have talked with our finance director and our
27 administrator and they're supposed to update what we
28 see the next go round and I wanted to make sure y'all
29 had seen that too. Thank you.

30 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

32 TOM ALLEN: If I might, yeah. I'd
33 like to speak about -- on an article that was in the
34 Independent Mail today regarding the budget. But
35 before I do that, I would like to just make it clear to
36 everyone, I've heard twice tonight from a couple of
37 different people that county council has fired folks.
38 County council only employs two people, that's the
39 administrator and the clerk. If we wanted to fire
40 anybody, those are the only two people we could fire.
41 All right. Now, to go on -- this was the article in
42 the paper today about the budget and I wanted to
43 clarify some things in here because I think there might
44 have been -- well, it just needs a little bit of
45 clarification. And I may need -- Mr. Burns, I may need
46 Ms. Davis' help over here on some of these because I
47 want to be sure the numbers are correct. I'm not
48 trying to spin this or do anything else to it. I want
49 to be sure the numbers are right. And down here it
50 refers to the fact that -- or alleged fact that the

1 budget has been cut by more than 3.3 million from last
2 year. 3.3 is it that or is it more than 3.3 million?

3 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, members of
4 council, the total budget, all funds included has
5 actually been decreased by eleven million.

6 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

7 RITA DAVIS: Look at the general fund
8 alone, including the Sheriff's Department, has been cut
9 by 6.6 million. The Sheriff has added some to his
10 budget so in actuality, the general fund budget has
11 been cut a little over five million.

12 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you very
13 much. I have another question. Don't sit down yet.
14 You can probably answer this one too. The county
15 council has the second biggest increase, a growth of
16 twelve percent of thirty-six thousand four hundred and
17 eighty dollars. In other words, the council has
18 budgeted for a hundred dollars more per day than it did
19 -- than last year's council did. I'm not clear on
20 that. Can you explain what -- where did that thirty-
21 six thousand come from?

22 RITA DAVIS: That's taking the
23 entirety of department 5011, which is county council's
24 budget, and comparing it to the current budget to what
25 is being proposed for next fiscal year. And if you
26 look in totality, yes, it has increased thirty-six
27 thousand four hundred eighty dollars.

28 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Was that increase,
29 by any chance, due to the possibility of hiring
30 additional help for the clerk for council.

31 RITA DAVIS: That individual has not
32 been hired. It is a deputy clerk position that is on
33 the staffing schedule in personnel. But we were
34 instructed the current budget year to not fund that
35 position. But we were not instructed to do that next
36 budget year so that person has not been employed. So
37 if they are not employed next budget year, that savings
38 will revert back to the general fund.

39 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Also, the
40 operating expenses for the council this year include an
41 extra sixteen thousand two hundred thirty-five dollars
42 for lodging, food and travel cost to compensate for the
43 loss of expense accounts. Can you explain that just a
44 little bit to the folks about what we did with the
45 expense accounts this year?

46 RITA DAVIS: With county council's
47 assistance, yes, sir, the current budget year each
48 council member has six thousand dollars to -- for
49 travel, lodging, meals, registration fees. There is a
50 thousand for -- if you hold a statewide office that you

1 can use. And also, the chair has a thousand dollars
2 because it's assumed that he or she will be attending
3 more meetings. So the total -- and of course the clerk
4 and the deputy clerk had four thousand each. So that
5 was for accountability. Each person had their own
6 account that they would charge those expenditures.
7 That's totaling fifty-two thousand dollars. Next year,
8 what we were instructed to do, look at what is
9 customarily spent and just provide for one account for
10 travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, and that is
11 what we've done. We kept the statewide and the
12 chairman's intact at a thousand each. And what --
13 actually it ends up being eighteen thousand dollars.
14 So, in essence, you've saved thirty-four thousand
15 dollars by doing that.

16 TOM ALLEN: And basically the
17 council members gave up their reimbursable funds.
18 RITA DAVIS: That's correct.
19 TOM ALLEN: Yes. All right.
20 RITA DAVIS: A little bit has been
21 provided, but we've -- you've substantially reduced it.

22 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And just maybe one
23 or two more items here. It's talking about the finance
24 department is losing twenty-six percent of its budget
25 or 3.6 million and change. Much of that decrease is
26 because of a cut in employee benefit costs, just over
27 1.8 million in benefits have been reduced by funding
28 only half of an outdated health benefit plan for
29 retirees and by increasing what some employees -- and
30 by increasing what employees making over fifty thousand
31 have to pay for health insurance. Number one, are we
32 funding an outdated health plan for our people?

33 RITA DAVIS: No, sir, not to my
34 knowledge.

35 TOM ALLEN: I didn't think that it
36 was, but that's what's in here. And also, it sounds as
37 though those people making over fifty thousand are
38 having to pay additional money for their plan. Now the
39 way it stands right now, those making over fifty
40 thousand, instead of the county paying that, there will
41 be ninety-three dollars and some change every paycheck.
42 That's not an increase, it's just that would be coming
43 out of their check to pay for the health insurance.
44 But we're not adding ninety-three dollars or taking,
45 you know, more than that away from them. But also, it
46 needs to be kept in mind as was stated earlier, this is
47 still fluid. We've got more budget meetings to go
48 through. And we certainly would like to not have this
49 in it. We would like to do away with this aspect of it
50 so that nobody has to pay.

1 RITA DAVIS: That's correct.
2 TOM ALLEN: But I just wanted to make
3 sure that everybody knew that this is fluid yet. It's
4 not chiseled in stone.

5 And a final item down here that I would mention.
6 It looks as though it's stated that our budget has gone
7 from 46.5 million last year to 60.7 million this year.
8 Now that's what people are going to read in the paper
9 and they are going to say, oh my gosh, what did that
10 county council do, they've jacked our budget way up.
11 What's actually happened is the Sheriff's Department
12 has been moved back under the general fund and that's
13 where that additional money comes from. It's not
14 additional money, it's just moving the Sheriff's
15 Department back under the general fund. Is that
16 correct?

17 RITA DAVIS: Yes ,sir. There's 20.8
18 Million for the Sheriff.

19 TOM ALLEN: I just wanted to be -- to
20 clarify those things because I know how people are
21 going to read the paper and they're going to run off
22 with the wrong idea. All right. Thank you.

23 EDDIE MOORE: You certainly may, sir,
24 not as chairman, but help yourself.

25 SHERIFF: I said that my budget
26 increased, I had an increase, that's because my millage
27 rate increased not because I (inaudible) ...

28 TOM ALLEN: Let's hear it for the
29 Sheriff.

30 EDDIE MOORE: I would like -- is
31 anybody else from the Finance Department here Rita? Or
32 Janna? Y'all stand up. I want everybody to give these
33 two ladies a big hand.

34 APPLAUSE

35 EDDIE MOORE: They have done -- y'all
36 really would not know how much work that the Finance
37 Department has done. They have really worked to try to
38 bring this about so that we didn't have to lay anybody
39 off. We was able to cut this much money, but they have
40 worked endless, I mean this, hours and hours they've
41 put into it and they really, really deserve credit for
42 this, what they've done. I just want to thank y'all
43 very, very much. You've made this chairman's job very
44 easy, I guarantee you, and all these council members up
45 here too. We really appreciate your effort. Ms.
46 Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: I wonder though, where
48 is Ms. Humphries? She is the -- is she still the --
49 what, Director of the Financial Department?

50 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, with your

1 permission?
2 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns.
3 RUSTY BURNS: She is at a seminar today
4 on grant funds, Ms. Floyd, she and another staff member
5 and she was going to try to make it back and that's
6 where she is.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good. I have not
8 seen her at most -- she has not attended most of the
9 meetings, nor has she ---
10 RUSTY BURNS: Yes ,ma'am. That's where
11 she is today.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Nor has she, you know,
13 been here.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: But is she still over
16 the ...
17 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely nothing has
18 changed, not one iota.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, that's good the
20 hear. Thank you.
21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
22 EDDIE MOORE: All right.
23 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
25 BOB WALDREP: In view of Mr. Allen's
26 soliloquy there with Ms. Davis, I would think that we
27 should prepare some sort of letter, maybe from the
28 finance department, back to the newspaper because they
29 seem to have difficulty in dealing with the facts and
30 figures that are reality.
31 APPLAUSE
32 EDDIE MOORE: Y'all, please hold it
33 down. Please hold it down.
34 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I very
35 quickly?
36 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
37 CINDY WILSON: Everyone knows that for
38 eight years I've voted against every budget because
39 there was never an effort to even look at the priority
40 needs of the county, much less discuss what we could do
41 to enhance the services for the county citizens without
42 having to unnecessarily raise taxes. And tonight
43 you'll get to see me vote for the first budget I've
44 ever voted for, so ... And I cannot think -- I cannot
45 thank our county employees and my fellow council
46 members and Mr. Burns enough for making this possible.
47 I think this is a harbinger of things to come where we
48 can actually work within our means and provide good
49 quality necessary services for our county employees and
50 not necessarily having to raise taxes every time we

1 turn around. Thank you.
2 EDDIE MOORE: We'll now vote. All in
3 favor, raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it be
4 shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn,
5 Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: The first time ever.
7 EDDIE MOORE: We'll now go to Item 10,
8 ordinance's first reading 2009-16, a zoning request by
9 Hugh M. King, owner of 1.49 acres.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of
11 order.
12 EDDIE MOORE: What's your point of
13 order, Ms. Floyd?
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, may we take
15 a short break, please?
16 EDDIE MOORE: I'll tell you what, we'll
17 take a five minute break and then come right back and
18 then we'll go to this item 10.
19 BREAK
20 EDDIE MOORE: Every one come in and
21 have your seat, please. We want to get started right
22 back. Everyone please be quiet so we can start our
23 meeting back. Everybody have a seat. We're now going
24 to Item 10 on the agenda, the first reading, 2009-16, a
25 zoning request by Hugh M. King, owner of 1.49 acres,
26 Crestview Road, Anderson, R20, to allow construction of
27 an addition to an existing construction office. This
28 is a public hearing. Mr. Bill West, is he here?
29 BILL WEST: You've stated the purpose
30 of the application and I think Mr. Smith had intended
31 to be here, but I do not see him. But it is to rezone
32 from R20 to office to allow for the expansion of the
33 existing commercial construction building that's out
34 there. The planning commission, the citizens advisory
35 group heard this matter and recommended in favor of it.
36 The planning commission heard the matter and also
37 recommended in favor. There was no opposition that
38 appeared at those meetings.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
40 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I would ---
41 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
42 CINDY WILSON: -- make the motion that
43 we go forward on this one.
44 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made to move
45 forward. Do I have a second?
46 TOM ALLEN: Second.
47 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
48 discussion? Now vote. All in favor, raise your right
49 hand. Unanimous. So moved. First reading.
50 We now go to 11(a) Resolution R2009-45, a

1 resolution to approve an amendment to an existing
2 agreement between Anderson County and Orian Rugs as it
3 pertains to a fee in lieu agreement and a special
4 source revenue credit to allow for an expansion of the
5 Anderson facility and operations.

6 SHAY REYZYGOUS: Good evening, Mr.
7 Chairman. I am Shay Rezygous. I am the existing
8 Industries Manager with the County's Economic
9 Development Office. The Orian Rugs is one of the
10 premier employers in Anderson County and it's also an
11 existing industry that continues to thrive in the
12 current economic climate. I'm very pleased to present
13 this as an opportunity to council. The staff of the
14 Economic Development Office has reviewed the resolution
15 that is before you and we recommend council's support
16 of this resolution in the interest of supporting
17 existing industries and job retention.

18 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

20 BOB WALDREP: Ms. Rezygous, the
21 expansion is going to be for -- how many million
22 dollars are they contemplating?

23 SHAY REYZYGOUS: ~~Rezygous~~ Rozakos: It's an eighteen million
24 dollar expansion. We began discussion with the company
25 in 2008. The eighteen million dollar expansion does
26 include 2008, an investment they are projecting for
27 2009 and 2010.

28 BOB WALDREP: And so, along with that
29 expansion, there's going to be an increase in
30 employment or jobs, is that

31 SHAY REYZYGOUS: ~~Rezygous~~ Rozakos: We do not have as part of
32 the resolution written in anything specific to job
33 creation. But one of the most attractive things about
34 this particular company is that since the beginning of
35 2009, they have continued to add jobs at Orian Rugs.
36 They have added in excess of thirty jobs since the
37 beginning of 2009. And we have the Chief Operations
38 Officer with Orian Rugs here with us this, this
39 evening, Wym Depoppa, if you have any questions
40 specially about the company's ...

41 INTERRUPTION IN TAPING

42 SHAY REYZYGOUS: ~~Rezygous~~ Rozakos: ... and that has
43 continued to add jobs even as other employers have
44 suffered in the economic climate.

45 BOB WALDREP: I believe Mr. Burns had
46 something to do with Orian Rugs when he first came here
47 when he was a young man.

48 RUSTY BURNS: I'm still a young man,
49 Mr. Waldrep, and thank you for remembering.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

1 EDDIE MOOORE: Ms. Floyd.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like
3 to speak to the person, the -- I want to tell you
4 something. Okay. What's your name again, please sir?
5 WYM DEPOPPA: Mr. Chairman, council,
6 members of the council. My name is Wym Depoppa,
7 General Manager of Orian Rugs.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Orian Rugs
9 has always had a soft spot here in my heart ever since
10 you guys first came here to Anderson. You have been a
11 good neighbor in your community and you have done very
12 well by being here in Anderson County. And anything
13 that District 2 can do to help you grow, I'm for. But
14 I want to tell you a story, okay? My sons went to New
15 York. They had a show in New York. And they were
16 walking around somewhere and they called me on their
17 telephone, they're always calling me okay, especially
18 when they fly around, but they called me on the
19 telephone and they said, Mama, we are standing in front
20 of Orian Rugs in New York and it's got a sign on it
21 that says Orian Rugs, Anderson, South Carolina. I
22 guess that was your corporate headquarters.
23 WYM DEPOPPA: That's correct. Yes, we
24 have a permanent showroom in New York. Actually, it's
25 right next to the Empire State Building on Fifth
26 Avenue.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, well ---
28 WYM DEPOPPA: We meet our -- that's
29 where we meet our -- all of our main customers twice a
30 year.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I just want you to
32 know how proud, my sons are grown, and I want you to
33 know how proud they were to see a piece of home sitting
34 right there on the -- on -- in New York City.
35 WYM DEPOPPA: In New York, in
36 Manhattan. Absolutely.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Good, good.
38 WYM DEPOPPA: And I'm very pleased to
39 hear that and I appreciate all of the nice comments
40 about our company.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, your company has
42 been really, really good to us here in this county over
43 the ten years I have sat on this council. And I thank
44 you.
45 WYM DEPOPPA: We want to be a good
46 citizen, we want to be a good neighbor and a great
47 place to work for. That's what we're trying for.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Good.
49 WYM DEPOPPA: And I appreciate all of
50 the help. Thank you.

1 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

2 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

3 CINDY WILSON: Many years ago when --
4 after Orian Rugs first came to Anderson, I became
5 acquainted with J.B. and Peter. And a lot of people
6 didn't realize that with all of the hard work they did
7 at the plant, they came out and would go riding at the
8 farm with us. Peter's father bred the horse that won
9 the Olympics in Atlanta. And J.B. went on to compete
10 internationally too. And it was such a delight to have
11 those gentleman here as part of the community. So
12 please give them our best. And it's so good to have
13 this wonderful company remaining here and expanding.

14 WYM DEPOPPA: We'll do that and we're
15 pleased to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Orian
16 started here in '79 and some of the people attended our
17 celebration, so we're definitely very proud and honored
18 to celebrate that.

19 CINDY WILSON: I was unable to attend.
20 But I really appreciate all that y'all have done.

21 WYM DEPOPPA: Maybe just to answer the
22 question about the eighteen million dollar investment
23 is going to add jobs in Anderson. We've already added,
24 just that -- thirty jobs this year. Actually, the last
25 year we added already between seventy and eighty jobs
26 in the last year going back to early 2008. And we
27 definitely plan to continue adding jobs at the plant
28 here. It's hard to say, but eighteen million in the
29 next two or three years, we definitely hope business
30 conditions hopefully allow that, to add at least
31 another fifty to seventy-five jobs here at our plant in
32 Anderson. So that is the plan.

33 EDDIE MOORE: We are very proud for
34 you to be in Anderson County. When so many companies
35 are leaving and going overseas, I mean, this is great.
36 We're glad.

37 WYM DEPOPPA: It's great to be here and
38 I can only speak, I mean, we have a tremendous,
39 tremendous good team here. And they're all people from
40 the county. Tremendous, tremendous talent right, that
41 we have, and that's why we are, I guess, competitive
42 and can really be successful even in today's tough
43 economic environment. So we are very fortunate to have
44 such a good, good work force. Right. And we are
45 competing not just in South Carolina or in just U.S.,
46 we are a global environment. We compete against the
47 world, right, China, India, Turkey, Pakistan, Portugal,
48 Brazil, you name it, I mean, that's the people or the
49 countries we have to compete with and so far so good,
50 so we hope to continue that.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
3 TOMMY DUNN: I move we adopt this
4 resolution. I think it's a great company and I look
5 forward to many more years here in Anderson County.
6 CINDY WILSON: Second.
7 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second.
8 Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
9 Unanimous. We thank you for everything you've done for
10 Anderson County and we hope you've got twenty more
11 years, at least.
12 WYM DEPOPPA: Thank you.
13 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I note that
14 we're coming up on Resolution R2009-54 and I think it
15 would be appropriate for me to ask your leave, that I
16 recuse myself at this time. *Attached as "Exhibit A"*
17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep, I am also
18 going to recuse myself. I will let Mr. Allen run the
19 meeting while we are back in my office. Come get us
20 when it's over. *Attached as "Exhibit B"*
21 TOM ALLEN: This is getting to be a
22 very familiar position and a very familiar reading that
23 I do here frequently. What I'll be doing this evening
24 is reading Resolution 2009-054. The purpose of this is
25 to retain legal counsel for the council and for Mr.
26 Waldrep. The resolution reads as follows: A resolution
27 authorizing the retention of the law firm of Wyche,
28 Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A. to represent Robert E.
29 Waldrep, Jr. in a lawsuit styled Patricia Jones and
30 Wayne Taylor versus Anderson County and Edwin E. Moore,
31 Individually in his personal capacity and Robert E.
32 Waldrep, Jr., Individually in his personal capacity,
33 Civil Action Number 2009-CP-04-02100 and matters
34 related thereto.
35 Whereas, Anderson County, Edwin E. Moore and Robert
36 E. Waldrep, Jr. have been sued in lawsuit styled
37 Patricia Jones and Wayne Taylor versus Anderson County
38 and Edwin E. Moore, Individually in his personal
39 capacity, and Robert E. Waldrep, Jr., Individually in
40 his personal capacity, Civil Action Number 2009-CP-04-
41 02100.
42 Whereas, Anderson County Council has previously
43 approved by way of Resolution Number 2009-049, the
44 retention of Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A.,
45 known as the Wyche Firm to represent Anderson County
46 and Eddie Moore in connection with the aforementioned
47 lawsuit.
48 Whereas, the aforementioned lawsuit has been
49 amended to include allegations against Robert E.
50 Waldrep, Jr. and county council wishes to authorize the

1 retention of the Wyche Firm to defend Mr. Waldrep as
2 well.

3 Whereas, Anderson County, acting by and through
4 county council, wishes to fully defend and resist the
5 claims made by the plaintiffs in this aforementioned
6 lawsuit.

7 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by Anderson
8 County Council that:

9 1. Anderson County Council consents to and
10 approves the retention of the law firm of
11 Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham, P.A. to
12 defend Robert E. Waldrep, Jr. in connection
13 with the aforementioned lawsuit.

14 2. The resolution shall take effect and be in
15 force immediately upon enactment.

16 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 2nd day of
17 June, 2009.

18 Do I hear a motion to accept this resolution?

19 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

20 TOM ALLEN: Is there a second?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

22 TOM ALLEN: Is there any discussion?

23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

24 TOM ALLEN: Yes, ma'am.

25 CINDY WILSON: In the previous years,
26 the previous council administrator employed the
27 strategy of suing a sitting member of council in their
28 individual capacity, yet whatever that person would be
29 sued for, which was primarily myself, would be an
30 effort made in the area of representing the district
31 and the county. And the strategy was pretty
32 successful. It literally broke me financially because
33 in previous years I had to be responsible for my own
34 legal representation. I even lost my homeowner's
35 insurance. I invite any of the two people who might
36 possibly vote against this to consider what that's
37 like. I had to scramble to get homeowner's insurance
38 and all for trying to do a job that I was elected to
39 do, not once, not twice, but I think four or five times
40 now, in two year cycles. And this is a strategy. It's
41 a very troubling strategy. It really just goes to show
42 that anyone can sue for anything, but the cost of
43 having to defend is really a big burden. And I intend
44 to vote in support of hiring legal counsel for these
45 individuals on -- well excuse, our county council
46 representatives who are being sued in their individual
47 capacities. And I hope that our public will look at
48 this very carefully, because it's, it's really a sad
49 day for a democratic type society when our
50 representatives are not even allowed to represent

1 without this huge burden of legal bills and legal
2 actions. It's not only just the money, it's the time.
3 It takes time away from your family. It takes time
4 away from your business. It's exceedingly painful.
5 And if it were just what it does to the individual to
6 contend with, that might be acceptable, but what it
7 does to this county is just unbelievable. I just hope
8 that our citizens recognize this and if anyone has any
9 questions, I personally would be glad to answer
10 questions regarding this too. Thank you.

11 TOM ALLEN: Thank you. Any other
12 discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, raise
13 your right hand. All those opposed. All right. Let
14 it be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Wilson and
15 Mr. Dunn voted for and Ms. Floyd against.

16 Take a second here and we'll have the real chairman
17 back in the chair here.

18 Are there any requests? A song perhaps? I'll be
19 glad to -- I don't know where they went, the office is
20 only a few feet away.

21 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 12,
22 appointments of various boards/commissioners, all
23 districts. We'll start with Ms. Wilson. Mr. Waldrep.

24 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I was in
25 kind of suspense about the vote, but I guess I'll go
26 ahead and make my appointment. I have two appointments
27 to the Advisory Zoning Group. I'm appointing Mr.
28 George Sands and Mr. Ronnie Smith and I will give the
29 addresses to the clerk.

30 CINDY WILSON: Second.

31 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second.
32 Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
33 Unanimous. Mr. Dunn.

34 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir, not at this
35 time.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Not at this time.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

39 TOM ALLEN: Not at this time.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson. I have none.

41 We now go to the administrator's report.

42 TOM ALLEN: Requests, number 13.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Oh, I'm sorry. Requests
44 by council members. I'm about to skip one. Ms.
45 Wilson, do you have any requests?

46 CINDY WILSON: None at this time.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

48 BOB WALDREP: None at this time, thank
49 you.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

1 TOMMY DUNN: No sir, not none -- not
2 at this time.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Well, I don't have any
4 either. I'm still without money. Ms. Floyd.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: It's getting kind of old.
6 EDDIE MOORE: You going to loan us some
7 money?
8 TOM ALLEN: I have none.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I have the floor
10 here. Yes. I would like to, I would like to
11 appropriate some money for the Young Marine
12 Association. It's getting to be summertime now and the
13 children are coming out of schools and they're looking
14 for things to do. A lot of the kids won't find jobs
15 this summer because of the tight economy. So we have
16 to do what we can to find things for them to do.
17 I recently heard about the Young Marine Association
18 that brings the kids in and they work with them, all
19 kinds of kids, and they have really straightened out --
20 turned a lot of them around. And for this work, I
21 would like to appropriate five hundred dollars of the
22 District 2's recreational money to go to this Young
23 Marine Association for scholarships to get the kids --
24 I think this might do maybe ten kids for the summer.
25 That's in the form of a motion.
26 RON WILSON: Second.
27 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second? Any
28 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
29 Unanimous. Do you have any more, Ms. Floyd? Is that
30 it?
31 GRACIE FLOYD: No, that's it.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else. Now we
33 move on to Item 14, administrator's report.
34 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just three
35 brief items.
36 One, to alert members of council that the new
37 purchasing ordinance has been prepared and you will be
38 receiving that some time tomorrow for an initial look.
39 I might add that it includes a five percent local
40 option to encourage local business and just some other
41 measures that you will find in there, but that will be
42 presented to you all tomorrow at some time.
43 The next thing I'm to tell you that on our web site
44 we are now going to have our bids on line. When we bid
45 something out, you will be able to view the results on
46 line and that should be available tomorrow.
47 And just a thing to Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd, we are
48 in touch with the Corps of Engineers to see if any of
49 the stimulus money comes down for the dam on Broadway
50 Lake and we've had correspondence with them as of last

1 week. So we are following up on that to the best of
2 our ability.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I sure would
4 have appreciated it if you had given me a phone call to
5 that -- would you please call me and tell me, you know,
6 what the thinking is, what's going on?

7 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. Well, we're
8 trying to get him to think more positively, but I will
9 be happy to do that.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I will appreciate
11 that. Also, I have two things about, what ordinance
12 did you say was coming out, the purchasing?

13 RUSTY BURNS: A new purchasing
14 ordinance. Yes, ma'am.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. That
16 has something to do with the bids procedures and all
17 that, right? Okay. All of us received a letter from
18 -- I didn't bring the letter with me, but it was a
19 person out of, I think it was Greenville, who had
20 problems with our bidding process.

21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: It seems as if he
23 asked for more information, because more information
24 was needed and they would not -- they sent him -- he
25 sent some questions in, they sent the answers back on a
26 Wednesday and the bid had to be in on a Thursday and
27 they would not -- Anderson County would not do an
28 extension. Do you know about that?

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am, I know that
30 we received several bids on that project.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, did you get a
32 letter from the man?

33 RUSTY BURNS: I never received a
34 letter, but I have been made aware of the letter. Yes,
35 ma'ma.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Have you
37 responded to it?

38 RUSTY BURNS: Not yet, no, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please
40 respond to it?

41 RUSTY BURNS: I would be happy to.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Also, I saw a man out
43 who stopped me and wanted to know why he couldn't get
44 any bids into Anderson County. He says that he did a
45 bid for the Civic Center paving ---

46 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: -- and that the person
48 that got it bid ten thousand dollars more than he
49 thought that it was necessary -- now this is his, I
50 don't know.

1 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: But he was saying that he
3 cannot get Anderson County to respond to him to send
4 him information on bids that he requests. I think, Mr.
5 Burns, that we need to look into that further because,
6 if a person has a business here in Anderson County and
7 they can do the bidding, we need to include everyone.
8 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This man lived in
10 Anderson County. The man who got it lived outside of
11 Anderson County. So I would like for us to be more
12 cognizant of that.
13 RUSTY BURNS: And we will be happy to.
14 And if you have that gentleman's name or contact
15 information, I will call him personally tomorrow ---
16 GRACIE FLOYD: I do. I do.
17 RUSTY BURNS: -- and rectify that.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I'll tell
19 you what, when you call me tomorrow ---
20 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: -- we'll do it then. And
22 Mr. Burns, please don't call me early. Tomorrow is my
23 birthday and I'm going to sleep in.
24 RUSTY BURNS: Happy Birthday, Ms.
25 Floyd.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: And I just thank you.
27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
29 BOB WALDREP: I just had one question
30 about the on-line. How does that work? I understand
31 there was, you know, in this bidding process, you're
32 supposed to -- I thought it was kind of secretive, you
33 put it in a lock box or something like that and then
34 you don't know what the ---
35 RUSTY BURNS: This is, primarily right
36 now, Mr. Waldrep, just to display how the bids came out
37 so that everybody can go to that web site.
38 BOB WALDREP: Oh, to see how they came
39 out after they ---
40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. But I assure
41 you in the new purchasing ordinance, we do have a lock
42 box.
43 BOB WALDREP: Yeah. I've just heard a
44 lot about that box.
45 RUSTY BURNS: We're going to have one.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you.
47 BOB WALDREP: Make sure.
48 EDDIE MOORE: There has been a lot of
49 discussion about the bid procedure. I guess most
50 everybody knows I've, that's near and dear to my heart

1 and we've been involved with it and I want to commend
2 Mr. Carroll on the hard work, and also Mr. Pitts on it.
3 And we'll be looking it over and I'm sure we'll
4 probably have some changes on it. Each of you will
5 have a copy of it, so y'all be sure and look it over
6 too. Mr. Allen.

7 TOM ALLEN: Yes, I just -- comment or
8 question. I noticed on the RFPs that went out for the
9 private security firm, there was a comment -- there's a
10 line in there that you cannot hire illegal aliens or
11 something to that effect. Now is that true in all of
12 the RFPs that go out since we've been discussing that
13 here tonight. Is that line in all ---

14 RUSTY BURNS: I will have to check on
15 that, but I think that's standard procedure.

16 TOM ALLEN: Good. Robert, did ---

17 RUSTY BURNS: Here's the right answer.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Carroll.

19 MR. CARROLL: Yes, personnel related
20 contracts and so forth, we've had that language in
21 there for about two years.

22 TOM ALLEN: And that's true -- is
23 that true in all contracts that go out?

24 MR. CARROLL: Where it applies, yes,
25 sir.

26
27 TOM ALLEN: Where it applies?

28 MR. CARROLL: I mean, not all contracts
29 are where it applies. But if we're buying a piece of
30 equipment or vehicle or something, no.

31 TOM ALLEN: Well, okay, right. But
32 for personnel -- okay, good.

33 MR. CARROLL: Labor.

34 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you.

35 EDDIE MOORE: And also, let the minutes
36 show that Ms. Floyd has left the building. Okay.
37 Anybody else? All right. We'll now go to citizens
38 comments.

39 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, I'm going
40 to apologize. I'm having a real tough time reading the
41 handwriting on this one. Rusty, maybe you can help me
42 here.

43 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Bumgardner.

44 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Bumgardner, I'm
45 sorry.

46 GREG BUMGARDNER: Thank you, you did a fine
47 job. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. Greg
48 Bumgardner, District 6. I have a sequence of questions
49 for the District Seats 2 and 6 and these questions are
50 prefaced with the word if. If a court of law finds

1 that council seats 2 and 6 in collusion with past
2 council members Thompson, Greer, McAbee, did conspire
3 to defraud the people in their right to legal
4 representation of public matters related to this
5 council or to this civil action, will you resign your
6 seats? Or will it take a criminal conviction of the
7 same material and matters before either of the seats
8 would consider resignation? Or finally, the action of
9 the governor to remove you from these seats?

10 MIKE PITTS: Leslie White.

11 LESLIE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, again, I
12 am speaking on the same issue that I continue to speak
13 on at the end of every meeting. And I, too, would like
14 for the record to absolutely document that Ms. Floyd
15 left the building at 8:24 and the meeting has not yet
16 been adjourned. And I know that maybe seems a petty
17 thing to you all, but to me it is an absolute act of
18 disrespect. And I am offended every time it happens.
19 I have been offended in this meeting a couple of times
20 tonight. Certainly not by the actions of council.
21 It's been a very pleasant meeting to be a part of,
22 frankly, but from some audience members and their
23 comments at this microphone I have been offended. But
24 I will take it up with those two individuals
25 personally. It's a shame that Ms. Floyd left because I
26 wanted to explain the whole sprinkler system thing to
27 her in that Ms. Floyd seems not to understand. But you
28 know what, life isn't always fair. My neighbor down
29 the street has a brand new Lexus SUV. Guess what? I
30 drive a 1997 Toyota 4Runner with one hundred ten
31 thousand miles on it. So, you know, it's not fair that
32 my neighbor has a Lexus and I don't. Hello. What
33 world is she living in? I mean, this was the most
34 ridiculous thing to me over something that's just so
35 elementary. And it is absolutely no different than the
36 federal government giving you a tax credit for
37 replacing your old energy inefficient windows with new
38 energy efficient windows. And if you do that in your
39 home this year, you get a tax credit for it. Well,
40 guess what, I can't afford to do that either. But it
41 shouldn't preclude my neighbor who can afford to do it
42 from getting the tax credit for doing it. And I just
43 think -- I know that this all sounds petty. There have
44 been big things done here tonight and I'm pleased with
45 those and I'm proud of those, but there are enough
46 people in this audience that speak on those things. So
47 I will continue, continue at every single meeting on
48 agenda items to make mention of everyone staying for
49 the full meeting and in citizen comments to call out
50 any council member who leaves early for any invalid

1 reason. And my wanting to get home early and needing
2 my sleep is not one of them. Again, I would remind
3 council members that I am at every meeting. I sit on
4 an unpadded chair, thank you very much, and I'm here
5 for every freaking minute of the meeting and I don't
6 get paid to do that. I don't think it's too much to
7 ask my elected, who sought election, and paid council
8 member to do the very same thing and it's an act of
9 disrespect in my view and I take it as a slap in my
10 face every time a council member leaves this meeting
11 early. Thank you for listening to me.

12 MIKE PITTS: Next is Steve Pope.

13 STEVE POPE: Steve Pope again. As you
14 can see, Mr. Chairman, tonight we have ...

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16 STEVE POPE: ... one of the things I
17 would still like to be done is to have a town hall
18 meeting type format or at least allow amending Robert's
19 Rules to allow some kind of dialog provided, you know,
20 everybody follows proper rules of decorum and being
21 civil and polite. And then we can also get a lot done
22 because we cannot -- we can all agree on what we're
23 trying to say to each other.

24 One example was was when the hospital renamed
25 Urgent Care to Minor Care. When I first saw that Minor
26 Care, I'm thinking, you know, where do you go if you
27 have an emergency. I'm thinking minors, I'm thinking
28 kids. Then I understood, minor care meant non-major
29 emergencies, that's what they called it. But if so
30 how, in the future, we can be able to allow the
31 audience members to either ask questions or have some
32 kind of civil dialog, I think we could accomplish a lot
33 more. Everybody would understand where everybody's
34 coming from and we can get a lot done. Just for your
35 consideration. Thank you.

36 MIKE PITTS: Charles Crow.

37 CHARLES CROW: Mr. Chairman, I guess now
38 y'all know where I get the nickname of Radio Hog. But
39 at least I won't have to get up in the morning and get
40 on the radio and talk about the Sheriff. He's already
41 clued me in that that money came, not because he asked
42 for it, but because the previous Sheriff. And he's
43 blushing. I ain't sure he told me the truth. But I've
44 still got those signs. When we went to Columbia, Mr.
45 Chairman, you remember the signs that was passed out,
46 you know, the big red signs. You know, that we held up
47 and it said, I'm seeing red. I told the Sheriff I was
48 collecting all them things and bringing back here and
49 when he spoke to y'all I was going to get everybody to
50 hold them signs up. But anyway. No seriously, it's

1 been awhile since I've been able to come to council.
2 I've enjoyed it. I think y'all are doing a great job.
3 I know that your table -- everybody says your plate was
4 full. No, in this case, y'all's table was full when
5 you took over. And I know -- I just know from having
6 talked to a few people how many hours, how many
7 meetings, how much all of y'all have done. And we
8 appreciate it. Because, like you've heard here from
9 this microphone tonight, many, many times in the past
10 we weren't allowed, even when we went to a budget
11 workshop, we weren't allowed to open our mouths. If
12 you had something that was very, very important, you
13 had to slip a note to your council person and if that
14 council person wasn't beat down, they'd get to ask it.
15 But anyway, again, I appreciate everything.

16 I have heard that those 800 megahertz radios that I
17 asked about are in use. But I guess my question there
18 is, what happened to that thirty-five dollars a radio
19 that you had to pay, what was it, each month to use
20 them, and that's buy them, plus pay that. Where's that
21 money coming from? I didn't see it in the budget. Did
22 Motorola change that procedure or -- you know, that was
23 in the contract. And that was the county, you know,
24 how many -- the city had, the city had several hundred
25 radios sitting down there and what did the chief say?
26 Couldn't afford to use them, so we've got them all in a
27 cabinet. We can't afford the thirty-five dollars a
28 month to use them. I'm just wondering. Somebody, you
29 know, before next meeting, how about somebody at least
30 enlightening us on how we're getting by with that. I
31 noticed a new tower up over there above my house. So
32 I'm sure that they're being used. Thanks a lot and
33 thanks for everything.

34 MIKE PITTS: Tommy Henderson.

35 TOMMY HENDERSON: My name is Tommy
36 Henderson and I belong to Cindy's district which is
37 District 7. But I also -- not only does it just affect
38 me living in Cindy's district, I also, Ms. Floyd, I
39 work in her district. So we need to work together as
40 far as the council. But I know people is human and how
41 things act. But I come here mostly just to say that I
42 still don't want y'all to forget me. I still live on
43 Lewis Drive and I have the ethanol facility behind me.
44 The road is closed and I know that council's still got
45 a lot to do with it. I just don't want y'all to forget
46 me because I haven't been to a couple of meetings. But
47 I've never come to any meetings until I started with
48 the ethanol and the road closure, but I want to say I
49 appreciate the meeting tonight as far as, feathers was
50 ruffled but that's as far as it went. I mean, that's

1 the form of loans. We're already up to our eyeballs
2 with loans and there's a lot of problems with this
3 stimulus money.

4 You heard the gentleman talk tonight. Grants, we
5 heard. Matching funds, we heard. Applications, we
6 heard. What we didn't hear is that most of that money
7 is unconstitutional. The idea that the executive
8 branch of our federal government thinks it, he, she has
9 the power to tell the people ergo, the people of the
10 government of this state or any sovereign state how and
11 where they're going to spend that money violates the
12 Ninth and Tenth Amendment of our Constitution of the
13 United States. We either have a Constitution or we
14 have nothing. The average family of four now owes the
15 federal government four hundred and fifty-five thousand
16 dollars. That equates to about a hundred and fourteen
17 thousand dollars per person. And with this new
18 stimulus package, we can jump that up to a hundred and
19 seventeen thousand dollars per person.

20 Our federal government, now is -- for every dollar
21 they're borrowing, fifty cents of that dollar is going
22 to pay the interest on the debt that they owe. And
23 coincidentally, they're having to make a loan every day
24 of the week to pay that interest. The federal
25 government is asking those of us that they have made
26 economic slaves by the way of their decades long,
27 unconstitutional and wasteful spending habits to bail
28 them out. They're not bailing out GM or Chrysler or
29 AIG or us. It is we the people who are having our
30 liberty, our pursuit of happiness, the future of our
31 children, stolen, sold and traded away by traders to
32 our Constitution and our country. Thank you.

33 MIKE PITTS: And last is Elizabeth
34 Fant.

35 ELIZABETH FANT: Hello. I want to thank
36 the council tonight for having our Sheriff's deputies
37 tonight. That makes everything feel much better and we
38 have a good participation tonight, I think, because of
39 that. I would note that people are still texting,
40 regardless of your announcement, Chairman Moore.

41 And, a couple of things, it bothers me about Ms.
42 Floyd's comments about, well if I can't have it, you
43 can't have it either about the sprinklers and so forth.
44 There's always going to be an unequal standard in the
45 world unless Obama has his way and we all turn
46 socialist, but I find that pitiful that she would take
47 that attitude. I'm glad that we now can speak without
48 being criticized. I remember the former chairman sent
49 out a member who was sitting up here at the front seat,
50 had on a hat, and he just didn't like the way he looked

1 and he had him escorted out of the building. The man
2 had kind of discolored skin and some other little
3 things about him. Well, he had just gone through
4 chemotherapy. He wasn't doing too well, but he got
5 sent out. The man has now since died. I think it's
6 wonderful that all members can sit in here and make
7 comments without being ruffled out the door.

8 Wellington Park, I also went the next day. In
9 fact, Mark and I were there at the same time. He had
10 already been there earlier. And the park did need some
11 work to it, but I, also, thought that a lot of that was
12 staged by whomever. We don't know.

13 What other frivolous lawsuits are coming down the
14 line, we don't know. But there are obviously going to
15 be some because that's their modus operandi. However,
16 it is wonderful to see the countersuit come out to
17 finally address some of these items. I think that what
18 we've been seeing the last twelve years has been in
19 measure a lot about power, money, name in lights, and
20 special perks.

21 I would like for all of you to go home and read the
22 Ten Commandments, the one particularly with, thou shalt
23 not steal is the one that comes most to mind. But all
24 of these are relevant, not only to the thirteen
25 members, five who are on the council, lawyer, frivolous
26 people on the lawsuits, and I think we will find some
27 other connected people in the community. We're going
28 to read these six that are particularly of notice and
29 not make any comments about them, but you need to
30 realize how serious this is. Thou shalt not kill.
31 Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not covet. Thou
32 shalt not take the Lord's name in vain, which is done
33 routinely on the ATZ. Thou shalt have no other gods
34 before me. And adultery. Keep the Sabbath Day holy.
35 All of those have been abused.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns.

37 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, two things
38 were amended during my report if I might just have a
39 second. One, Resolution Number 2009-034 requires that
40 the administrator report that an attorney has been
41 hired and this is involved in the counterclaim. And so
42 I feel the responsibility to advise council of that.

43 And the next thing was on a lighter note and that
44 was to congratulate Mr. Dunn, Mr. Carl Edwards for
45 securing seven thousand pounds of free dog food for the
46 Animal Shelter which should last us six to eight weeks.

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48 RUSTY BURNS: And I thought that might
49 need to be mentioned. Thank you, sir.

50 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll now go

1 to remarks from council members. Ms. Wilson.

2 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
3 What a difference a year makes. It should be noted
4 that the previous two years funding was taken away from
5 the Tri County Tech which is a very important part of
6 this community. This great institution has now been
7 fully funded again. In fact, we have a gentleman here
8 in our midst who won, I think, the science award for
9 Tri County Tech. And I would like to congratulate Mr.
10 Freemantle if he's still here for that. The beauty of
11 Tri County Tech is that you never are too old to learn
12 and you're never too old to find another source of
13 interest or vocation and this is a very important
14 institution for our economic development even. So it's
15 very, very reassuring that the funding has been
16 restored.

17 There was another item that over the past several
18 years I would ask about and was very shamefully treated
19 for even asking the question and that was the item of
20 Chamber checks. And for those of you who didn't know
21 about Chamber checks, that was supposedly where the
22 county administrator had about thirty-five to forty
23 thousand dollars a year taken out of cost of living
24 merit raise accounts for our county employees. And it
25 didn't seem like it was a very appropriate thing to do.
26 It seemed like it would be more appropriate to just
27 give them the raises they so richly deserved, but
28 instead, we got Chamber checks. Mine this past year
29 was forty dollars and I was told that those funds would
30 be available in perpet...perpetui -- I can't even talk
31 tonight, in perpetuity. Thank you.

32 EDDIE MOORE: It's getting late.

33 CINDY WILSON: Late.

34 TOM ALLEN: For a long time anyway,
35 for a long time.

36 CINDY WILSON: Right, forever. Well, I
37 want to report to you that sadly, I went to use my
38 Chamber Check early May and I was informed at a very
39 good local department store that they were no longer
40 taking those checks. They had been told back in
41 January or February not to take anymore of those checks
42 and they'd had a number of county employees and AnMed
43 employees to come in and they had to turn them away.
44 And there would be employees probably who didn't make a
45 lot of money and they'd be all excited with their
46 bargains and get to the checkout and be informed that
47 their check was no good. Now remember, I was asking
48 where did the difference between what the county paid
49 and what was actually redeemed, where it went, and we
50 were told the money was there.

1 I've asked our county administrator if he would
2 please check into that. And that's just a small item.
3 It was thirty-five to forty thousand a year, but think
4 of the employees. I could pay for mine, but there's
5 some employees who probably couldn't and that was
6 embarrassing for them. We had a good laugh at this
7 department store and I went back today to purchase
8 another item and I said, I'm not using Chamber checks
9 today. But it's something that we need to think about.
10 We're finding a lot of these type things, and ask your
11 patience that everything can be found that we weren't
12 aware of like millions of dollars of contracts that the
13 county was obligated for, we didn't even know about.
14 We'll all have the information and be able to look at
15 it and then have everything handled properly. And
16 again, I thank the county staff, my fellow council
17 members, and our citizens for hanging in there with us.
18 Thank you.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
20 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, just
21 briefly. I just wanted to say that I think that our
22 workshops have worked out very well. And I think the
23 people seem to appreciate the efforts that we make to
24 take their input. And also, I would like to say that I
25 sense a shift in attitude toward folks that are just
26 simply asking questions. You know, at one time, I
27 could sense a great deal of hostility in some times
28 past just simply because someone was asking for
29 information. And I sense that that's changed a great
30 deal and I hope people will feel free because what
31 we're talking about is information. That's all we're
32 trying to do is get to the facts and the truth about
33 how we're spending our money and that should not be
34 offensive to anyone. I've always found it rather
35 strange when someone was offended by talking about
36 public money. We're talking about your money, not my
37 money, but your money. I'm just -- I'm very encouraged
38 and I just thought I pass along that. Thank you.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 I'd like to take this time, first of all, to thank the
42 citizens who went down to Wellington Ballpark and done
43 what they done last week. And I understand, I think,
44 most of them, if not of them, don't even live down
45 there. I also want to thank Mr. Burns and his staff
46 very much for doing that as they told me they would.
47 They did go down there and take care of that.
48 I just want to say a couple of little things in the
49 paper today was misinformation. I found out about this
50 in January. And when I did, I made a call to the

1 administrator and I thought it was took care of. When
2 I found out -- the first time I found out it wasn't
3 took care of was last council meeting night and they
4 got right on it and I really do want to thank the staff
5 for doing that. As I said then, and I appreciate Mr.
6 Burns, he is inquiring about some grant money for that
7 park and there will be some recreation money and some
8 other money coming up and I think there'll be some
9 money left over from this bond to do some things with
10 the parks. But the main thing before we spend any
11 money down there, the people of Homeland Park, the
12 people of Homeland Park, there's going to be a
13 community meeting and it's going to be talked about as
14 a community and we'll decide what needs to be done and
15 what the people of Homeland Park want done and make
16 sure and take care of the park.

17 And I would also like to thank the staff for the
18 budget process we're in. We do have some more work to
19 do. I thank the staff for all what they've done so
20 far. And I also want to reiterate again, some people
21 keep wanting to say over and over and over, you know,
22 first of all, we was going to come in here and had a
23 hit list to fire everybody and we didn't do that and
24 now they're saying we're doing this through the budget.
25 And as Mr. Allen said awhile ago, I don't reckon, and I
26 asked Mr. Burns last meeting night, and I just ask the
27 people of Anderson County who do you want to believe.
28 Do you want to believe our administrator who has went
29 on record saying we've fired no one due to this lack of
30 budget, or someone who keeps suing us. And I'll leave
31 it at that.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

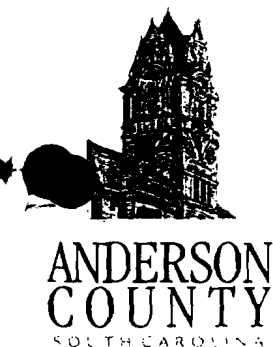
33 TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly. Mr.
34 Pope had mentioned earlier, Steve, about having some
35 kind of a town hall meeting or something which I think
36 is a good idea. And I had discussed that idea with a
37 couple of people earlier this year, back in January.
38 That was right before the bottom fell out of everything
39 as far as council's concerned. But I think that is a
40 good idea and it's something that I'd like to look at
41 in the future where maybe we could have some type of
42 town hall meetings and maybe have them at different
43 locations throughout the county. But it's just
44 something to think about and you were heard, Mr. Pope.
45 Thank you.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson. I want to
47 remind everybody next Friday, we have one more workshop
48 and that will be before the final reading on the
49 budget. So if you've got any ideas -- of course, most
50 of you probably haven't seen this. The ones of you

1 that have been to the meeting has, but this is our
2 budget. There's a lot of stuff in there I want to tell
3 you. And so Mr. Burns and the staff and everybody has
4 got the latest figures in there and we'll be going
5 through them over the next week. We would like to have
6 the budget meeting Friday, but really it's not enough
7 time to absorb everything that's in here because we've
8 still got some more refining, as you say, on this thing
9 so we'll have a meeting next Friday. It will be at
10 nine o'clock. And also, coming up at the next council
11 meeting, we'll also announce -- we've got round two of
12 our small business seminars and we're preparing for
13 that and we'll have round two on the business seminars
14 and we want you to tell anyone in the county that has a
15 small business to come out to our seminars. I think
16 there's information for everybody. And we'll try to
17 make sure we have that posted in the paper and
18 everything with the topics that's going to be covered.
19 Some of these seminars we have, it may not be what you
20 might be interested in, but we'll have something that
21 you will be interested in in some of the seminars that
22 we're going to be having. So keep your eye out on the
23 paper. We'll make sure that we post it. And
24 hopefully, we'll have an itinerary and everything for
25 the next council meeting and this will be round two of
26 our small business seminars. So y'all be sure and come
27 out next Friday at nine o'clock for our budget meeting.
28 We want your input. So come. That's what, that's what
29 we're all about. It's probably got us sued from being
30 so open, but that's the way it is. You know, we want
31 to be an open council and have your input and we want
32 you to come.

33 So, I'll now entertain a motion to adjourn.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Motion to adjourn.
35 EDDIE MOORE: I've got a motion to
36 adjourn. I've got a second. All in favor, raise your
37 hand. We're adjourned.
38

39 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.



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Exhibit A
June 2, 2009 mtg.

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, ANDERSON COUNTY

FROM: Robert L. Waldrep Jr

DATE: June 2, 2009

RE: Recusal from County Council participation due to potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety

Pursuant to Section 8-13-700, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, I am hereby giving notice of my abstention from the matter regarding the issue of Legal Representation

as it appears before Anderson County Council on June 2, 2009

The potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety for which I am recusing myself and abstaining from participation is: MAY Appear
to be personally BENEFICIAL TO ME
POSSIBLY CONFLICTING INTEREST -
(for example: a personal or financial interest in the matter in question; a conflict or appearance of impropriety due to business or other relationships with one or more of the parties involved; and so forth).

This document is to be filed as a matter of public record, and is to be included with the official minutes of the County Council meeting at which the matter in question was brought before Anderson County Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Waldrep Jr



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Exhibit B

June 2, 2009 mth.



MEMORANDUM

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TO: COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, ANDERSON COUNTY
FROM: EDDIE MOORE
DATE: 6-2-09
RE: Recusal from County Council participation due to potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety

Pursuant to Section 8-13-700, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, I am hereby giving notice of my abstention from the matter regarding the issue of LEGAL REPRESENTATION

as it appears before Anderson County Council on 6-2-09, 2009

The potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety for which I am recusing myself and abstaining from participation is: MAY APPEAR TO BE PERSONALLY BENEFICIAL TO ME. POSSIBLY CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Moore



Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Budget Workshop – June 12, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Eddleman (CH)

Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET WORKSHOP

June 12, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

EDDIE MOORE, CHAIRMAN

BOB WALDREP

TOMMY DUNN

GRACE FLOYD

TOM ALLEN

CINDY WILSON

1 RUSTY BURNS: ... right now and what we had
2 the last time we met is that now no employee will have
3 to pay a portion of their health insurance. We were
4 able to work that out. Now, we still do not have any
5 raises in the budget for anybody. And we do not -- are
6 not going to do our longevity this year and we can't do
7 our deferred compensation. And as you know, we're
8 going to be drastically reduced on asphalt.

9 But what we have done in the budget is that we have
10 made provisions that if revenues increase, that those
11 monies can go to fill those holes. So that's built
12 into the budget. There's been some discussion about
13 merger of certain county departments and functions.
14 This budget has nothing to do with any of that. This
15 is merely the county budget.

16 If council decides to move certain areas to the
17 sheriff at a later time, this budget allows that. If
18 they want to keep things the way they are, this budget
19 allows that. And having said that, we will start off
20 -- Ms. Floyd, would you like to start off?

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't mind at all. First
22 of all, I thank you. I did write my questions down so
23 I won't ramble on so much. Okay. But before we start
24 with my questions, I'd like to know how were -- tell me
25 again how we were able to balance the budget so we
26 would not have to interfere with employees' health
27 insurance. Because that was a big concern of mine.

28 RUSTY BURNS: How were we able to do that?

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

30 RUSTY BURNS: By moving money around and
31 freezing positions and working with all of the
32 department heads. And again, not to say this just to
33 sound like this is a wonderful feel-good story, but all
34 the department heads pitched in and made drastic cuts
35 in their budgets. Not people, but cuts.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Got that. At the, at
37 the last meeting it was thought that we would have to
38 do something with that insurance; right?

39 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So between the
41 last meeting and this meeting, what was moved around?

42 RUSTY BURNS: Well, I can -- we can answer
43 you that. But we understood from the majority of
44 council at the last meeting that if we could find a way
45 to do that, that we should do that. And Rita, would
46 you like to explain how you managed to do that?

47 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Primarily it was
48 looked at the delinquent taxes that was coming in and
49 we're going to be able to realize some revenue next
50 year from that from prior years, and that helped offset

1 that health insurance.

2 RUSTY BURNS: And we have to thank our
3 Anderson County Treasurer, Jason Phillips, for pitching
4 in and helping us with that.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We didn't know that
6 this was going to happen all of a sudden. We always
7 count the delinquent taxes when we do budgets during
8 that budget time; am I correct? I mean just like we
9 didn't wake up one morning and say, forgot about the
10 delinquent taxes; did we?

11 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So what were -- see,
13 what I can't understand is why didn't we do that from
14 the beginning? Why were the delinquent taxes not
15 factored in from the beginning?

16 RITA DAVIS: I spoke with the treasurer
17 and he looked at the taxes and he thinks that we will
18 be able to realize those delinquent taxes and that
19 he'll be able to transfer to the general fund in
20 October.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. He did that between
22 the last meeting and this meeting?

23 JANA: He took a second look at it.
24 There was a number in there, but when he knew we were
25 hurting so bad, he looked at it closer.

26 RUSTY BURNS: And Ms. Floyd, I can tell
27 you, this has been an organic process and it's not
28 finished stage, but Gina, Jana, Rita, they have been
29 working, and Holt, working on this budget, tirelessly
30 trying to make these things happen.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Burns, I'm sure
32 that everybody has been working on the budget and the
33 ladies that did the work has done a really good job, as
34 usual. But I just can't understand why, just then when
35 you said that, why, all of a sudden we see now, oh,
36 we've got some delinquent taxes.

37 RUSTY BURNS: No, no, no. And again, what
38 she said, we factored that in. But working with the
39 treasurer we were able to say -- or rather he was able
40 to tell us that he could even do more than what we were
41 based on.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. May I
43 continue with my questions?

44 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The -- we said
46 that there was no positions eliminated in this budget.

47 RUSTY BURNS: And that's probably my fault.
48 But what I was hoping to say reflecting the will of
49 council was that no jobs would be eliminated.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So what ---

1 RUSTY BURNS: And I probably misspoke on
2 positions, because, yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd, we have
3 eliminated some positions.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Positions. Okay. Well, this
5 is what I wanted to ask you, because I received this --
6 the general fund positions unfunded and there were one,
7 two, three, four, five positions that you sent me and
8 then there's another position here that was cut out and
9 that was the planner. A planning position has been
10 completely removed.

11 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So does that mean
13 that Bill West won't have a job or ---

14 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am, I pray to God Bill
15 West has a job. But what we did in that situation was
16 this, and as you know Mr. Bill West is the actual
17 planning director. But when the previous planning
18 director left, we eliminated that salary because we
19 worked with Mr. West and Mr. Ricketson and they said,
20 due to the economic downturn that the staff that was
21 left would be able to carry out the planning function
22 just fine. And can I promise you is that going to be
23 the way it is next year? Could that possibly change?
24 Yes, ma'am. It could absolutely possible change. But
25 this year we think we're fine.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So if you do hire a,
27 if you do hire -- so Bill West is still not the person
28 who's gonna -- he's still interim?

29 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I'm interim.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know about that.
31 Okay. Yeah. I don't know about that. But anyway, I'm
32 concerned that since his position has been eliminated
33 that when you do hire your full person, you know,
34 what's gonna happen? But that's gonna be an amendment
35 probably down the line.

36 RUSTY BURNS: It would have to be. But for
37 the short term I can tell you this, I have nothing but
38 the utmost respect for Mr. Bill West and Mr. West would
39 be the person who would be over that department if I
40 would have anything to do with that. Because I admire
41 him. I know how he's worked well with everybody in the
42 county. So he's the man.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I too feel the same way
44 about him. Okay. My next question -- may I continue?

45 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: My next question concerns the
47 community relationship position. And that position --
48 that department was cut and the position was cut?

49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am, that is a fact.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Why?

1 RUSTY BURNS: Well, the person who was over
2 that department decided to make a career change and
3 that person -- not to give any names.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

5 RUSTY BURNS: But that person was asked
6 three times were they sure that this was what they
7 wanted to do. Three by, as we affectionately call Mr.
8 Hopkins, Administrator number three, and then once by
9 me. And that person said, yes, that they had other
10 life plans and other events that were going to
11 transpire. So at that time we decided to try to take
12 the remaining functions and put them into places where
13 they could be fully realized. Keep them in our -- it's
14 absolutely still here. The same person is doing it.
15 And they have the money to do the Keep America
16 Beautiful function. The other person in recycling
17 education, that person is still here. No change in
18 that person. And that is still going to be carried on.
19 The secretary in that department is -- she's not going
20 anywhere. As a matter of fact, everybody in the world
21 wants her.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Burns, that
23 position has been cut. Because, you know, when Jeff
24 left and we didn't cut that department out nor did we
25 cut the position out.

26 RUSTY BURNS: We cut one position. Y'all
27 correct me if I'm wrong. We cut that position, Mr.
28 Ricketson's former position, and to keep the department
29 we're talking about, we did cut that position, yes,
30 ma'am.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: So that's six.

32 RUSTY BURNS: Not people. Not people.
33 Positions.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So that makes it six.
35 Okay. How many part time people now do we -- do we
36 have any part time people factored into this budget?

37 RUSTY BURNS: Just to answer another
38 question, we had six people that were part time, five
39 of them were interns, one of them was a part time
40 position and that position has been eliminated. But
41 Rita, Jana, Gina, what other part time positions do we
42 have left? I can't remember.

43 HOLT HOPKINS: If I can jump in real quick.

44 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

45 HOLT HOPKINS: Some of those -- yes, there
46 were some part time jobs lost ???. But part of the
47 discussion early on was we had a long list of part time
48 people. We never really had part time positions. It's
49 all based on money, how much that part time ---

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Dollars, yeah, I realize

1 that. I realize that. The dollars were put into each
2 of the different departments and the departments hire
3 the part time. I realize that. But the dollars are
4 gone now; right, for that?

5 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: There are no dollars now for
7 part time. So all that's cut out.

8 RUSTY BURNS: There's a little bit left,
9 but a lot of it is cut.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What about the full
11 time, the full time people? Are all of our full time
12 people retaining their jobs?

13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. Under the budget
14 that we have proposed, nobody loses their job. I'm not
15 going to say positions again and get myself in a ditch.
16 I'm talking about people working right now under this
17 budget, not a single person loses their job. Not in a
18 minute, not in an hour. I mean, that's just it.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Good. May I
20 continue?

21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: What is different? Is he
23 looking at me? Well, I won't look back, okay, because
24 I have a question to ask you.

25 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Now, you know we
27 had problems with our sheriff and some money that was
28 not ---

29 RUSTY BURNS: She's talking about problems
30 with you.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Not with our previous
32 sheriff. But everybody knows that there was
33 approximately seven hundred thousand dollars that the
34 sheriff owed. Not the sheriff last, not the sheriff
35 present, but the sheriff owes the county seven hundred
36 thousand dollars.

37 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now with the sheriff
39 coming back into the general fund, is he going to pay
40 us our seven hundred thousand dollars?

41 RUSTY BURNS: Rita.

42 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. It's my intent
43 that he does. But yes, ma'am, it's my intent that that
44 be repaid.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's your intent.

46 RITA DAVIS: That will be council's
47 directive, you know.

48 RUSTY BURNS: And that's the way we have it
49 figured, Ms. Floyd.

50 RITA DAVIS: Yeah. We have not reflected

1 in this budget to forgive that debt.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And if the seven
3 hundred thousand dollars is paid back, how will that
4 factor into our, into our budget?
5 RUSTY BURNS: Rita.
6 RITA DAVIS: He has 30.8 mils dedicated.
7 So if that revenue is greater than projected, he
8 doesn't spend all of that 30.8 mils, then I would
9 propose that we systematically get that -- he repays
10 the general fund over that excess.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: But if he doesn't spend it;
12 right?
13 RITA DAVIS: Right.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: But if he should spend it?
15 RITA DAVIS: Then it would still be on the
16 books as a debt owed by him to the general fund.
17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I got it. I'm open for
18 negotiations still.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: As long a I'm a part of the
20 negotiations.
21 SHERIFF SKIPPER: You know, I'm in the mode
22 that I understand -- you know, the problem wasn't
23 created by me, but it's there. You know, it wasn't
24 created by anybody here right now. It was another
25 elected official at that time and it happened and so,
26 you know, I would certainly like to be able to have it
27 forgiven so we can go on. I would negotiate half of
28 it. A third. I think I'm like everybody in here, you
29 know, we need to get a budget so we'll have something
30 July 1st to start with.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Sheriff, please know
32 and please understand that the sheriff's department and
33 the sheriff's budget has always been one of my top
34 priorities. My records will show that I have fought
35 long and hard for the sheriff and for the employees of
36 Anderson County.
37 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And I will say this. When
38 we get out 30.8 mils as Rita has figured our budget at
39 this point in time, we submitted a budget within that
40 30.8 mils and that's what Rita has given us.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Good. Good. Mr.
42 Burns, I thank you for your indulgence. May I please?
43 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: You've answered the next two
45 questions I had. It was questions about the, about the
46 department going under -- the public service -- the
47 public safety division going under the sheriff. But
48 you just said that if that should happen during the
49 year that we're gonna have to come back and rearrange
50 the budget because it's not a done deal yet.

1 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am, we won't have to
2 rearrange the budget.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I didn't mean it that
4 way. Transfer some money.
5 RUSTY BURNS: No, not -- correct me if I'm
6 wrong. This budget -- right now things could go, Ms.
7 Floyd, just like they are now without one change. But
8 if council decided to move some services or do some
9 things like that, the budget still wouldn't have to
10 change. So I mean, this is ???. And here's part of the
11 thing. The sheriff has a set millage, X amount of
12 money. But if anybody wanted to move some other
13 things, that money is in the general fund. And that
14 money has to stay in the general fund and maybe Mr.
15 Hunter could explain it better than anybody in the
16 room, but we only have so many mills.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that. Okay.
18 Believe me, for the past nine years, I can tell you
19 what a mil is and almost can tell you how much a mil
20 cost Anderson County and maybe any other county in this
21 state, thanks to Ms. Humphries over there. But my
22 thing is this, that right now the public safety has
23 their own ---
24 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: -- department.
26 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: And if in the future that the
28 powers to be decided that public safety is gonna go
29 into the sheriff, you've got to have some kind of
30 transfers of funds there.
31 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: You're just gonna erase it
33 off?
34 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. It will not ---
35 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, not erase it off the
36 book, but just erase off the title and put a new name.
37 It seems to me like you'd have to amend the budget or -
38 --
39 RUSTY BURNS: What would take place if that
40 happened, that it would come before council. It would
41 not harm the budget document, but it would require
42 council action.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: An amendment. Okay. That's
44 what I ---
45 RUSTY BURNS: But not an amendment to the
46 budget.
47 HOLT HOPKINS: A transfer of authority.
48 CINDY WILSON: It would be an ordinance
49 issue.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: I'll be there to see.

1 RUSTY BURNS: I know you will.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. You've already
3 said there's no raises in the budget.
4 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: None whatsoever this year?
6 RUSTY BURNS: Not that I know of.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Eliminating all
8 of the district paving money, we've never done that
9 before.
10 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, we've never been
11 in this situation.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: How will this work?
13 RUSTY BURNS: I'm going to let the
14 gentleman who is in charge of transportation, I hope he
15 didn't run out of the room, and if he did, somebody
16 better go find him.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Let me come back to
18 that. You say that you've reduced travel, lodging,
19 meals and registration fees ---
20 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: -- by fifty percent.
22 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: To save us fifty-two thousand
24 dollars.
25 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, that's good,
27 because I think council members should have to bite the
28 bullet as well as everybody else when ??. So I think
29 that's great. But how much has the council budget
30 increased over the last year budget?
31 RUSTY BURNS: Rita.
32 RITA DAVIS: Thirty-six thousand. That's
33 the ?? position that if we eliminated that, there would
34 be no increase.
35 RUSTY BURNS: I'll let you explain that.
36 There's a position -- I'll try to explain it. There
37 was a position for a deputy clerk to council.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: For you?
39 RUSTY BURNS: Yes. And we, in this
40 version, have removed that. Because we have another
41 way to provide the assistance to Ms. Gilstrap.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: How?
43 RUSTY BURNS: Well, by putting some people
44 over there who can help her who are already on the
45 payroll. And is that finite at this point? Not sealed
46 in stone, but that's where we're going. It saves us
47 that thirty-six thousand dollars.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: So that was the, that was the
49 position that we had in the budget, I think it was for
50 four years now. For four years we've had that position

1 and now you're gonna take that money and increase the
2 council's budget. Is that it?

3 RUSTY BURNS: Rita, you better bail me out
4 here.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: It hasn't of course been
6 filled all those four years. And even like -- that
7 position was there in the budget year we're in now, but
8 we were instructed by the chairman to don't fund that.
9 So in essence we did not provide for the salary for
10 that person. They wanted it distributed so that Linda
11 would have more in her operating and contractual.
12 Well, we were not instructed to do that next budget
13 year we're talking about. So we funded that. We put
14 those dollars in county council's budget. But now
15 we've been told to take that out. So my fellow from
16 the newspaper needs to ---

17 RUSTY BURNS: He's on vacation.

18 RITA DAVIS: Well, they need to reflect
19 that, because it was a headline that county council's
20 budget increases by thirty-six thousand. Well, Mr.
21 Burns and council have instructed us to reduce that.
22 So there's no increase in the council's budget.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So these people that
24 are going to be working for her will come out of other
25 departments?

26 RUSTY BURNS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

27 GRACIE FLOYD: And they will come -- and
28 their pay will come off the other department as well.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. Absolutely. And
30 there will be a lot of that that takes place while we
31 all try to chip in and assist each other without
32 creating new jobs.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I've done my homework.

34 RUSTY BURNS: Oh, I know you have. I
35 didn't expect any less.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: May I, please?

37 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Special appropriations have
39 been reduced by twelve percent. Mr. Burns, ---

40 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: -- have we, Anderson County,
42 notified all of these special appropriations, the
43 recipients and let them know that they ---

44 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. We have not.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, we better do
46 something quickly, because, you know, if it were me and
47 I had been cut drastically, and I can't plan my budget
48 until you do yours and you do it at the last minute, a
49 cry.

50 JANA: There have been some phone

1 calls made to me to ask what the funding was. And
2 everybody that's called, I've told them where we are so
3 far.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. That's good. And I
5 thank you for telling that.

6 FEMALE: But they called me. I didn't
7 call them.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But every -- that's
9 what I'm saying, everybody has not been told that
10 they're gonna be cut as drastic as some. Now, I know
11 that there are one or two that did receive full
12 funding.

13 RUSTY BURNS: Three at last year's level.
14 If I remember correctly off the top of my head, that
15 would have been Clemson Extension Service, Disabilities
16 and Special Needs. Rita, Jana, Gina?

17 GINA HUMPHRIES: Solicitor and public
18 defender.

19 FEMALE: What about Foothills
20 Alliance?

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, Foothill Alliance.

22 RUSTY BURNS: And that's the other one.
23 That's the three.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

25 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. They're where
26 they were last year. But Ms. Floyd, in all fairness,
27 they're hurting, and I know they're hurting, and we
28 tried to do in our version, not blaming the council, we
29 tried to do the best that we could. But then on the
30 flip side of that, they could have come to the budget
31 workshop and cried.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know, you have a
33 point there. I cannot argue with you about that at
34 all. But did everybody else come and cry?

35 RUSTY BURNS: Well, a couple of them did.
36 I can tell you Clemson Extension Service did.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: And I remember the alliance.
38 What's the name of it again?

39 FEMALE: Foothills Alliance.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Foothill Alliance came and
41 cried. Okay. But I didn't think -- maybe the others
42 didn't know they had to cry. Maybe they didn't know
43 they had to come.

44 RUSTY BURNS: From the people I've talked
45 to, they understand. It seems to be a universal
46 feeling that everybody knows that everybody is broke.
47 And we're trying to do something and not just abandon
48 people completely.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. All right.
50 Mr. Burns, you're doing your job and, you know, some

1 things I have a problem with, but I don't have a
2 problem right now, you know, with you. You answered my
3 questions explicitly. But there was one organization
4 that didn't come.

5 RUSTY BURNS: Which one?

6 GRACIE FLOYD: God, help me. Please, Jesus,
7 help me. Soil and Water Conservation. Did they come?

8 RUSTY BURNS: They did, and Mr. Watkins did
9 come and I'm hoping that we can do a little something
10 for them. But the situation was they had a person
11 there who had been there and she retired. And that's
12 what our contribution was on that.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: A thousand dollars?

14 RUSTY BURNS: I can't remember.

15 HOLT HOPKINS: We had funded them more and
16 early in the process we did cut that out completely. I
17 received a call and said, look, we'll lose about
18 fourteen thousand dollars in state, all we need from
19 y'all is to give us a thousand. We reinstated that
20 thousand so they can get their money from the state and
21 they'll still be able to hire some part time help.
22 They were happy with that as long as we could give them
23 something. Soil and Water.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I think we gave them a
25 thousand dollars.

26 HOLT HOPKINS: Yeah. And that's what they
27 asked for the second go-round.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. But some
29 other good agencies were cut and we need to kind of
30 like see what we have done here, because these people
31 will be -- they depended on the money from the county
32 to continue, you know, like the battered women's
33 shelter. I mean, with the battered women thing being
34 so prevalent now, it's all over the news now, with it
35 being so prevalent, you know, I just think that was one
36 of the things we should have taken care of for our
37 children and, and for women who can't, who can't help
38 themselves. But we cut that. So anyway ... Are we
39 still gonna furlough?

40 RUSTY BURNS: This is exactly the way that
41 situation is right now.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Since the last time we
43 talked.

44 RUSTY BURNS: That's pretty much the same.
45 We are not going to furlough under the staff's prepared
46 budget for the first six months. We are not going to
47 have to do that. We are hoping that state revenues
48 will pick up and ten million dollars extra that was
49 allocated by the general assembly will come in, which
50 our portion of that, we won't get the ten million,

1 that'll be statewide, but that portion would come in
2 and allow us not to furlough -- not to have to furlough
3 anybody at any point in time. And I can assure you
4 that Gina and the finance staff are looking at this,
5 this discussion was had thirty-five minutes ago, that
6 this thing is going to be monitored. But again, that's
7 one of those things that we left in this budget, that
8 if money, the revenues pick up, that it can go right
9 into that category and we can pick up right where we
10 left off.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Oh, I might want to
12 come back to that one.

13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: I just might want to come
15 back to that.

16 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: You stated that the budget,
18 use of the fund balance for 2008-2009 was four thou --
19 four million, excuse me ???. That was the actual fund
20 balance used for FY2008-2009.

21 RITA DAVIS: Fiscal year '09?

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, uh-huh (affirmative).

23 RITA DAVIS: Of course we haven't finished
24 out that year.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: We have a couple of weeks;
26 right?

27 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. And then of
28 course we'll have our ???. We're estimating that'll be
29 around fifteen million dollars.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Fifteen million dollars.
31 Okay. So if we have fifteen million dollars left in
32 the -- could we use some of that money to balance --
33 not to balance, but couldn't we use some of that money
34 to offset -- wait a minute, let me finish.

35 RUSTY BURNS: I'm just thinking ahead.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Let me get it
37 straight. Okay. Couldn't we use some of that fifteen
38 million dollars to offset some of the cuts that we have
39 to do, particularly in the special appropriations?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, by bringing the
41 sheriff back under the budget, that's going to put us
42 right, right, right there. This is a survival mode
43 budget. This is the worst case scenario budget. And
44 we don't want to have to touch any of that fund balance
45 just for the safety of the jobs that we have to provide
46 through our citizens and for the employees. And I
47 mean, I want to fund those things just as bad as you
48 do. I swear I do. I've served on a lot of those
49 boards. But if we touch that, I won't be able to
50 sleep. Can't sleep now, but won't be able to sleep a

1 lot more.

2 TOM ALLEN: Excuse me. If I could, Ms.

3 Floyd, with all due respect, great questions. Could we

4 kind of get somebody else in here and we'll come back

5 after we go around.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: I only have one more. I'd

7 like to finish, please.

8 RUSTY BURNS: Okay. One more.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. You reduced

10 special appropriations. Okay. Now, is it true that

11 forty thousand dollars previously appropriated for the

12 Lake Hartwell Association was a one time appropriation?

13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: That would have eliminated --

15 that would have -- that would have gone away anyway in

16 this particular budget; right?

17 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. How much of this was

19 reduced to the county fire services? Were the county

20 fire services affected with this?

21 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

22 RITA DAVIS: That was a one time thing.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I know it was a one

24 time thing. But was the county fire services affect by

25 this one time thing and how are the local county fire

26 services expected to make up this funding?

27 CINDY WILSON: It was a one time thing.

28 They never had it before until last year.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: I think they had some of that

30 because I think ---

31 CINDY WILSON: ?? Recreation.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I think I -- excuse me. I

33 think a portion of that did go. Some of that did go.

34 RITA DAVIS: The budget year we're in now,

35 to my knowledge, is the first time we've ever provided

36 ?? to give fire departments even money directly and

37 it's my understanding it was a one time appropriation

38 and therefore we could not provide for it. And they

39 did not request it in the next budget year.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know they didn't

41 request it because they were told the last time we did

42 it that we were not going -- that it was a one time

43 thing. Yeah. Okay. May I go back now to finish my

44 question to you about the paving money?

45 TOM ALLEN: Ms. Floyd, could we come

46 back? Go clear around and ---

47 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, we covered a lot

48 of this in some of the other budget workshops. I'm

49 sorry you couldn't come to some of them. But this is

50 kind of repeating what we've already done.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Moore, ---
2 EDDIE MOORE: And we're going to go to
3 other people.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Moore, you may have
5 covered it -- Mr. Moore, you may have covered it ---
6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: See, that's why I can't stand
8 that man. You see how rude he is. You know I have the
9 floor.
10 EDDIE MOORE: We're trying ---
11 GRACIE FLOYD: You need to tell him to stay
12 where he was.
13 TOM ALLEN: We'll get back around there.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: You never do. You always
15 tell me I'm gonna get back to you, but you never do.
16 I'm sorry, Doug, but that's the way it is. You always
17 tell me, I'm gonna get back to you, but you never come
18 back to me.
19 TOM ALLEN: I will. I will. I'll come
20 back to you.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Goodness gracious, that's
22 what I used to say last year. Goodness gracious.
23 CINDY WILSON: There's one area that I
24 wanted to look at in a little more detail and that's
25 under the heading ?? expenditures and ?? department.
26 And if I might ?? on that and hopefully today or ??. I
27 think, from what I recall, it's in the special
28 appropriations and like 4H and Clemson Extension, the
29 person who retired and that was the explanation for the
30 reduction there.
31 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
32 CINDY WILSON: That's about all I have for
33 the moment.
34 RUSTY BURNS: Just one thing, if you don't
35 mind, Mr. Allen, ??. But there's one agency that we
36 cut out. What was that agency that we cut?
37 BOB WALDREP: Information?
38 CHUCK WRIGHT: Senior Solutions.
39 RUSTY BURNS: No. Where was I last night?
40 LAUGHTER
41 HOLT HOPKINS: Human relations.
42 RUSTY BURNS: Human relations, what we did
43 on that is, you know, voted to do away with that. So
44 what we did instead is I met with them last night.
45 We're going to put them under the administrator's
46 office and we're gonna take them from meeting down in
47 Mr. Brill's office and they're gonna meet here and the
48 county administrator will be meeting with them. It was
49 their desire to refocus and recharge their mission. So
50 we'll be having a meeting next month with those people.

1 So although they're not receiving funding, they're
2 going to be active and were excited and they want some
3 vacancies filled. And that's one case where we had to
4 do something, but we've come up with another way to do
5 it.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: You're talking to me, but I
7 can't say anything.

8 LAUGHTER

9 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sorry.

10 CINDY WILSON: One other point that I'd like
11 to make that we can look at. One of the biggest issues
12 we've had when it comes to environmental issues and
13 storm water runoff and erosions and so forth is that
14 the people who approve the plans for retention devices
15 and measures are frequently not, in fact they have not
16 been the people who do the actual inspection. And I'm
17 making a request that whoever does the plan review,
18 which should be some type of an engineer, would be also
19 the person who does the inspecting, because for example
20 we have a serious issue with a major upscale
21 development in my district. I've had Realtors calling
22 and water running under half a million dollar houses
23 and people all in an uproar. And one of the builders
24 out there was a very astute gentleman. He went down to
25 DHEC when DHEC was doing that for us and made the
26 discovery, a very shocking discovery, that what plans
27 had been approved were not the plans that were in the
28 ground. And that was where the problem was. So that
29 would save our public a lot of grief and I think it
30 would take better care of our responsibilities. Can we
31 look at that possibly?

32 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

33 CINDY WILSON: Under the public safety
34 department, it looks like to me from the discovery and
35 work that I've been trying -- research that I've been
36 trying to do that we're combining clients and
37 environmental enforcement and the public safety group.

38 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

39 CINDY WILSON: That would help save a lot of
40 duplicated office expenses. And another thing that we
41 could maybe look at is making telephone and cell phone
42 expenses for the county -- could we possibly look at
43 renegotiating contracts on that?

44 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

45 CINDY WILSON: Because I know that's a real,
46 real big expense.

47 RUSTY BURNS: We're reducing telephone
48 usage and calls right now. I mean even this last week
49 we had some departments who said, well, we don't really
50 need this, we can do without this, so that's ongoing.

1 HOLT HOPKINS: ?? Was cut twenty percent
2 across the board.
3 CINDY WILSON: Wow, that would be awesome.
4 Thank you.
5 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Moore, are you taking
6 back over as chairman?
7 EDDIE MOORE: You go ahead. You're doing
8 fine.
9 LAUGHTER
10 TOM ALLEN: I'll go last. Ms. Floyd will
11 be happy. I'll let Tommy go next.
12 TOMMY DUNN: I've just got a couple of
13 things. On the automobiles, I seen we had some
14 automobiles, vehicles ---
15 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
16 TOMMY DUNN: The Colonel parked twenty
17 something vehicles. We can't use none of them in the
18 place -- instead of buying some new ones and using ---
19 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, purchasing and all that
20 has been placed on hold. We won't really start back
21 buying or asking you to buy until we've got that
22 reduction and all of them parked. Most of what we're
23 getting is wore out. But anything that's worth using,
24 Fleet has been instructed to park them in the pool, put
25 them in the pool and then we need to redistribute to
26 cover some of this rather than going out and buying.
27 TOMMY DUNN: At least for one year. The
28 number is twenty something vehicles, is what I've been
29 told. We ought to be using some of them instead of
30 buying something new for a year.
31 Also, the training and traveling and lodging, I
32 know it's been cut. What's left in the budget is still
33 a pretty good chunk of change. Is it absolutely
34 necessary, I mean to keep the job, got to do this? Or
35 is it ---
36 RUSTY BURNS: We're trying to do that only
37 in cases where that travel will probably result in us
38 coming out ahead in terms of money. Going to certain
39 conferences. But we can absolutely look at that again.
40 And we're trying to be very restrictive on who goes
41 where.
42 TOMMY DUNN: But in positions, I know
43 there's a few positions, one is like down at the --
44 Holt's department down in -- a parks guy down at the
45 ???. We went down there before January, me and Mr.
46 Moore and Mr. Allen, and that is a very needed
47 position. What I'm asking you, in all positions people
48 might want to go -- somebody here now, the Economy is
49 bad, things are slow, ---
50 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely. Without us

1 having to go hire somebody else. Yes, sir.

2 TOMMY DUNN: And I just seen this -- I
3 know we've got to have them but maybe -- look on every
4 department, photocopier, that's -- you know, it gets to
5 be four thousand, five thousand, eight thousand. I
6 think it's something to be looked at. I don't know
7 what kind of contract we've got or something. That
8 gets to be a pretty big thing when you start adding
9 that up. That could go somewhere else.

10 RUSTY BURNS: And I promise you that we'll
11 take a look at that and see if some of our contracts
12 are ??.

13 RITA DAVIS: Just like the telephone, that
14 was cut twenty percent, as well, across the board.

15 TOMMY DUNN: I seen it was cut a good bit,
16 but it still looks huge, you know, to me. I ain't
17 saying that's the answer, I'm saying it's something
18 that should be looked at. I mean, that's big numbers
19 there ??.

20 RUSTY BURNS: We still think there are a
21 lot of reductions that we can make ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: I think there are too.

23 RUSTY BURNS: -- to save money. And again,
24 that's not doing it just because it's the budget. It's
25 necessary. But there's a lot of things that we're
26 rolling through, getting to, where we see we can do
27 things more efficiently, share people, pool things
28 together.

29 TOMMY DUNN: That's all I've got.

30 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Moore.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Was you going to combine
32 travel into one and put it under administrator? I'd
33 like to see all travel put under the administrator.

34 RUSTY BURNS: We can do that.

35 EDDIE MOORE: That way we've got a little
36 more control over it. And maybe you can do a report,
37 generate a report and justify on some of the travel
38 maybe to the county council so we know.

39 RUSTY BURNS: Be happy to do that.

40 JANA: On every department? Travel
41 from every department?

42 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah, every department.

43 JANA: Except for the Sheriff?

44 EDDIE MOORE: Under one heading is travel
45 and training, whatever, put it under the administrator.
46 That way we have a little bit more control over it.

47 RITA DAVIS: Is that lodging or just
48 travel?

49 EDDIE MOORE: Travel, lodging, training,
50 whatever, meals. Everything.

1 RITA DAVIS: Pull it to the administrator?
2 EDDIE MOORE: Put it right under him.
3 JANA: And he signs off on all the
4 travel? He signs off on everything now. It won't be
5 as easily detailed by department.
6 EDDIE MOORE: He will have -- the bottom
7 line is, he's going to have to approve it so we know
8 what's going on.
9 RUSTY BURNS: And that's fine. We can work
10 that out.
11 JANA: He approves it now.
12 RUSTY BURNS: I see where he's going to a
13 little more. We can do that. Yes, sir.
14 TOM ALLEN: Tommy had one other question.
15 TOMMY DUNN: I forgot one other thing.
16 Going back to council's budget, our budget. My six
17 thousand dollars ?? still on there?
18 RITA DAVIS: No, sir.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I want to make sure
20 because there should be a raise somewhat because I get
21 back my expense money and I wanted to make sure that
22 ...
23 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Waldrep. We're ready for
24 your weekly comments and insight into the budget.
25 BOB WALDREP: Well, you know, I guess we've
26 floated around with a lot of ideas about how we can
27 save money. And the transportation idea, that sounds
28 good. I just wondered is there any mechanical problem
29 with doing that, putting this whole thing onto one
30 account, transportation, lodging and meals, to
31 effectuate it is there anything that's difficult about
32 that? I'm just trying to think. The last thing we
33 want to do is create some kind of democratic
34 bottleneck, you know, some kind of difficulty there.
35 RITA DAVIS: You would lose a perspective
36 of how much each department is spending in those areas.
37 You would have to do it off line to keep a spread sheet
38 showing how much is spent by what department and for
39 what purpose. But, you know, we can definitely do that
40 if council directs me to. Although ---
41 RUSTY BURNS: We can put that in the
42 monthly report, all travel, all expenditures, all
43 lodging and all meals.
44 RITA DAVIS: Yeah, that would be -- if
45 council would allow ---
46 HOLT HOPKINS: A protective order from the
47 administrator will also clamp down and make everything
48 be signed off on, like leaving money in ??, you can
49 still track it a lot easier if it stays in the budget.
50 BOB WALDREP: On that note I had made a

1 complaint a year or so ago about not getting a monthly
2 report. I think all of you remember that in finance.
3 I wanted a monthly report. And finally I ended up with
4 a CD that somebody sent me. And then I would have to
5 have that CD transposed. Can you tell me, we're not
6 continuing to do that; are we?

7 JANA: I do give you the CDs.

8 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

9 BOB WALDREP: And then we take it and then
10 we have to have it translated. I would just kind of
11 hope that there would be a way of a little bit of a
12 synopsis of that because it's very, very difficult to
13 get one of these CDs, have it transposed. You end up
14 with a bunch of paper like this. And it's almost
15 unintelligible. I mean, I'm sure it's intelligible to
16 all those who are in accounting, the CPAs and things of
17 that nature, but this would be helpful. I just
18 wondered if there's a continued policy ?? advance
19 payments to people if they go on these trips like, you
20 know, we had one trip, per diem trip, where we would
21 just pay out five thousand dollars to someone. I think
22 they went to LaGuardia. And there was some questions
23 about trying to interpret how this applied to the
24 actual expenses. It just was very hard to read. Not
25 that there's anything, heaven forbid, wrong with what
26 was done, but it was just it was hard to decipher to
27 the layman, average layman.

28 RUSTY BURNS: We're striving to provide
29 clear and concise information to you. We may not be
30 all the way there yet, but we're going to do everything
31 we can to make it easier for y'all to do your jobs.

32 BOB WALDREP: And the last little thing.
33 Tommy, you might be able to help me with this. I was
34 interested in knowing all those phones that were used
35 for the 800 megahertz, how many we have out. They're
36 supposed to be paying, I think thirty-five dollars, is
37 that right, Sheriff, a month?

38 SHERIFF SKIPPER: ?? As I understand the last
39 800 contract with the state was a little less than
40 that.

41 BOB WALDREP: That's whether we use them or
42 not.

43 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Well, we're using and y'all
44 have to beg my forgiveness that actually comes under
45 the public safety division.

46 BOB WALDREP: I understand.

47 SHERIFF SKIPPER: But they have the numbers,
48 so I'm not a hundred percent on that. But we're using
49 all of our radios that we have. They're being used
50 everyday. It's my understanding the city is using

1 theirs now. That whole system from a year, year and a
2 half ago, the issue there has been resolved as I
3 understand. Actually, in our last grant, somebody help
4 me with the grant, we actually have purchased the rest
5 that we need. We're actually now in the process of
6 issuing a walkie-talkie to each deputy that did not
7 have them before, because they were in the process of
8 having to check them out, check them in, some days a
9 deputy would go out and somebody else hadn't brought
10 theirs in so they wouldn't have them. So two shifts
11 now have them and we're working on the other two shifts
12 to have those. And that's all in that, for lack of a
13 better word, grant and appropriations that was put in a
14 year, year and a half ago.

15 BOB WALDREP: How many do we have? How
16 many units do we have out there?

17 SHERIFF SKIPPER: I don't have a number
18 myself.

19 TOMMY DUNN: The fire department's got a
20 ---

21 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Yeah, like I said, the fire
22 department has them. It's all -- the entire county,
23 public safety division, EMS and all, and those are
24 working because the last I talked to EMS, they had some
25 radios that just came in that they're using also.

26 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to get a
27 number. And then also my question was, where is that
28 money coming from to fund those, these maintenance
29 fees.

30 RUSTY BURNS: Rita. The money to fund ---

31 RITA DAVIS: The Motorola maintenance
32 comes from the general fund. But the tariff money
33 helps pay for that, as well as just a little bit of the
34 EMS squads for their proportion of the share. That's
35 only twenty-seven thousand.

36 TOMMY DUNN: The last ??, that comes out
37 of the general fund or tariff fee.

38 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, and the E911.

39 CINDY WILSON: ?? It used to be a lot more
40 than that.

41 RITA DAVIS: The revenue coming in on the
42 E911?

43 CINDY WILSON: Uh-huh (affirmative). ??.

44 RITA DAVIS: It looks like we get some
45 tariff and our state PSAP, public safety ??. The
46 combination is about nine hundred thousand.

47 CINDY WILSON: Oh.

48 BOB WALDREP: That's a budgeted item ??.

49 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

50 SHERIFF SKIPPER: And if you remember, this

1 year the budget had two new positions at the first of
2 the year to be hired. They weren't hired because the
3 money got gone some place else. That has now been
4 renegotiated and y'all put it back in. So when those
5 technicians are hired, the majority of -- I'll use the
6 word majority -- of the Motorola contract that we have
7 will go away because we will have our own in-house
8 people doing it, a savings of a hundred forty, fifty,
9 somewhere around there, thousand dollars. Plus then we
10 will start generating revenue when other people come
11 in. Pickens County wants us to work on theirs.
12 Something like that.

13 BOB WALDREP: Well, let me understand what
14 you're saying here, that we're going to have
15 technicians to take care of those.

16 SHERIFF SKIPPER: The entire county. Not the
17 sheriff's office, EMS ---

18 BOB WALDREP: The entire county. However,
19 are we still paying Motorola?

20 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No. The Motorola contract
21 then goes away, but their technicians come to work for
22 us. That's what I'm saying. That's a savings --
23 somebody help me here -- a hundred and some thousand
24 dollars for the Motorola contract versus the pay that
25 we're going to do it.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Don't get it confused with
27 the radio maintenance contract versus the 800 radio
28 system.

29 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Right.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Because you're going to
31 paying -- that's two different, that's two different
32 things.

33 BOB WALDREP: So we're not going to have
34 technicians taking care of the radio system?

35 SHERIFF SKIPPER: No, we will.

36 BOB WALDREP: We will, but are we going ---

37 SHERIFF SKIPPER: But the maintenance fee, the
38 user fee, like your phone, that's still there as far as
39 the contract with the service. But, you know, right
40 now we have a company called Diversified out of
41 Greenville, when you need a radio worked on, you call
42 them up and they drive down there to Greenville and
43 we're paying X number of dollars a month for that
44 service, which in a sense is not exactly correct. They
45 say they give us twenty-four hour service. If Taylor -
46 - and Mr. Dunn will probably remember this. The fire
47 service, we had a major something happen to the radios
48 a year and a half, two years ago, something happened,
49 hurricane come through, big winds, stuff fell and all,
50 so we called and we said, we need technicians down

1 here. They said, well, we're all busy in Greenville.
2 And their comment was, well, we have a twenty-four hour
3 coverage. She said, yeah, you need to read the fine
4 print. Larger metropolitan area gets first service and
5 then you branch out.

6 BOB WALDREP: Well, I'm surprised they
7 didn't say we just got service for twenty-four hours
8 and that's it.

9 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Exactly. With our own
10 technicians, that eliminates all that, plus it cuts out
11 that entire contract with the Diversified Motorola
12 people.

13 BOB WALDREP: Thank you. That's all I
14 have.

15 TOM ALLEN: I've got a few questions.
16 Hopefully very simple. Salaries, I notice that the
17 very first line, of course, in every department is
18 salaries. Every one of them went up this year. Rita,
19 what's that all about?

20 RITA DAVIS: That's the impact of the
21 raises that was given.

22 TOM ALLEN: Is that what that is?

23 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. That we have to
24 provide for a full year for next year.

25 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's what I thought
26 that was -- okay. Thank you. Every department also
27 has awards and recognition monies. Is that necessary
28 in every department? Is that anything to be looked at?

29 RUSTY BURNS: And what we're trying --
30 going to do is put all that in one pot.

31 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

32 RUSTY BURNS: Because we don't need to be
33 awarding each other prizes or sending each other
34 flowers at the taxpayer's expense.

35 TOM ALLEN: Also, and I'm getting nit-
36 picky now, but that's where we're at on the budget.
37 Dues and subscriptions, I noticed that in every
38 department too. And I know places I've been before,
39 you know, somebody ten, twelve years ago subscribed to
40 a magazine or joined something and it never gets read,
41 thrown in a waste basket and I think it would be good
42 if each department went back and just looked, are we
43 really using these things or not.

44 RUSTY BURNS: Well, we have abolished a
45 zillion members and things like that, but we'll be
46 happy to look at it.

47 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Have a look at it to
48 make it as tight as we can make it. That would be
49 fine. Also, a lot of insurance on vehicles shows up in
50 numerous department. Now, since some of these

1 departments no longer have vehicles ---

2 RUSTY BURNS: Colonel, in a lot of cases,
3 you just hit the nail on the head, it's not so much the
4 vehicle as the insurance that's really killing us. And
5 so this pool idea and reducing the number of vehicles
6 like we're trying to do, that's going to save us on
7 that insurance rate.

8 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Also, and I'll pick on
9 economic development, although I'm not picking on them,
10 that just happened to be one that showed up here. But
11 food. They've got a line item for meals, a line item
12 for catering and a line item called food. So they must
13 eat very well up there. But a lot of departments have
14 a similar thing in there. What is all of that? Can't
15 that just be all combined under one thing and maybe
16 reduced some? Just call it food or call it meals or
17 ---

18 RUSTY BURNS: We can do that, Colonel, but
19 we have some ideas along those lines and you and I have
20 discussed several of those where we could probably make
21 ourselves more efficient and actually obtain some funds
22 from other entities to help do that. Makes it a
23 cleaner operation.

24 TOM ALLEN: That's another thing to look
25 at. It just looks like a lot of -- a few dollars --
26 it's not big, big money. Well, in some cases it is a
27 significant sum. I take that back. We need to look at
28 that and make sure that it's as tight as can be.

29 Management consulting also shows up in a lot of
30 places and there's some significant dollars there.
31 What exactly does management consulting do? Say in the
32 finance office, they've got a -- yeah, finance.

33 RITA DAVIS: We typically use that if we
34 have an external auditor. And also if we -- now we've
35 got our -- looking at Charter, you know, they're in
36 bankruptcy, and we want to make sure that we're getting
37 paid everything that we should under the contract, and
38 there are specialists who do that. And we're going to
39 pay them six thousand dollars and if they do not come
40 up with any savings, then we only owe them half of
41 that. That's an example. Whenever this gentleman --
42 we contracted with him for about the same amount of
43 money several years ago and he generated
44 ninety-eight thousand dollars for us like that because
45 they go to the buyer and make them pay that. And so
46 that's just one example. Like I say, our external
47 auditors, they can help us if we have any questions
48 regarding internal controls, our single audit, things
49 like that that's outside the scope of what we ---

50 TOMMY DUNN: The audit, though, is listed

1 in here ---

2 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. And that's under
3 an ROP and that's a stated amount for year and if they
4 are asked to do anything above and beyond, then that's
5 when we use management consulting. That's what -- they
6 quote us those rates if they do extra work.

7 TOM ALLEN: Down here under purchasing
8 also in department 59, advertising, I think I might
9 know what this is. But anyway, last year's actual was
10 ninety-seven dollars, line item 201. This year it's
11 twenty-five thousand three hundred dollars. What was
12 the big jump?

13 RITA DAVIS: What we did, we moved the
14 advertising budget and public information under
15 purchasing since they typically have to contract with
16 the media to advertise items like public notices and
17 things like that. And ---

18 TOM ALLEN: So this is not so much an
19 increase in the budget, it's just moving an item ---

20 JANA: Last year they had forty-nine
21 thousand eight hundred and the public information
22 office, so we cut that in half.

23 TOM ALLEN: All right. I think that
24 might be -- I think we kind of covered just about
25 everything else that -- that's the good thing about
26 going next to last. I think just about everything had
27 been covered. So, we will go back to Ms. Floyd.
28 Please do.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, darling. I just
30 appreciate that. Mr. Burns.

31 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: As administrator, please let
33 me start off by saying the questions that I have been
34 asking are not the kinds of questions that could have
35 been asked earlier during the budget process. Okay.
36 These are the questions that pertain to what is in the
37 budget as of this time. All right. The other
38 questions that were asked to me would have made more
39 sense to have been asked during the budget. For
40 example, telephone, the insurance, the storm water
41 things, those are the kinds of questions that should
42 have been asked before. But my questions all stem -- I
43 mean, pertain directly to what's in the budget now.
44 And due to the kindness and the courtesy of Mr. Allen,
45 I shall continue.

46 I wanted to go back to where I was with the road
47 paving. Okay. Thank you. You stated that all the --
48 that the budget -- that all of the district money has
49 been eliminated. Okay. Now, this is a first time.
50 How -- I need to ask Mr. Hopkins to -- well, Mr.

1 Hopkins, can you provide the county with the
2 approximate dollar amount of the current roads that
3 needs -- that need to be resurfaced or improved?
4 HOLT HOPKINS: I don't have an exact figure
5 for the backlog, but we have done some studying where
6 we need to be spending about sixty-seven million a
7 year on paving. But that's been -- we've been saying
8 that for many, many years, that we need to ramp up our
9 paving. But I don't have an actual number for what's
10 fair -- I mean, fair to poor streets. I don't have
11 that number.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Two questions stemming
13 from that. The first question is this. There will be
14 no road paving this year.
15 HOLT HOPKINS: Not from the county's general
16 fund budget. But I talked with one of the
17 representatives today and we plan to ask -- well, ??
18 Has already given us about half of what they give, I'm
19 gonna put in a request for this year to help us through
20 our tough budget year, would they go up to the full
21 amount allowed by law, which is seventy-five percent of
22 their money, which is almost -- seventy-five percent
23 would be close to two million dollars that would kind
24 of offset this ---
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Will that be for all
26 districts or just specific districts?
27 HOLT HOPKINS: No. It would be all
28 districts.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: All districts would get a
30 piece of that money if they gave it to us; ---
31 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Am I correct?
33 HOLT HOPKINS: What I would like to do is
34 have council adopt a plan, a list of roads that need
35 paving, and that way I know exactly what you want that
36 I can take back to SEMA?? And say, council would like
37 you to fund all these projects.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Another thing. I
39 think there's a little money left in district 2's
40 paving account. What is gonna happen to that money?
41 HOLT HOPKINS: That rolls over and it's
42 still yours or district 2's money and it will stay
43 there until you allocate. Each district has some
44 residual money in their, in their account, and it won't
45 go anywhere until you allocate it.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you know the amounts that
47 are in the district budgets, in each district budget,
48 at this time?
49 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. District 1 has
50 -- and I'm gonna round it to the nearest thousand.

1 District 1 has a hundred and fifty-three thousand.
2 District 2, a hundred thirty-one thousand. District 3,
3 twenty-seven -- almost twenty-three thousand. District
4 4, three thousand. District 5, a hundred twenty
5 thousand. District 6, fifty-four -- almost fifty-six
6 thousand. And district 7, five thousand.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So the money that's in
8 there now will remain in each district's account to be
9 used for paving if necessary through the 2009-2010
10 budget?
11 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I need to
13 go back. I need to go back. Mr. Burns, I would like
14 to meet with you, please, at another time, because I
15 still don't understand this thirty-eight thousand
16 dollars on this budget increase. I still don't
17 understand that. Okay. And also, I don't understand
18 the questions that Ms. Wilson had about getting the
19 inspector to be the same person who issues the whatever
20 else. I don't understand that. Does that mean that if
21 -- that a position is going to be cut there somewhere
22 if this should go into effect? Who's the inspector
23 now? I mean, I don't understand what she's asking for.
24 RUSTY BURNS: I will find out. We will
25 find that question, but I would think, and I'm just
26 thinking, that the person who does that, we should have
27 an engineer look at that. And as you well know, in
28 this budget we are hiring our own civil engineer who
29 will be available to look at that.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative). But we
31 will still have to hire outside engineers if the matter
32 presents itself?
33 RUSTY BURNS: If we had a huge project,
34 yes, ma'am, we would, but we would have our own
35 engineer who can take care of a lot of things that we
36 have to out-source now. Could he take care or could
37 she take care of everything known to mankind,
38 absolutely not.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Good, good, good. Mr. Burns,
40 I appreciate your indulgence. And Mr. Allen, I thank
41 you. And no, I did not attend all of the meetings
42 because there was no need to because it was more of a
43 learning session for our new councilmen. Thank you.
44 TOM ALLEN: Thank you very much. We'll
45 go now to public comments. Do we have any? Does
46 anybody -- yes, sir, please.
47 CHUCK WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
48 Chuck Wright. I'm with Senior Solutions. I was not of
49 ?? Special appropriations but apparently there was no
50 memo that went out that we were supposed to come crying

1 to ask for the budget money. In the past Anderson
2 County has provided twelve thousand five hundred
3 dollars for senior transportation in Anderson County.
4 That money, by the way, is used as a match. The ??
5 ninety percent match, ten percent ?? I understand in
6 the budget this year you've cut Senior Solutions six
7 thousand dollars. That will cost us sixty thousand
8 dollars in revenue, which is about sixty-six thousand
9 dollars. That's a lot of money. That's almost as much
10 money as you have in your Anderson County seed program.
11 There seems to be a little bit of a duplication. I
12 guess that would be for another time. I also
13 understand that you're gonna cut Meals on Wheels nine
14 thousand dollars on their appropriation. So totally
15 that's seventy-five thousand dollars that's gonna have
16 an impact on seniors in Anderson County. So I'd like
17 to have you reconsider that. I realize you already
18 have a balanced budget and ---

19 RUSTY BURNS: And I'd like you to
20 reconsider working with the Carolina Center in
21 Williamston and Senior Citizens Center in Honea Path.
22 I'd also like you to consider using part of the money
23 that you get for transportation to work on a regional
24 transportation plan to serve the outlying
25 municipalities. There's a deal to be made here.

26 CHUCK WRIGHT: Always ready to do that.
27 However, I just wanted you to know that six thousand
28 dollars is gonna be sixty-six thousand dollars. As Mr.
29 Burns said in another statement, I will talk to him. I
30 just wanted you to know that seniors in this community
31 and this county deserve as much as we can. You know,
32 most of them don't have to go ?? Go back to work. My
33 daddy always likes to say can't go back to work. He's
34 retired. Can't go back to work. Won't hire me. He's
35 eighty-three years old. So these folks need your help.
36 I realize it's late in the budget process. Perhaps you
37 could find that fifteen thousand dollars, nine thousand
38 for Meals on Wheels and six thousand for Senior
39 Solutions. And yes, Mr. Burns, I am definitely
40 interested in any kind of work we can do. I've thought
41 for years that the Anderson County Seniors Program
42 should fit together in the private sector. Your
43 previous person that sat in Mr. Burns' chair absolutely
44 ?? wouldn't even communicate with me at all.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Which one of them? We had
46 three or four.

47 CHUCK WRIGHT: That's it.

48 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Wright, thank you. Those
49 are very good comments and I'm all for the seniors
50 because I'm there in some cases and close to it in

1 other cases, depending on what age group you look at.
2 And this is something, too, that I think we might be
3 able to hammer out, you know, over the next two months.
4 And also, I don't think we still know exactly what the
5 state is gonna do for us. Do we know what -- as far as
6 local subdivisions and all that ---

7 RUSTY BURNS: We have a solid idea. Right
8 now, for this portion, Mr. Allen, in six months the
9 additional ten million dollars that we're praying and
10 hoping that comes in, but that's not a guarantee.
11 That's if tax revenues come in to fill that.

12 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I know there's a lot
13 of ifs there. Hopefully we can work something out.
14 There's a big if in all this. But thank you.

15 CHUCK WRIGHT: Well, I just wanted you to
16 know that it's not just six thousand dollars. It's a
17 little larger impact. And if you can help us ---

18 TOM ALLEN: ???. Yeah. Thank you.

19 CHUCK WRIGHT: Thanks for your
20 consideration.

21 CINDY WILSON: I do want to meet with Mr.
22 Wright and Mr. Burns. I have a lot of calls from the
23 elderly in district 7 and they are very much perplexed
24 and wondering what had happened to Senior Solutions and
25 the Carolina Center in Honea Path and Williamston. I
26 think it would be a good time to talk.

27 RUSTY BURNS: Just as a matter of
28 information, we're taking our senior citizens program
29 and moving in those areas to fill the gaps. We've
30 already got tentative agreement on the Carolina Center
31 in Williamston and we'll be doing the same thing in
32 other places.

33 FEMALE: And sir, we also have a
34 tentative agreement on the table with the Carolina
35 Community Center to make sure that the meals continue
36 to be served, but the overhead was the issue. This
37 year we've been cut in our budget, so we had to make
38 some changes as well.

39 RUSTY BURNS: And this is not rock
40 throwing. We all need to sit down and hold hands.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I request that
42 because I have an interest, a long, long interest in
43 the senior program, I would like to be a part of that
44 meeting as well.

45 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

47 TOM ALLEN: This looks like an
48 opportunity for us to excel right here and have a
49 regional bus service.

50 Anyone else?

1 BOB WALDREP: I just wondered, where does
2 the match come from? Is it a federal match?
3 CHUCK WRIGHT: Yes, sir.
4 FEMALE: Older American.
5 CHUCK WRIGHT: Older American ??.
6 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
7 *Candi K-Fuller* FEMALE: I'd just like to comment that
8 I hope this council considers Ms. Wilson's
9 recommendation to be a ?? attempt to get rid of the
10 storm water inspector.
11 TOM ALLEN: Any other comments?
12 Questions, statements? Anybody got a bag of money they
13 want to donate?
14 TOMMY DUNN: I would like for you and Ms.
15 Wilson to meet with this gentlemen with Senior
16 Solutions and let's try to come up with that six
17 thousand dollars. I mean, there's some stuff we talked
18 about a while ago -- ballpark figure -- sixty-six
19 thousand dollars, y'all can get some hammered out
20 before Tuesday night or for the future. I think it
21 would be greatly appreciated.
22 MALE: I move we adjourn.
23 TOM ALLEN: Let's adjourn.
24
25 MEETING ADJOURNED



Anderson County Council


Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting – June 16, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

PRESENT:



Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Mike Pitts – County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council


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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council



State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: ... pledge by Mr. Ron
2 Wilson.

3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RON WILSON
4 EDDIE MOORE: Before we get started
5 tonight on some of the resolutions, I have a couple of
6 announcements to make. One is this coming Friday,
7 we're going to have round two on our Small Business
8 Seminars and we would like for you to come out and join
9 us. These are all being recorded and we'll have CDs
10 available for anyone that's wanting to start a small
11 business or anything. So be sure to come out and join
12 us. It'll be at nine thirty right here, nine thirty to
13 twelve thirty. And we've got a real good program.
14 We'll have it posted before Friday in the paper and
15 everything so that you'll know what we're going to be
16 covering. These are some real good seminars. If you
17 are an existing business owner, small business owner or
18 if you're wanting to create a small business. In these
19 hard times, a lot of people are losing their jobs and
20 they might want to go into a small business. These are
21 some pretty good seminars so we welcome you to come out
22 and join us all in these. It's some good discussions
23 we've had. The first one was just absolutely
24 outstanding and we're going to have CDs of all of these
25 for the citizens in the county to have them. It'll
26 help you out. A lot of good information in there on
27 people to call so we're real excited about that. So
28 y'all come out and join us this Friday. It'll be from
29 nine thirty to twelve thirty. And I think Mr. Waldrep
30 had an announcement too he wanted to make today.

31 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
32 wanted to acknowledge that the -- Anderson County and
33 the North Anderson Baptist Church have reached an
34 accord and agreement with regard to a parking lot which
35 is adjacent to the Ronald P. Townsend Judicial Center,
36 also known as the former Piedmont Natural Gas building
37 to some people. And that there is an abundance of
38 parking there on Sundays and other times when the
39 parking lot is not in use by the county and Mr. Burns
40 has been able to work out and come to an agreement
41 about the use of that parking lot when the County is
42 not using it. And Mr. Hugh Brinson and Mr. Hershall
43 Buchanan are here tonight. We appreciate your presence
44 and appreciate your church. Your church is apparently
45 growing and that's, that's a good sign. We need a
46 growing Baptist church in Anderson County. So thank
47 you for working with us and we'll look forward to that
48 relationship. Now we're got a parking lot. That's it.

49 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Resolution
50 2009-16, a resolution recognizing and honoring Jim Ed

1 Rice for his sixteen major year career with the Boston
2 Red Sox. His recent induction into the National
3 Baseball Hall of Fame. Ms. Wilson.

4 CINDY WILSON: Thank you Mr. Chairman.
5 This is an honor for us to recognize this exemplary
6 gentleman who is our native son of Anderson County.
7 And I'll just read this and we will vote and this will
8 be sent to Mr. Rice at his home in Massachusetts.

9 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a
10 body politic and corporate, and a political subdivision
11 of the State of South Carolina is always pleased to
12 honor those whose lives have brought recognition and
13 renown to Anderson County; and

14 Whereas, James Edward Rice, son of Roger and
15 Julia, was born in Anderson on March 8, 1953, the
16 fourth of nine children; and

17 Whereas, an all sports star, first at Westside
18 High School, then at T. L. Hanna High School, James
19 Edward Rice led his 1969 American Legion team to the
20 state finals; and

21 Whereas, in 1971, upon graduating from T. L.
22 Hanna, where he'd served as president of the student
23 body, James Edward Rice married the love of his life,
24 Corrine; and

25 Whereas, also in 1971, James Edward Rice
26 attended baseball tryouts and was picked by the Boston
27 Red Sox during the first round of the amateur entry
28 draft; and

29 Whereas, in 1974, James Edward Rice was
30 promoted to the Red Sox Major League team with whom he
31 played sixteen seasons wearing the famous number 14
32 jersey which is up for retirement. Making the All Star
33 team eight times and winning the American League Most
34 Valuable Player in 1978; and

35 Whereas, James Edward Rice batted .298 with
36 three hundred eighty-two home runs and fourteen hundred
37 and fifty-one runs batted in from 1974 to 1989 while
38 following Ted Williams and Carl, I'm not sure I can
39 pronounce this, Rimsky, in the Red Sox tradition of the
40 superstar left fielders; and

41 Whereas, on November 1, 1995, James Edward
42 Rice was inducted into the Red Sox' Hall of Fame in its
43 inaugural class and on January 12, 2009 was inducted
44 into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

45 Whereas, Rice and his wife, Corrine, currently
46 reside with their children, Corrisa and Chancey in
47 Dover, Massachusetts, where Rice has joined the ranks
48 of the Boston sports media; and

49 Whereas, Anderson County desires to honor
50 James Edward Rice for his lifetime achievement; and

1 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by
2 Anderson County Council, in meeting duly assembled,
3 that Anderson County, acting by and through its county
4 council, hereby honors Anderson County native, James
5 Edward Rice for his accomplishments and long lasting
6 legacy in the field of baseball. Jim Edward Rice,
7 you're truly one of Anderson, South Carolina's all time
8 greatest athletes. Your tremendous athletic ability,
9 coupled with your commitment to excellence and your
10 dedication to the field of baseball has brought honor
11 and recognition to you, your family, and to Anderson
12 County. We congratulate you on this and all future
13 successes.

14 This resolution shall take effect and be in
15 force immediately upon enactment.

16 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 16th
17 day of June, 2009. So moved.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. The resolution on the
19 floor. Do I have a second?

20 TOM ALLEN: Second.

21 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
22 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
23 Unanimous. Please let the record show that Ms. Floyd
24 is going to be a little late tonight. She did tell me
25 she was going to be late. So she'll be here shortly.
26 Is Mr. -- is any of the Rice family here today Cindy?

27 CINDY WILSON: We were told that there
28 probably would be no one here to represent Mr. Rice.
29 He lives out of state so we will have this boxed up and
30 sent to his home in Massachusetts. Maybe one day we
31 can persuade him to retire back to Anderson.

32 BOB WALDREP: I'll take it.

33 LAUGHTER

34 EDDIE MOORE: You a Boston Red Sox fan?
35 All right. We now go to Item (b) R2009, a resolution
36 recognizing 2009 Belton-Honea Path High School graduate
37 and 2009 Miss America's Outstanding Teen. This is a
38 teen pageant for Miss America. Miss Taylor Fitch, for
39 academic excellence and outstanding contributions to
40 diversity through her charter program "Seeing Others
41 Soar," which pairs students with disabilities and
42 mentors. And for being selected outstanding High
43 School Student at the 2009 Upstate Diversity Leadership
44 ceremony and other matters. Ms. Wilson.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
46 will put this in the form of a motion and we'll vote
47 and then if I could ask you to join me. And does Miss
48 Fitch have a family member present? Excellent. We'll
49 join one another down at the podium. This is in the
50 form of a motion.

1 EDDIE MOORE: A motion made. Do I have a
2 second? I have a second. Any discussion? All in
3 favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous.

4 CINDY WILSON: Whereas, eighteen year old
5 Taylor Fitch, daughter of Barry Fitch and Deann Wright,
6 is a 2009 graduate of Belton-Honea Path High School
7 with plans to pursue a medical degree, attending
8 Wofford College in the fall and transferring to Duke
9 University to complete her studies; and

10 Whereas, a self-proclaimed science enthusiast,
11 Taylor Fitch's commitment to leadership and academic
12 excellence is evidenced by her second place award in
13 the 2008 Anderson/Oconee/Pickens Regional Science Fair,
14 at Clemson University for United States Army
15 Outstanding Achievement in Science and Engineering
16 Award, her fourth place award in the 2008 Intel
17 International Science and Engineering Fair, her
18 appointment as representative of the Belton-Honea Path
19 Student Council, and her membership in the National
20 Honor Society and the Beta Club; and

21 Whereas, in addition to her pursuant of
22 academic excellence, Taylor's unwavering compassion and
23 drive to make a difference motivated her to become a
24 Children's Miracle Network ambassador in 2006, serve as
25 a spokesperson for Easter Seals, volunteer with Family
26 Connections, and most recently, charter an organization
27 at Belton-Honea Path High School which partners
28 students with disabilities and student mentors to
29 provide support and assistance with day-to-day school
30 activities. This passion and commitment to community
31 service became the winning platform for Taylor to be
32 crowned 2008 Miss Teen South Carolina in July 2008; and

33 Whereas, in August 2008, Taylor, the reigning
34 2008 Miss Teen South Carolina, was crowned 2009 Miss
35 America's Outstanding Teen at the competition in
36 Orlando, Florida and awarded a thirty thousand dollar
37 scholarship and an additional thousand dollars for
38 scholastic excellence. The Miss American Outstanding
39 Teen Scholarship Program promotes scholastic
40 achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living
41 and community involvement for America's teens; and

42 Whereas, due to her outstanding and steadfast
43 efforts to champion diversity, the Riley Institute of
44 Furman University selected Taylor Fitch as their
45 outstanding high school student. The prestigious award
46 was presented by Bi-Lo LLC at the Civic Center of
47 Anderson during the fifth annual Upstate Diversity
48 Leadership awards dinner hosted by the Anderson
49 Area/Greenville and Spartanburg Area Chambers of
50 Commerce on Tuesday, May 5, 2009; and

1 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
2 Anderson County Council, the Anderson County Council
3 honors Taylor Fitch for her leadership quality and
4 steadfast dedication in organizing and managing "Seeing
5 Others Soar" program while simultaneously maintaining a
6 full class schedule at Belton-Honea Path High School,
7 participating in challenging academic competitions,
8 acting as spokesperson for Easter Seals, serving as an
9 ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network, and
10 vigorously promoting the Miss America Outstanding Teen
11 platform. Your devotion and compassion for your
12 community is acknowledged and appreciated. Taylor, as
13 you leave home to pursue your college and career goals,
14 we send with you our best wishes for a prosperous
15 future in all your endeavors. This Council and the
16 residents of Anderson County are confident that we will
17 hear of your future accomplishments which will continue
18 to reflect admirably on your parents, your high school,
19 your home town, your county, the state of South
20 Carolina and the United States of America.

21 This proclamation shall take effect and be in
22 force immediately upon enactment.

23 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 16th
24 day of June, 2009.

25 DEANN WRIGHT: Thank you.

26 CINDY WILSON: This is to Taylor's mother.
27 She would like to say something.

28 DEANN WRIGHT: Taylor is right now in Ohio.
29 She is on a seven day, or seven state, course of time,
30 from -- she left last Thursday and will be home on
31 Sunday. So she appreciates this and wishes she could
32 be here. She called just a little while ago and said,
33 "Mom, are you there yet? Don't be late." I'm like,
34 I'm going. So.

35 CINDY WILSON: Oh.

36 DEANN WRIGHT: But thank you very much.

37 CINDY WILSON: What a pleasure.

38 DEANN WRIGHT: Thank you.

39 APPLAUSE

40 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item (c) on the
41 Agenda. Resolution 2009-48. Resolution recognizing
42 and honoring those individuals from Anderson County who
43 participate in 4-H competitions and events, as well as
44 dedicated leaders who volunteered their time and energy
45 to make the participants' involvement with 4-H possible
46 and other matters related thereto. Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. I put this in
48 the form of a motion and if you would join me and all
49 of our 4-H leaders and 4-H club members down at the
50 front.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Motion is on the floor.
2 Do I have a second?

3 TOM ALLEN: Second.

4 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
5 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
6 Unanimous. Okay.

7 A resolution recognizing and honoring those
8 individuals from Anderson County who participated in 4-
9 H state competitions and events, as well as dedicated
10 leaders who volunteered their time and energy to make
11 the participants' involvement with 4-H possible.

12 Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes
13 that young people are the future leaders of Anderson
14 County, South Carolina, and the United States. And
15 with their recognition comes responsibility to
16 encourage initiatives, activities and programs that
17 foster leadership, citizenship and life skills; and

18 Whereas, 4-H is the youth education branch of
19 the Co-operative Extension Service, a program of the
20 United States Department of Agriculture that strives to
21 make a positive difference in the lives of young people
22 by developing their potential for leadership, personal
23 growth and career success through agriculture,
24 education and competition; and

25 Whereas, 4-H clubs nationwide enable millions
26 of young people to have fun, meet new people, develop
27 friendships, learn new skills, develop techniques of
28 logical, accurate decision-making and communication,
29 build self confidence and set and achieve goals
30 utilizing the knowledge and resources gained through
31 participation in 4-H; and

32 Whereas, the members of Anderson County 4-H
33 clubs deserve honor and recognition for their active
34 participation and personal achievements in various
35 state competitions and for being a shining example of
36 leadership, dedication and responsible citizenship to
37 the youth of Anderson County; and

38 Whereas, Anderson County further wishes to
39 recognize and honor these individuals, parents,
40 teachers and other volunteers who enable the youth of
41 Anderson County to participate in such worthwhile
42 activities; and

43 Whereas, Anderson County, a body politic and
44 corporate and political subdivision of the State of
45 South Carolina, acting by and through its County
46 Council is proud to encourage participation in
47 worthwhile youth programs that build life skills and
48 foster community values to honor these young people for
49 their dedication, hard work and commitment to
50 excellence.

1 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved,
2 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that
3 Anderson County acting by and through its County
4 Council, hereby honors the following individuals for
5 their hard work, dedication to the values of 4-H and
6 their pursuit of excellence:

7 State BB gun competition, Anderson Aces, first
8 place team, junior division, Coaches Ray and Cindy
9 Cummings. Ray Cummings. We're going to probably pass
10 these out. Y'all may have somebody else's. Y'all are
11 going to have to swap out, I think. They may not be in
12 order. I hope they are. Okay. Ian Cummings. Emmy N.
13 Shoemaker. Raelene Chrissenberry. Jonathan Burdette.
14 Jake Wylie. Caleb Cutlett. Hunter Lindsay. Okay.
15 Josh Cutlett. Okay. The Belton Gun Club, third place
16 team, junior division. Stone Grant. Okay. Daniel
17 Whitlage. Jamie Wood. Michella Whitlage. Tommy
18 Collins. Thomas Roberts. Marty Leek. 4-H
19 presentations contest held April 18th in Columbia.
20 Evan Botkin, first place in Junior Division 24. Scored
21 ninety-nine out of a hundred points on his presentation
22 in entrepreneurship. Congratulations. Tommy Colletts,
23 first place in Junior Division 11. Shooting sports
24 state presentation contest - scored ninety-one out of a
25 hundred points on presentation entitled, "Shooting
26 Spirits." I said it wrong. Congratulations. Anderson
27 County livestock judging team contest held April 4th at
28 T. Ed Garrison Arena. Coaches Kevin and Jessica
29 Simpson and Chris Talley. Senior Division, Senior Team
30 Marketing and Earning. Third place awards, Aaron
31 Graham. Okay. Michella Whitlage. Jared Hanks. And
32 Taylor Ambrose. Okay. Senior team members earning
33 fourth place awards. B. J. Gilmer. Jacklyn
34 Buffington. Amber Mullinax. Morgan Cowart. Okay.
35 Now, the junior division. Junior team members earning
36 first place awards. Stone Grant. He earned a high
37 individual score in the junior division. Lane Keesler.
38 Samuel Whitlage. And Cade Keesler. To all those who
39 participated, we're very proud of you and all of your
40 achievements. You have brought great credit on
41 yourself, your family and your community. Thank you
42 for representing Anderson County so well. Anderson
43 County further honors and recognizing all of the
44 parents, teachers and volunteers who enable the youth
45 of Anderson County to participate in worthwhile events
46 such as 4-H and hereby encourages the citizens of
47 Anderson County to support 4-H and other similar
48 organizations.

49 This resolution takes place immediately and in
50 effect -- effective immediately upon re-enactment.

1 Thank you very much.

2 APPLAUSE

3 KATHY: Thank you so much. Let me
4 take just a moment to introduce. I'm Kathy, by the
5 way. And I'm very casual so I'm Kathy. On the far end
6 down there, we have Chris Talley. Chris is one of our
7 Ag agents in Anderson County and he helps train the
8 livestock team and jumps in and helps us with a variety
9 of things all throughout the year. As you noticed when
10 you saw the children's awards we're much more than cows
11 and cooking. We have everything from education on
12 shooting sports and learning to shoot safely to how to
13 run a business. And we have children from across the
14 county excelling. Our next volunteer is John Cummings.
15 And John has worked with the shooting sports group for
16 probably five years now. And for the past three years,
17 he has taken the lead group to nationals and you guys
18 will be going the week of Fourth of July, is that
19 right? So this group is off. The, the next group is
20 the junior BB gun club from Belton and they are
21 learning much the same thing. They were formed last
22 year and they have excelled tremendously in their past
23 year. You will see volunteers Tom Collins. Thank you
24 for your help. Randall Grant. Heather Grant. One of
25 the things that we don't see tonight that we always see
26 are the Whitlages and Stone Grant. If you could see
27 the list of awards they have racked up on the state
28 level this year, you would truly be impressed. But as
29 with all kids who excel, they're busy and they were
30 going a hundred different ways this year. Last, but a
31 very important part, is Jessica Davis. She works with
32 me on the 4-H program and takes care of the program
33 responsibilities that you see represented here tonight.
34 So, thank you again. We appreciate it and the children
35 certainly appreciate recognition of all they've
36 accomplished.

37 APPLAUSE

38 EDDIE MOORE: We want to get all y'all
39 close together. We want to get a good picture of you.
40 Y'all kind of smooch up together. We're going to get a
41 good picture of you. We're going to try to get a good
42 picture of y'all. Everybody give them a big hand.
43 Y'all are looking at the future of Anderson County
44 right here. Thank you.

45 APPLAUSE

46 GRACIE FLOYD: How far along are we?
47 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item (d) which
48 will be 2009-51, a resolution to commend and honor
49 Belton-Honea Path High School Bears Varsity Baseball
50 Team. Ms. Wilson and myself, we had a chance to go

1 last night over to a banquet that was held for them so
2 we was able to talk with them and just a great, great
3 opportunity and some great kids. And those parents, I
4 tell you what, their eyes were beaming. And I wish
5 y'all could have enjoyed that with us. They have a lot
6 of events going on tonight so we -- they were not able
7 to be with us today, but I would like to read this
8 resolution tonight.

9 Whereas, the Anderson County Council considers
10 it a privilege to recognize the Belton-Honea Path Bears
11 Varsity Baseball Team on their significant achievement
12 in winning the 2009 AAA State Championship; and

13 Whereas, the Bears finished the 2009 -- 2008-9
14 regular season with a remarkable record of eighteen
15 wins and two losses, finished the District playoffs
16 with three wins and no losses and completed the Upper
17 State playoffs with three wins and no losses; and

18 Whereas, on Friday, May 22, the Belton-Honea
19 Path Bears defeated the Camden High School Bulldogs at
20 Newberry College to become the AAA State Champions with
21 final season rankings of 216th nationally and fifth in
22 the state of South Carolina; and

23 Whereas, the Belton-Honea Path Bears Varsity
24 Baseball Team's historical record is twenty-nine
25 winning seasons, twenty-five playoff appearances, eight
26 conference championships and three state championships;
27 and

28 Whereas, this spectacular accomplishment could
29 not have come about without dedicated leadership and
30 excellent coaching abilities of Steve Williams who has
31 led the Bears to three state championships - 1990,
32 1991, 2009 - during his career at Belton-Honea Path
33 High School Varsity Baseball Coach; and

34 Whereas, Anderson County Council and the
35 residents of Anderson County are pleased to acknowledge
36 the Belton-Honea Path High School Bears Varsity
37 Baseball Team for their outstanding and noteworthy
38 season. This achievement is shared by BHP Athletic
39 Director, Wayne Green, Coach Steve Williams, Assistant
40 coaches and support staff, parents, families, teachers,
41 friends and all of those who supported the Bears in
42 various ways during the season.

43 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
44 Anderson County Council to each and every player, you
45 have displayed a cooperative team spirit and a high
46 degree of sportsmanship. Your attitudes and actions
47 reflect great credit upon yourselves, your coaches and
48 your athletic program. We, the Council, extend the
49 warmest wishes for your future athletic and academic
50 achievements. The Anderson County Council commends and

1 congratulates the Belton-Honea Path Bears Varsity
2 Baseball Team for their outstanding 2008-9 season, for
3 displaying excellence in sportsmanship and for bringing
4 the title of state champions back home to Belton-Honea
5 Path for the third time.

6 This resolution is to take effect and be in
7 force immediately upon enactment. And I would like to
8 read the names of the players. They were not able to
9 be here tonight. I think they had some games tonight.
10 They play during the summer in summer league and stuff
11 so they were not able to come with us tonight. Jared
12 Jennings, Parker Frost, Jacob Chapman, Lance Moore,
13 Tyler Lollis, Matt Williams, Jacob Tavernier, Matthew
14 Moore, John Turbic, Cody Spence, Austin Gambrell, Brody
15 Greer, Luke Jackson, Mark Hill, Jeremy Power, and
16 Andrew Cox. I want everybody -- we're going to record
17 this and send this to the Belton-Honea Path. And I
18 want everybody to give them a big hand.

19 APPLAUSE

20 EDDIE MOORE: I'm offering this in the
21 form of a motion. Do I have a second?

22 CINDY WILSON: Second.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
24 favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous. We now go to
25 Resolution R2009-53 recognizing, recognizing Mr. Larry
26 Gilreath. This resolution bestows much deserved honor
27 upon Master Sargent Larry Gilreath of the First
28 Battalion Seventh Calvary Division of the United States
29 Army for exhibiting extraordinary valor in the face of
30 the enemy during the first major battle of the Vietnam
31 war in the Valley of Death. La Drang Valley in South
32 Vietnam, the story which has been immortalized in the
33 book, "We Were Soldiers Once and Young," which was
34 further translated in the 2000 movie, "We Were
35 Soldiers," and other matters related thereto.

36 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a
37 body politic and corporate and a political subdivision
38 of the State of South Carolina is deeply grateful to
39 the men and women who have valiantly served our country
40 in the U. S. Armed Forces; and

41 Whereas, in 1934 Larry Gilreath was born the
42 son of Guy and Fanny Gilreath in the Riverside Mill
43 Village of Anderson County; and

44 Whereas, at the age of seventeen in the midst
45 of the Korean War, Larry Gilreath enlisted in the
46 United States Army and was immediately deployed to
47 Korea where he served thirty days until the Army
48 realized a paperwork mistake had landed Gilreath in
49 Korea before he was eligible and immediately shipped
50 him out to the combat zone to other duties in Okinawa;

1 and

2 Whereas, in 1961 Gilreath became Platoon
3 Sargent of the First Platoon Bravo Company of the First
4 Battalion of the Seventh Cavalry Division, trained and
5 tasked with testing the Army's innovative battlefield
6 concepts of air assault through helicopter deployment
7 of troops; and

8 Whereas, on November 14, 1965, led by
9 Lieutenant Colonel Harold Moore, the brave soldiers of
10 the First Battalion Seventh Cavalry were shipped out of
11 Fort Benning, Georgia and dropped by helicopter into Ia
12 Drang Valley, the Valley of Death, in South Vietnam,
13 where four hundred and fifty American soldiers led a
14 steady fire fight against two thousand North Vietnamese
15 troops for seventy-two hours until Lieutenant Colonel
16 Moore declared a broken arrow ending the battle which
17 had resulted in the loss of seventy-nine and wounding
18 of a hundred and twenty-three soldiers; and

19 Whereas, although the battle was over on
20 November 17, Sargent Larry Gilreath remained in combat
21 until 1966 before going on to serve two more tours in
22 Southeast Asia and then assigned to train soldiers,
23 first in Thailand and eventually in South Vietnam; and

24 Whereas, in 1972, after twenty years of
25 dedicated service to his country, Sargent Larry
26 Gilreath retired from the Army as a Master Sargent but
27 continued his tradition of protecting and serving as an
28 Anderson County Sheriff's Deputy for twenty years; and

29 Whereas, during his long and distinguished
30 military career, Master Sargent Larry Gilreath received
31 numerous commendations, including a combat infantry
32 badge, an expert infantry badge, a Silver Star for
33 gallantry in action. He also earned four Bronze Stars
34 with valor, four U.S. Army commendation medals, two air
35 medals, seven good conduct medals and were personally
36 presented the Presidential Unit Citation for a unit
37 outstanding in battle by President Lyndon B. Johnson;
38 and

39 Whereas, Master Sargent Larry Gilreath
40 recently celebrated his forty-ninth wedding anniversary
41 with his love of his life, Jean, who is the mother of
42 their two children and grandmother to their three
43 grandchildren; and

44 Whereas, Anderson County desires to honor
45 Master Sargent Larry Gilreath for his patriotism,
46 bravery, unwavering courage in the face of the enemy
47 and above all, his lifetime of service to his God, his
48 country and his family; and

49 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
50 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that

1 Anderson County, acting by and through its county
2 council, hereby bestows honor and much deserved
3 recognition on one of Anderson County's most esteemed
4 sons, Master Sargent Larry Gilreath, for his unwavering
5 commitment to the values and freedoms that we hold
6 precious and dear. Sargent Gilreath, thank you for
7 your willingness to serve the United States of America.
8 Anderson County congratulates you on your many
9 commendations and recognition bestowed on all of the
10 soldiers of the First Battalion Seventh Calvary
11 Division which was transcribed in the book, "We Were
12 Soldiers Once and Young," and has been translated in
13 the 2002 movie, "We Were Soldiers." Your outstanding
14 service brought honor to you, your family, Anderson
15 County, the state of South Carolina, your battalion,
16 the U.S. Army, the United States of America and to the
17 soldiers before you, as well as those who have followed
18 in your footsteps and sacrificed to bring about and
19 sustain the freedom that endures only because of
20 soldiers such as yourself. Your undying love for the
21 United States of America and your fellow soldiers will
22 inspire Americans for generations.

23 This resolution shall take effect and be in
24 force immediately upon enactment. In the form of
25 motion. Do I have a second?

26 CINDY WILSON: Second.
27 TOM ALLEN: Second.
28 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
29 discussion?

30 TOM ALLEN: Is Mr. Gilreath here?
31 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. He is.
32 MIKE PITTS: That's what I thought.

33 APPLAUSE
34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Gilreath, if you'll
35 come up here and join us and all the council members, I
36 would appreciate it if you'd come down. First of all,
37 I want to vote. All in favor, raise your right hand.
38 Unanimous. All right. All the council members come
39 down and join us.

40 APPLAUSE
41 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Resolution 2009-
42 58. Resolution recognizing and honoring Crime Stoppers
43 program in Anderson County. Mr. Bob Waldrep.

44 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, this is a
45 resolution I put in the form of a motion. It's
46 commending Anderson Area Crime Stoppers and its board
47 of directors and volunteers for their tremendously
48 successful efforts in the war against crime by
49 empowering citizens to work with law -- local law
50 enforcement and media in order to help detect, prevent

1 and discourage criminal activities and to provide after
2 the fact intelligence and support to successfully bring
3 fugitives to justice and ensure the safety of Anderson
4 County residents and other matters relating thereto;
5 and

6 Whereas, the Crime Stoppers International
7 began in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976, when members
8 of the local community in partnership with the media
9 and law enforcement began an effort to provide crime
10 solving assistance and -- to law enforcement agencies;
11 and

12 Whereas, from its humble beginnings, Crime
13 Stoppers International adopted community, media and law
14 enforcement agencies into the three essential elements
15 of a crime stoppers program; and

16 Whereas, Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards to
17 persons who call in anonymously to Crime Stoppers
18 Hotline with information leading to the arrest and
19 indictment of persons responsible for felony offenses;
20 and

21 Whereas, Crime Stoppers is a non-profit
22 corporation whose local program directors establish
23 policy, determine the amount and method of reward
24 payments, lead fund raising efforts, work closely with
25 police, media and provide general oversight for the
26 program; and

27 Whereas, Crime Stoppers has grown to more than
28 one thousand chapters throughout the United States,
29 Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa,
30 Bahamas, British West Indies, Micronesia and other
31 nations; and

32 Whereas, since its inception, Crime Stoppers'
33 worldwide statistics offers proof of their success.
34 Arrest made - seven hundred eighty-four thousand nine
35 hundred and fifteen; cases cleared - one million two
36 hundred and nineteen thousand nine hundred and five;
37 rewards paid - ninety-one million thirty-eight thousand
38 six hundred and nine dollars; property recovered ...

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40 BOB WALDREP: ... eight hundred and
41 eighty-four million three hundred and forty thousand
42 and fifty-three; drugs seized - six billion nine
43 hundred and ninety-five thousand nine hundred and
44 forty-seven and eight hundred and ninety-seven; total
45 money recovered - eight billion eight hundred and
46 eighty million two hundred and eighty-seven thousand
47 nine hundred and fifty dollars. In addition to these
48 statistics, Crime Stoppers International boast an
49 average conviction rate of ninety-five percent on cases
50 solved during -- due to anonymous crime stopper tips;

1 and

2 Whereas, Crime Stoppers provides a form for
3 leadership and training, fosters cooperation and
4 encourages information exchanged between the local
5 Crime Stoppers program worldwide and contributes to the
6 overall generation of police intelligence necessary for
7 the prevention and solving of crime locally; and

8 Whereas, the Anderson -- South Carolina has
9 joined the international community of Crime Stoppers by
10 establishing Anderson Area Crime Stoppers, whose
11 current board of directors include Stacy Crooks, Kenny
12 Caldwell and Art Jones; and

13 Whereas, the Anderson Area Crime Stoppers
14 deserve honor and gratitude from those whose lives have
15 been touched by crime and received resolution due to
16 their efforts and spared from the direct effects of
17 crime due to their vigilance and a peace -- and a
18 grateful county that has benefitted from their hard
19 work and dedication;

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Anderson
21 County Council, Anderson County Council recognizes the
22 importance of law enforcement partnering and
23 collaborating with the media and with the community to
24 accomplish the shared mission of public safety and the
25 tremendous contributes to detection, investigation and
26 prosecution of crime. We commend the Anderson Area
27 Crime Stoppers program as an invaluable asset to the
28 residents of Anderson County. Anderson County is
29 blessed to have such a dedicated team of professionals
30 that make up our local crime stoppers board of
31 directors and volunteers and the level of commitment of
32 these special men and women is second to none.
33 Anderson County residents owe a debt of gratitude for
34 the significant roll that local Anderson Area Crime
35 Stoppers has played in the prevention of crime and the
36 positive impact and successful resolution of cases of
37 the upstate.

38 This resolution shall take effect and be in
39 force immediately upon enactment. I made that in the
40 form of a motion.

41 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the
42 floor. Do I have a second?

43 CINDY WILSON: Second.

44 TOM ALLEN: Second.

45 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
46 discussion. All in favor, raise your right hand.
47 Unanimous.

48 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I have the
49 resolution here. I don't think it's been framed yet.
50 I don't think we've had time to have it framed, have

1 Adams, the Crescent High School Tigers won eleven
2 consecutive titles from 1987 to 1997 which is a
3 national record in that category and places the Lady
4 Tigers atop two national record charts;

5 Whereas, many individual honors have been
6 bestowed upon Lady Tiger team members and staff in
7 recognition of their fine dedicated play this season,
8 including Coach Gary Adams being named High School AA
9 Softball Coach of the Year, Stephanie Hamby, Jerica
10 Adger, Erica Smith being selected by the High School as
11 All State softball team members, and Kelsey Davis being
12 named High School AA Softball Player of the Year; and

13 Whereas, the Anderson County Council shares in
14 the joy of the school's, as well as the town's,
15 accomplishments and are pleased to have this
16 opportunity to provide special recognition to Crescent
17 High School, the Lady Tigers Softball Team and Head
18 Coach Gary D. Adams.

19 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
20 Anderson County Council, Coach Gary D. Adams, you are
21 an inspiration to your team, Crescent High School and
22 Anderson County. Your actions display a high degree of
23 sportsmanship and the love of your players. The
24 Anderson County Council commends and congratulates you
25 on this exemplary leadership of Crescent High School
26 Lady Tigers Varsity Fast Pitch Softball Team and for
27 your accomplishment in leading them through their
28 outstanding 2008-2009 season. For displaying
29 excellence in sportsmanship and for bringing the title
30 of state champions back home to Crescent High School
31 for the eighteenth time. We the Council extend the
32 warmest wishes for all your future endeavors.

33 This resolution shall take effect and be in
34 force immediately upon enactment. This is in the form
35 of a resolution. Do I have a second? Any discussion?
36 All in favor, raise your right hand. Another little
37 piece of -- unanimous. Another little piece of
38 information for all of -- everybody out there, Gary
39 also used to coach basketball and I remember going down
40 to the state. He won the 1982 state championship boy's
41 basketball. In 1985 he was state runner-up. In 1986,
42 he was -- his team was the state champion again at
43 Crescent High School, boy's team again. They were in
44 the running for the District championships just about
45 every year that he coached basketball. So Gary was a
46 very good basketball coach too. We're very proud of
47 him down there. Glad to have him a part of the
48 community.

49 We're now going to go to the next portion
50 which will be the same part of this -- which will be

1 57. This will be recognizing the girls.

2 Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to
3 recognize and honor the significant achievement of the
4 Crescent High School Lady Tigers Varsity Fast Pitch
5 Softball Team in winning the Class AA state
6 championship; and

7 Whereas, the Lady Tigers have been superbly
8 coached by Gary Adams who has broadened the Tigers'
9 knowledge of the game and refined their skills and
10 execution;

11 Whereas, the Lady Tigers finished 2008-9
12 regular season with the remarkable record of thirty and
13 two and Crescent High School's eighteenth AA state
14 championship; and

15 Whereas, many individual honors have been
16 bestowed upon Lady Tigers' team members and staff in
17 recognition of their fine, dedicated play this season,
18 including Coach Gary Adams, Softball Coach of the Year;
19 Stephanie Hamby, Jerica Adger, Erica Smith, All State
20 Softball Team members; and Kelsey Davis as the AA
21 Softball Player of the Year;

22 Whereas, the Lady Tigers have developed a
23 winning and cooperative spirit and a high degree of
24 sportsmanship and their activities and attitude reflect
25 great credit upon the individual plays and their coach
26 and bring honor to Crescent High School;

27 Whereas, it is with great pride that Anderson
28 County Council and the residents of Anderson County
29 acknowledge and commend this group of fine young
30 student athletes, the Crescent High School Lady Tigers
31 Varsity Fast Pitch Softball Team for performing as
32 champions during this outstanding season.

33 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
34 Anderson County Council to each and every player, you
35 have displayed a cooperative team spirit and a high
36 degree of sportsmanship. Your attitudes and actions
37 reflect great credit upon yourselves, your coaches,
38 your athletic program. We, the Council, extend the
39 warmest wishes for your future athletic and academic
40 endeavors. The Anderson County Council commends and
41 congratulates the Crescent High School Lady Tigers
42 Varsity Softball Team for their outstanding 2008-9
43 season, for displaying excellence in sportsmanship and
44 for bringing the title 2009 AA State Champions back
45 home to Crescent for the eighteenth time.

46 This resolution to take effect immediately
47 upon enactment. Do I have a second? I have a second.
48 Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
49 Unanimous.

50 Now go to four, the approval of minutes. Item

1 (a) May the 27th, 2009 called meeting. Do I have any
2 adjustments to the ... I have a motion that May 27 and
3 June 2 be approved?

4 CINDY WILSON: Second.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Second. Any discussion?
6 All in favor, raise your right hand. They're approved.
7 We will now go to citizen comments agenda matters.

8 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman. There are a
9 number of citizens signed up to comment on agenda
10 matters. There are -- first of all are three
11 unidentified citizens of the Lewis Road Area, so I
12 guess the first individual. Okay.

13 EDDIE MOORE: I approved them putting on
14 there and for reason being it got left off the agenda
15 and this was for three -- yes, Ms. Wilson.

16 CINDY WILSON: I was just looking to see if
17 there is anyone here from Lewis Drive. Ms. Chapman,
18 are you prepared to speak tonight? Ms. Chapman is
19 coming to the podium. I want to call our council and
20 our citizen's attention to a photograph and a caption
21 in the Wall Street Journal yesterday which I will read
22 very quickly while Ms. Chapman is setting up. It's a
23 picture of a billowing big black cloud and a part of an
24 interstate and it says, "All but one lane of traffic
25 reopened Sunday after Saturday's explosion of a tanker
26 truck carrying eight thousand gallons of ethanol along
27 eastbound State Route 91 at the transition to
28 Interstate 710 in Long Beach, California, killing the
29 driver." Thank you.

30 SOPHIA CHAPMAN: I'm Sophia Chapman. 106
31 Ellison Circle. Right off of Lewis Drive. District
32 Seven, Ms. Wilson's district. I'm hear to speak on
33 behalf of myself and as, you know, the representative
34 for the community. My husband --

35 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman. Yes. Can
36 we get the mike up a little bit closer.

37 SOPHIA CHAPMAN: Sorry. Can you hear me now?

38 TOM ALLEN: Let's raise it -- raise it.
39 Yes. There you go.

40 SOPHIA CHAPMAN: Okay. I'm sorry. My
41 husband regrets that he couldn't be here. He had to
42 work tonight. So I'm here to speak on the ethanol
43 facility that has ruined our property in Cheddar. We
44 initially asked the county to investigate the dealings
45 associated with this facility and along the railroad.
46 We would like to know where this investigation stands.
47 Obviously, at a later time. We would also like to
48 present a couple of scenarios so that you may better
49 understand why we feel the way we do out in Cheddar.
50 Scenario One - Lewis Drive has been closed for some

1 time now. If one of us in the community went out and
2 just closed the road like was done, would we not be
3 fined each day we left the road closed? This is a
4 violation of an Anderson Code Ordinance which states
5 there must be a sufficient turn-around. If we would --
6 I'm sorry -- if we were fined, then why wouldn't the
7 railroad be fined if we would get fined? Scenario two
8 - at the corner of Lewis Drive and Ellison Circle is a
9 house that was purchased from Tonya Fields by Jim
10 Farrish, a/k/a B & B Properties. On the plat
11 associated with this property, which is Lot One -- can
12 I get somebody to hand this around to the council
13 members please? As identified -- there. Okay. On the
14 plat associated with this property, Lot One, that's
15 identified, there is 189.8 foot of road frontage.
16 Right now there are railroad tracts all over this still
17 residentially zoned property. This is also a violation
18 of an ordinance. Why are they not being fined? About
19 a month ago, this property was being re-surveyed and
20 residents were told that the ethanol facility was going
21 to have this house and use Lewis Drive and this area as
22 a back entrance. We have a petition from the community
23 that I'll be presenting to Cindy Wilson when it's
24 completed. As a community, we feel that because the
25 railroad has money and can get away with closing of
26 roads -- we don't have any money. We're not rich
27 people. We just feel like because they have money they
28 can get away with stuff. And, you know, if it were us
29 ---

30 MIKE PITTS: Chairman. That's time.
31 Sorry to interrupt.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Go ahead.

33 SOPHIA CHAPMAN: I just feel, you know, if it
34 were us, we don't have a lot of money, then we would be
35 fined and we would be dealt with swiftly and with great
36 consequence if we broke the law. And we just want to
37 know why they haven't been dealt with. Thank you.

38 MIKE PITTS: All right. Are there any
39 other citizens from the Lewis Drive -- excuse me, Lewis
40 Road area?

41 MALE: I wasn't going to speak
42 tonight, but everything Sophia said was right. But
43 I've got one thing to say. I appreciate what the
44 citizens done tonight and the council done. This is a
45 great country, I think, to live in and I think Anderson
46 County, Cindy Wilson, all the way down to Ronnie
47 Wilson, we've got the best people in the United States
48 here. Thank you.

49 APPLAUSE

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

1 BOB WALDREP: All right.
2 MIKE PITTS: Next on the list is Rick
3 Freemantle.
4 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.
5 I would like to speak a little bit about the third
6 reading of the budget tonight. 2009-014. Over the
7 last ten years, we've watched the general fund in this
8 county increase about four hundred twenty-five percent.
9 Average tax bills increased right around three hundred
10 and fifty percent. A statement was made at the last
11 discussion here about the budget that several years'
12 previous administrations came in under budget on the
13 general fund. That is true. But it's very easy to do
14 when you increase the general fund from year to year by
15 a minimum of twenty-five percent. It's easy to give us
16 a twenty-five percent tax increase and then come back
17 and say, well we saved you a couple of pennies. I hope
18 people take the time to appreciate what five of you on
19 this council have done for them during this budget
20 process. To shave off eleven million dollars in this
21 economy is just short of miraculous and not to cost
22 anyone their jobs is just -- you couldn't ask for
23 better. I'm so proud of the work that you folks -- Ms.
24 Rita Davis, the rest of the county employees who've
25 worked hand in hand with you to do this and accomplish
26 this in such a critical, economic era. Just recently,
27 state shortfall, another ninety-two million dollars.
28 On the state level, they could reach fifteen percent
29 unemployment. What you guys have done is phenomenal.
30 Eleven million dollars, it's a seven percent reduction
31 in the overall general fund from last year. I just
32 think it's great. Mr. Allen's work with the motor
33 pool. Taking vehicles off the road that don't need to
34 be running there. And I'm sure each of you all have
35 accomplished other things similar. These things went
36 unlooked at for years. Budget hearings in the past
37 were a joke. Never did anyone see in the last ten
38 years the seriousness and the hard work that you five
39 individuals put into this budget. There is no way on
40 God's green earth the little chunk of change that you
41 are given as a council person can even begin to cover
42 the time and labor that you five individuals have put
43 in to this effort for the citizens of Anderson County
44 and I sure as heck hope they appreciate everything you
45 have done for them. The budget, the mood in this
46 county, everything. You are to be commended. Thank
47 you.
48 MIKE PITTS: Next is Truman Ellison.
49 TRUMAN ELLISON: Truman Ellison from
50 District Seven. Mr. Chairman, I join the previous

1 speaker to thank you and the other council members, the
2 administrator, and I'm sure many, many other people for
3 the hard work you've done. And for the honest, open,
4 informative way that it has been presented to us.
5 There are two members of council that have served
6 previously and have -- we owe some debt of gratitude
7 for standing in the way of runaway budgets, knowing
8 they wouldn't win. I said, it's akin to repeatedly
9 jumping in front of a fast moving train, knowing it
10 would not slow or stop. And that's Council Lady Wilson
11 from Seven and Council Gentleman Waldrep from One. We
12 owe them a debt of gratitude for the work done paving
13 the way for this day. I believe they know -- when I
14 mentioned the train, I believe they know more about the
15 underside of a train engine and railcars than any other
16 two living people because they were run over
17 repeatedly. And we would not be here with this council
18 and get the benefits of this council that it's bringing
19 to us now, and will continue to do if it had not been
20 for them, for their convictions, for their integrity
21 and for their courage. Now, back to the budget. We
22 owe a debt of cash to these two people. They
23 repeatedly were sued. They did what they were trying
24 to do for the county. What it was their job to do and
25 they were sued with Anderson County money and they
26 fought it with their money. This county owes them cash
27 to reimburse them for those costs. I firmly believe
28 it. Repeated lawsuits. That's plural for each of
29 them. Their funds against county funds. A lot of us
30 believe the reason they were sued was somebody was
31 trying to get them -- keep them from getting
32 information that they needed and we needed concerning
33 the financing and operations of the county. This is
34 not a line item in a budget, I'm sure, but I believe
35 this council should commit and pay this debt in this
36 budget year. If the money's not in the budget, there's
37 a former council member that can really play magic in
38 finding money to give away or pay somebody. And
39 another opportunity might be to use the 1.14 million
40 dollars you expect to collect --

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

42 TRUMAN ELLISON: -- From Joey Preston or his
43 alleged co-conspirators. Please, Mr. Chairman, I said
44 alleged. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

45 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mark Powell.

46 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.

47 Y'all gave a kazillion accolades to citizens of this
48 county tonight and I, as a citizen, am giving you guys
49 many accolades for the work you've done. It was spoken
50 earlier what little pay you get. I don't think most

1 people sitting on this side of the fence realize, but I
2 think it's about nine thousand bucks we pay you guys as
3 salary. The work you do, just in the budget, is worth
4 more than nine thousand dollars in a year. The work
5 you do every day is to be highly commended. The time
6 you spend. You come to these meetings, you get here
7 early to know what you're looking at, you go to budget
8 meetings, you go to other meetings so that you can ask
9 questions in those meetings instead of having to be on
10 the agenda to ask questions for things you should have
11 been out in the first place. It is sad that we have to
12 have, you know, line items for people to ask questions
13 on budgets that they should have been a part of. This
14 budget represents some people say four million dollars
15 reduction, some people say eleven. If we're not having
16 to spend eleven million that we would have had to spend
17 regardless of what some people say, it's eleven million
18 dollars. Thank you very much for that savings and I
19 look forward to next year when maybe you can trim some
20 more. And I thank you very much for the work you've
21 done and the servants to this society that you have
22 been. It is so great to have us, the taxpayers thought
23 of. People who don't look at their taxes from year to
24 year. Or actually, who do look at it year to year,
25 don't realize how large a percentage our taxes have
26 gone up those last twelve years. I beg those who lived
27 in their houses twelve years ago to dig back. Or call
28 the county and say just how much did I pay twelve years
29 ago, you know, compared to today. It is shocking and
30 we thank you for the work you've done to keep it from
31 having to go any higher and in the future, I look for
32 it to going even lower. Thank you.

33 MIKE PITTS: Last is Elizabeth Fant.
34 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
35 Three. Much thought, time and work has gone into
36 Anderson County's 2010 budget. As of June 12th, we
37 hear that the state has another shortfall. A hundred
38 twenty million loss of revenue for the budget year for
39 July 1st. What's left in the state's rainy day account
40 is a hundred and eight million. So temporarily, the
41 rainy day account will be below zero. That is, plus a
42 hundred and eight, minus a hundred and twenty million,
43 equals twelve million in the hole. Thank you, council,
44 for the openness to average citizens for county
45 meetings. Since I only missed one of the eight budget
46 meetings, my understanding of the complexity of issues
47 has increased. We all appreciate the tireless efforts
48 of committee groups and council members one, three,
49 four, five and seven. Council members for District Two
50 and Six were noticeably absent. Kudos go to Gina and

1 Rita for their hard work crunching numbers and for
2 their friendliness and open willingness to provide
3 council with figures. And Gina, we thank you for your
4 work on grants to save the county money. Thanks too
5 for Rusty, a people person, who brings people together
6 for a common goal. One last note on agenda number six.
7 We hope council woman number two that you are not going
8 to bore us with your -- no wait, it's C. K. Fuller, the
9 lawyer, and J. P.'s notes on questions that have
10 already been answered had you bothered to attend more
11 than of the two budget sessions. I would like to give
12 Rita and Gina some flowers. They didn't cost the
13 county anything. But we appreciate them.

14 APPLAUSE

15 MIKE PITTS: That's everyone, Mr.
16 Chairman.

17 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to item six.
18 Questions and answers concerning Ordinance 2009-14.
19 The budget. Ms. Floyd.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a -- I do have some
21 questions tonight. I would like to see if we can -- I
22 can get a -- some answers to. Sorry, I'm not a mind
23 reader. I cannot look into the future, so these
24 questions could not have been asked until after the
25 budget had been done. So since the budget has been
26 done, I would like to ask these questions. And Mr.
27 Burns, I'm going to direct my questions to you, please,
28 sir. Thank you. I want to start with the Sheriff's
29 Office, the pay. Mr. Burns, you know, we talked about
30 that the other day and we, we agreed that the amount is
31 seven hundred thousand dollars that this -- is in the
32 Sheriff's budget and the Sheriff stated that he hoped
33 that would be forgiven. Open to negotiation. Okay.
34 Ms. Davis said that we could get some money each year
35 if the Sheriff millage all came in and if he did not
36 spend it all. All right. My concern is this, I think
37 that we're holding the Sheriff in the middle of this
38 thing. I want us to do one of two things. I want us
39 to either set -- have Ms. Davis to set up a plan for
40 him to pay the money back so we could use this money to
41 -- for maybe employee raises since we have not been
42 able to do anything in this budget for them and the
43 cost of living has gone up. Or I want you to decide
44 whether or not you're going to forgive it or not. So
45 he can move on with what he has to do. Seven hundred
46 million -- I'm sorry, seven hundred thousand is not a
47 little bit of money. Now, last year when the Sheriff
48 did that, when he borrowed that money, there was a
49 great cry out among the land - some of these same
50 people in here - crying and gashing of the teeth when

1 he had to borrow that money. And now, it's time for
2 the money to be paid back and they're silent as
3 crickets. All over the place. But we need to make up
4 our mind what are we going to do. Are we going to ask
5 the Sheriff to pay it back? And if we are, Ms. Davis
6 needs to work with the Sheriff to set up some type of
7 pay back plan so that he can go on to have a
8 understanding of what his spending will be like.
9 That's one of the things that's really bothering me.
10 Okay. Another is about the, the service -- the
11 different agencies that come to us about funds and the
12 -- it was said that they needed to come to cry to
13 council. Okay. That was an unfortunate statement.
14 But it still does not alleviate the fact that these
15 people depend on the money they've been getting from
16 the county in order to, to fund these services. Okay.
17 Now we can sit back and say, don't give them anything
18 or we can't give them, we can't give them nothing. But
19 a lot of people depend on these services in order to
20 help them with their quality of life here. Okay.
21 Also, I don't understand how in the budget at the last
22 meeting you said that if we decide to move some
23 services, the budget would not have to be amended.
24 Okay. Well, Mr. Pitts, can you change a budget -- can
25 you amend the budget just by a resolution?

26 MIKE PITTS: Do be honest, I don't know
27 the answer to that. I would have to look at that and
28 get back to you. I would hate to give you an off the
29 cuff answer that wouldn't be right.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

31 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

33 RUSTY BURNS: If I may, I would like to
34 answer that question.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

36 RUSTY BURNS: The way -- I believe what
37 we're talking about is some merger of some or all types
38 of services with the Sheriff's Department. And the way
39 this budget is constructed, you can leave everything
40 exactly the way it is right now or council can decide
41 to merge some or all of the services. But the budget
42 itself would not have to be changed. But if that was
43 to take place, that would need to go before council.
44 Not for a change in the budget, but for your permission
45 for these things to happen.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's the part that
47 kind of concerns me a little bit. I just thought that
48 once you go back in the budget and make changes in that
49 budget, you had to amend it. But maybe this is
50 something new that I'm going to have to follow. Let's

1 TOM ALLEN: That's all that's doing.
2 Okay.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
4 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.
5 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor, raise your
6 right hand. All opposed. May it be shown Mr. Wilson,
7 Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson
8 voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. Now go to 2009-13,
9 ordinance authorizing property tax credit for taxpayers
10 in Anderson County for installation of fire, fire
11 sprinkler systems in compliance with South Carolina
12 Code 12-6-3622. Mr. Dunn.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 We've had two readings on this and public hearing. I
15 move to adopt.
16 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to move on.
17 Do I have a second?
18 TOM ALLEN: Second.
19 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
20 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. All
21 opposed. May it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr.
22 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes.
23 Ms. Floyd voted no. Now go to 2009-14, ordinance to
24 adopt operating capital budget for Anderson County
25 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, ending June 30,
26 2010 and to make appropriations for such Anderson
27 County budgets for county ordinance purposes and for
28 other county purposes which county may levy a tax other
29 than for Tri County Technical purposes; to provide for
30 a levy of tax on all taxable personal and real estate
31 properties in Anderson County for such county ordinance
32 -- ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay
33 principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of
34 Anderson County maturing during said fiscal year; to
35 adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson for
36 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending July
37 30, 2010, and to make appropriations for such Anderson
38 County budgets, for Tri County Technical College; to
39 provide for the levy of taxes on all personal and real
40 properties in Anderson County on which the school taxes
41 may be levied for such Tri County Technical College
42 purposes; the levy, assessment and collection of
43 certain other taxes and fees; to provide for the
44 expenditure of said and other revenues coming to county
45 during said fiscal year; to provide other matters
46 relating to Anderson County. Mr. Burns.
47 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, you have the
48 budget before you. There have been some slight
49 modifications. Nothing of real substance. All of that
50 is before you. Just one thing I would like to point

1 out. Through the kindness of Mr. Jackie Hunter, the
2 auditor, he is giving up one of his positions -- or
3 rather he is giving up his salary for that position for
4 a year. Let me get that straight. Which will allow us
5 to restore our Senior Solutions funding to the level it
6 was last year, as well as the Meals on Wheels funding.
7 And I -- he's an elected official, but he stepped up to
8 the plate after the last budget meeting to do that and
9 we thank him for that.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody down at the --
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
12 EDDIE MOORE: Let's be sure and thank Mr.
13 Hunter. Mr. Dunn.

14 TOMMY DUNN: I move, move we adopt the
15 budget reading on third reading and get it on the
16 table.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor to
18 adopt.

19 CINDY WILSON: Second.
20 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second? I have
21 a second. Any discussion?

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
24 BOB WALDREP: I think that the
25 modifications of the budget from the third reading - I
26 think most of you have it in front of you a copy of the
27 modified budget that has been highlighted, the front
28 page and there's some -- have been some changes and
29 modifications in the budget to reflect what Mr. Burns
30 has been trying to do to satisfy some of the other
31 organizations that were not receiving any funds and
32 make some adjustments. So I would ask that the council
33 approve the modification of this. I put that in the
34 form of a motion.

35 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
36 floor to amend the budget for the items that Mr. Burns
37 had talked about. Do I have second?

38 CINDY WILSON: Second.
39 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Now
40 discussion will be open on the amendments. Any
41 discussion on the amendment?

42 CINDY WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
43 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
44 CINDY WILSON: I just wanted to -- well I
45 guess this is coming up in the main body, but I'll wait
46 until we get to the main body of the budget.

47 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor of the
48 amendment, raise your right hand. All opposed.
49 Abstain. May it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr.
50 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes.

1 Ms. Floyd abstained on the amendment. We're now back
2 to the main motion. We're in discussion on the main
3 motion.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. In keeping with
7 my remarks concerning the Sheriff's budget, I would
8 like to make a motion that the administrator be
9 required to, to present to the council on or before
10 September 1 a plan for the Sheriff's Department to pay
11 back the seven hundred thousand dollars owed to the
12 County's general fund. That's in the form of a motion.

13 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
14 floor to amend for the Sheriff. Do we have a second?
15 We have a second. Any discussion on the amendment?

16 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
18 BOB WALDREP: This amendment -- I guess
19 I have some concern in discussions with the Sheriff's
20 Office and how things are being done. I'm not quite
21 sure that this amendment might, in some way, create an
22 administrative problem here. I really don't know and I
23 -- that's not in favor of the Sheriff or opposed to the
24 Sheriff. But I guess, for some reason, I'm not as up
25 to date on this pay back situation as perhaps I should
26 be. Certainly it's a -- you know, seven hundred
27 thousand dollars is a good bit of money and I do
28 remember that we went through the last situation where
29 we had a 2.5 million dollar loan to the Sheriff's
30 Office and it was coming back and, I guess, what I'm
31 doing is sort of asking a question. If the
32 administrator has any weigh in on this topic, I would
33 appreciate it.

34 RUSTY BURNS: We would happy -- be
35 happy to work at the pleasure of council's direction.
36 We can do it any way and that might be a good
37 possibility for us to sit down with the Sheriff and do
38 this.

39 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
40 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
41 CINDY WILSON: We know that we're
42 anticipating reduced revenues for this budget year. We
43 wouldn't be limited in going back next year, would we,
44 when we would assume we'd have better revenues to
45 address this, would we?

46 RUSTY BURNS: The suggestion I took it was
47 to formulate a plan and didn't have any time period.
48 Just really to begin sitting down and looking at that
49 possibility.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

1 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, just so I'm
2 clear. The seven hundred thousand, is that part of the
3 2.5 or is that a totally separate?
4 RUSTY BURNS: Rita?
5 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, members
6 of council, that is part of the 2.5.
7 TOM ALLEN: So the remainder of that
8 has been paid back?
9 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The balance is
10 down to five hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars
11 currently.
12 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Down to about six
13 hundred thousand right now. And they have been paying
14 that back? Can -- is that --
15 RITA DAVIS: As, as tax revenue
16 permitted. Yes, sir.
17 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So if tax revenue
18 permits this year, could we not use the same mechanism
19 for the payback?
20 RITA DAVIS: Well, what happened, council
21 approved a one time 4.5 mils in order to generate
22 revenue to get our money back. But in the interim from
23 the -- whenever that was contemplated February or March
24 last budget year, the balance kept growing so the mils,
25 the 4.5 mils paid that like 2.1 million at the time the
26 levy was set. But then it kept growing a little bit
27 and that growth -- that additional amount that he used
28 is what needs to be paid back.
29 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.
30 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.
32 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
33 question here is I didn't like the 2.5 we did earlier.
34 The Sheriff spent that money. And we're -- now we're
35 still doing the same thing. So what kind of measure do
36 we have that tells us that next year we're not going to
37 be down something else?
38 RUSTY BURNS: I can assure you that we are
39 monitoring every penny that goes through the council.
40 We also have complete faith in Sheriff Skipper's
41 ability to manage that budget and we're working hand in
42 glove as a team to make sure that that doesn't happen.
43 That's not a thing that will not go a week that is not
44 looked at or examined on a regular basis.
45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
46 RON WILSON: But -- if I could finish
47 here.
48 EDDIE MOORE: He has the floor.
49 RON WILSON: How -- what's the mechanism
50 by which he could pay it back?

1 RUSTY BURNS: Rita. And it would be, it
2 would be basically the way it's happening now.
3 RON WILSON: But he had a tax increase to
4 pay it back -- that 2.1. We don't have that now. So
5 how will it be paid back?
6 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Wilson, currently the
7 Sheriff is in a special revenue fund and he has a fund
8 balance in that fund. At June 30, '08 it was 1.3
9 million and his chief financial officer is projecting
10 it will be 1.4 million for the -- this budget year
11 we're in now. So he'll have about 2.5, 2.7 million.
12 So we would take that from that special revenue fund
13 that he has.
14 RON WILSON: If he's got that, why don't
15 we do it now?
16 RITA DAVIS: That would be up to the
17 administration at council's direction, sir. We could.
18 RUSTY BURNS: We just need to leave
19 everything just like it is right now. This is a
20 horrible, terrible, evil, horrible economic situation
21 and we just need to leave things just as they are and
22 we can work towards that.
23 RON WILSON: Well, the only thing is,
24 this is one department that has been chronically over
25 budget for now a few years. Regardless of who the
26 Sheriff is. So my question is -- I know you've said
27 that you're going to monitor it and I believe that you
28 will. But we've also had similar assurances in the
29 past. And I thought we did the one time tax thing,
30 that was it and it was over. And now we find out that
31 it's not over.
32 RUSTY BURNS: But when this is paid
33 back, I believe we will be in an excellent situation
34 and this will not occur again. I just believe there
35 are fail safe mechanisms in this that will not let it
36 happen. And the Sheriff's not going to let it happen.
37 RON WILSON: Well, my concern was, she
38 just said that it's a growing problem and that it
39 continues to escalate.
40 RUSTY BURNS: We're watching it. I cannot
41 offer a magic wand or tell you that you can pass
42 anything that's going to cure this tonight.
43 RON WILSON: Okay.
44 RUSTY BURNS: But we're watching it. I
45 think what happened in the past is a good reason not to
46 let it happen again.
47 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
48 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
49 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to say one
50 thing. I think we have to put a little bit of trust in

1 the Sheriff here. He has told us that he was going to
2 pay it back. And he has been paying it back. So I
3 think we need to extend a little bit of trust in the
4 Sheriff there. Mr. Waldrep.

5 BOB WALDREP: I guess one thing that I did
6 not understand until Rita mentioned it was that the
7 seven hundred thousand dollars is a part of the old
8 debt that was about a couple million dollars, is that
9 correct? And so that millage has gone away. We
10 reduced that, was it two and a half mils that we had?
11 Was it two and half mils that we put on?

12 RITA DAVIS: 4.5 mils, sir.

13 BOB WALDREP: And that has been taken off?

14 RITA DAVIS: We'll get a little bit of
15 delinquent as people pay, but it's just a small amount.
16 Most of it has been collected.

17 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you. That's
18 all.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

20 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I had asked.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson, you had asked
22 for it next.

23 CINDY WILSON: One point that we should
24 make is that this is a debt, for those who are tuning
25 in late, this was a debt that was incurred by a
26 previous sheriff and not our current sheriff. I just
27 wanted to make that point.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This is no intent
31 -- attempt to question our, our Sheriffs and what he's
32 going to do. The thing is that when the money was
33 given, we told the people of this county that it would
34 be paid back. That's what we said. Mr. -- our present
35 Sheriff inherited the guns, the cars, the people, the
36 building, and he inherited the debt. Now, at the
37 meeting, I did not hear him say that he was trying to
38 pay it back. He said at that meeting that he was
39 hoping that we would forgive the debt but he would, he
40 would try to work on it and, you know, to try to pay
41 for it. But the thing is this. Whether he pays for it
42 or not, whether he can pay for it or not, I don't know.
43 Mr. Burns, you don't know. And right now, the Sheriff
44 doesn't even know. Only thing I'm requesting is that
45 we go, go back to what I said that a plan be drawn up
46 for the Sheriff's Department to pay back the seven
47 hundred thousand dollars he owed to the county general
48 fund. We know he was not the sheriff at that time, but
49 the Sheriff's Department has the money. Okay. And I
50 thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
3 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say, I
4 ain't made no promises one way or the other about the
5 Sheriff paying it back or not. Wasn't on council then.
6 I think it's something needs to be looked at. I agree
7 with Mr. Burns, this is tough economic times. We don't
8 know what -- I think the Sheriff -- some of his
9 statements was like some of mine's been made before,
10 was out of jest. He would very much love us to forgive
11 it, but he's got all intentions of paying it too. But
12 I think we need to give him a little leeway here and a
13 little bit down the road then we can put a plan
14 together. We don't know what this economy's going to
15 do. And I move for the question.
16 EDDIE MOORE: I have a move for question.
17 Do I have a second? I second it.
18 CINDY WILSON: Second.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. On moving to question
20 raise your right hand. The end of the discussion on
21 the amendment.
22 BOB WALDREP: Oh, okay.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All opposed? Okay.
24 Let it be shown it will move to question. We're going
25 to end the discussion. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Waldrep, Mr.
26 Dunn, Mr. Moore voted yes. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms.
27 Floyd voted no. We will end the discussion. We will
28 now vote on the amendment. All in favor on Ms. Floyd's
29 amendment, raise your right hand. All opposed
30 likewise. Let it me shown that Mr. Wilson and Ms.
31 Floyd voted yes. Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
32 Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted no. Now we're back to the
33 main motion that's on the floor.
34 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
36 MIKE PITTS: If I might, and I believe
37 this has most likely been covered by Mr. Waldrep's
38 motion, but just to be on the -- out of an abundance of
39 caution, I would -- I think it would be advisable to
40 have a motion to amend the budget ordinance in order to
41 incorporate all of the highlighted changes before you.
42 EDDIE MOORE: I think Mr. Waldrep did make
43 that motion and we've already had a second on it.
44 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, that's
45 consistent with what we understand that all of the
46 information in the highlighted amendment and
47 modification be incorporated completely into the budget
48 -- budget ordinance at this time. And I hope that
49 would be ...
50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All in favor of Mr.

1 Waldrep's amendment, raise your right hand. All
2 opposed. Abstain. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr.
3 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson
4 voted yes. Ms. Floyd abstained. Now we're back to the
5 main motion on the budget.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

9 CINDY WILSON: May I? I just wanted to
10 point out something that's very important and those who
11 are attending tonight may not be aware of it. But for
12 years, the administration reporting and transferring of
13 funds, the power was eroded from the council in favor
14 of the administrator and it no longer really reflected
15 what the state law under home rule states. And
16 basically, just paraphrasing it very quickly, is that
17 the county administrator will notify council any time
18 there is a transfer of funds exceeding twenty-five
19 hundred dollars. There's one item that I just noticed
20 that somehow we overlooked. If you turn to page
21 twenty-one, it's section twenty-seven. And it states,
22 The administrator, and then in parentheses, or his
23 written designee to the extent authority to delegate by
24 the administrator or the county council is given by or
25 not prohibited in the Anderson County Code of
26 Ordinances. I had requested that that be deleted and
27 simply state, The county administrator, as required by
28 state law, shall oversee and supervise the day-to-day
29 implementation of this budget ordinance, including,
30 without limitation, the execution and delivery on
31 behalf of the county of all contractual documents
32 necessary or required for the expenditure of funds
33 authorized by this budget ordinance for the purposes
34 for which such funds are authorized. And it basically
35 goes on to state more directly as it's stated in the
36 state law that the administrator shall report to the
37 county council monthly on all such transfers exceeding
38 twenty-five hundred dollars and above. And that's on
39 page twenty-two. And I put this in the form of a
40 motion that we just simply delete, or his written
41 designee to the extent authority to delegate by the
42 administrator or the county council as given by or not
43 prohibited in the Anderson County Code of Ordinances.
44 Does anyone disagree with that?

45 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Wilson, in that
46 situation, it would be necessary, I think, to have some
47 person that could be designated in case of sickness or
48 illness. That one person -- the person selected, that
49 could be transmitted to county council so that they
50 would know who that was. It would not be done willy

1 nilly. It would be invested in one person. And that's
2 the reason that that's in there. Just in case
3 something like that happens. And that's a fail safe
4 mechanism.

5 CINDY WILSON: So here will, will be
6 the monthly report?

7 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely. Yes, ma'am.
8 Guaranteed.

9 CINDY WILSON: Well, I appreciate that.
10 And I'll withdraw that motion because that was really
11 very badly used in the past. I'll withdraw that.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I would like to
16 amend the budget to, to include that the charitable
17 organization that did not receive funding because they
18 didn't come to the workshop to cry for money, I would
19 like to, to amend the budget to propose to reduce the
20 reserve and fund the following organization. Now you
21 funded, you funded Senior Solution and you funded the
22 Meals on Wheels program which is admirable. But at the
23 time that we've -- you reduce the -- these
24 organizations, I don't think that you realized by
25 reducing the Senior Solutions, for example, by six
26 thousand dollars, you were cutting them out of sixty
27 thousand dollars. So I would like to make a motion
28 that we go -- that we take it out of the reserve and
29 fund these organizations, as well to reinstate the
30 paving money in the amount of 1.7 million dollars to be
31 taken from the fund, from the fund balance. And that's
32 in the form of a motion please. I just put those two
33 together.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd has a motion on
35 the floor to amend. Do I have a second? I do not have
36 a second so your amendment fails. Anyone else want to
37 discuss the budget?

38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, very quickly.
39 I may not be very organized in this statement, but
40 regarding the paving and use of paving monies in the
41 county for the past several years. If I remember
42 correctly, the last fully funded paving year that
43 Anderson County had was probably the fiscal year 2000-
44 2001. We spent over five, almost six million dollars,
45 on paving, plus the C funds. Every year after that,
46 there were very greatly diminished amounts of money
47 spent on paving. In fact, in the year, I think, 2002,
48 I had appropriated funding for roads in District Seven,
49 it was noted that those roads were never paved until, I
50 think, around 2004-2005. There were some real issues

1 about timeliness and accountability there. In this
2 current year, we have a horrible financial issue to
3 deal with and we've had very good advice from our
4 transportation department involving the need to have a
5 more comprehensive contract where we prioritize to road
6 needs -- paving needs for the county to try to put them
7 on one major contract which should save the county
8 money by the economy's -- the efficiency of a greater
9 amount of paving to be done. Now this is an
10 uncomfortable thing for me to do, but I recognize the
11 wisdom of that recommendation and I believe that if we
12 follow that recommendation and focus on working with
13 our county staff to take all the road and street needs
14 that we are aware of now and the others that will be
15 coming in over the summer and then we can hopefully
16 have a prioritized list by the fall so that this can go
17 out on contract. Did I understand that correctly? And
18 then we would be looking at a more timely paving which
19 would be late spring through early fall. To start
20 paving now, we've got issues of the timing and the
21 contract and the reduced funding. But it's presumed
22 that if we follow a more carefully considered and
23 dedicated list and with real priorities that we can
24 actually do more paving with perhaps less with this new
25 contract. Now, I'm lending my support to that notion.
26 Thank you.

27 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

29 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Just a comment. You
30 know, we were fortunate this year in being able to cut
31 eleven million dollars out of the budget. But now
32 based on current information coming out and things that
33 were just passed out, next year's not looking real
34 good. We are running very lean this year. If we have
35 to make more cuts next year, I don't know, but it could
36 be a very difficult time. And I'd like to tie that in
37 again with the money from the Sheriff's Department. We
38 didn't really put a time frame on this or anything, but
39 I think that is something that definitely needs to be
40 revisited somewhere, be it the September-October time
41 frame so we are keeping track of this, because I
42 believe those words were used this past year that the
43 money would be paid back. So we need to keep track of
44 that. I think we're going to need the money if all
45 these predictions are correct for next year's economy.
46 And that's all I had to say.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. If nothing else,
48 we'll now vote. All in favor of the budget, raise your
49 right hand. All opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson,
50 Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson

1 voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. We're going to take --
2 now take a five minute break.

3 BREAK

4 EDDIE MOORE: We're now going to Item 8
5 on the agenda, the second reading, rezoning request by
6 Hugh King, 1.49 acres. Mr. Bill West, you've got ...

7 BILL WEST: This matter was before you
8 for public hearing at the last meeting at which time
9 you approved it. As repeated, it did receive your -- a
10 positive recommendation from the citizens advisory
11 group and the planning commission.

12 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
13 move that we accept this --

14 EDDIE MOORE: This is a public hearing
15 right now.

16 CINDY WILSON: Oh.

17 BILL WEST: Your public hearing was at
18 the first reading for a rezoning.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: It doesn't say public --

21 EDDIE MOORE: That's right. Okay. Well,
22 Ms. Wilson you're --

23 CINDY WILSON: I would like to move that we
24 accept this on second reading.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Can we have a second?
26 We've got a second. Any discussion? All in favor,
27 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to Item 9,
28 first reading, 2009-006, ordinance amending Chapter 2,
29 Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances
30 pertaining to purchasing and other matters related
31 thereto in title only.

32 BOB WALDREP: Second. Move.

33 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to move.

34 BOB WALDREP: I make a -- I move.

35 EDDIE MOORE: First reading.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to move and
38 we have a second. We're now in discussion. Hearing
39 none, we now vote. All in favor, raise your right
40 hand. All opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr.
41 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson
42 voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. Now go to Item 10 on
43 the agenda, 2009-55, resolution to endorse and support
44 a complete streets policy to provide safe and
45 convenient access for all users of streets. Mr. Burns.

46 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, with your
47 permission, I'd defer to Mr. Holt Hopkins.

48 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, members of
49 council, this resolution is mostly to bring awareness
50 that there are other users of our public right-of-way.

1 Not just automobile owners. But we have a lot of folks
2 in this county that walk to their destinations.
3 Walking to the grocery store. There's a big interest
4 in being able to buy -- ride bicycles rather than
5 driving their cars. And this is a mechanism to show
6 your support that where it is appropriate, that in, in
7 any new design or re-striping plans or any kind of
8 thing that we try to accommodate the pedestrian and
9 bicycle communities. Rather than just automobiles.
10 This would help go a long ways on getting grant money
11 for these enhanced facilities. But it truly is asking
12 or authorizing staff to take a holistic view of our
13 transportation or roads when we're doing work on roads
14 to try to accommodate as many forms of transportation
15 as possible. Not just an automobile.

16 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

18 CINDY WILSON: I have asked our
19 administrator to really look further into this too.
20 District Seven had requested of the Palmetto
21 Conservation Foundation some years ago, we had a plan
22 to enhance the pavement for Midway Road and we've had a
23 lot of support for that, starting from the city limits
24 all the way out to Highway 8 which goes within a block
25 to the I-85 interchange. And I think Mr. Wilson even
26 mentioned that he would be supportive of it. We've had
27 a lot of landowners who said they would gladly
28 cooperate with that. There's so many people who use
29 Midway Road and it's, it's very inadequate for
30 vehicular traffic and it's really scary for all the
31 many, many people you see out running and biking on it.
32 But giving that extra four feet would give that extra
33 little few inches that the vehicles need a margin of
34 safety and then everybody from like the cross country
35 runners from Hanna and kids from Palmetto, bikers could
36 use it much more safely. And I understand that there
37 would be maybe some grant monies that we could access
38 for that. And it should be pointed out too that a few
39 years ago there was an article in the Wall Street
40 Journal that corporate headquarters looking at
41 communities, really one of the quality of life
42 requirements they have is that they can bike and walk
43 to work. And this goes hand in hand with some of our
44 sustainable community and energy use and air quality
45 issues, so I'd like for us to work with the City of
46 Anderson. I know there were two elementary schools,
47 the PTA presidents told me several years ago that they
48 would endorse it. And that's in the city limits of
49 Anderson. That would be Calhoun, the Arts Academy and
50 then the Midway School. And that would also make it so

1 that communities that are evolving around that, the
2 children can go more safely to school. So I'm
3 supporting this resolution and I'm asking if our
4 administrator could possibly maybe get a meeting some
5 time in the next several weeks with the Mayor of
6 Anderson and the city council where we can get them
7 involved.

8 HOLT HOPKINS: Ms. Wilson, if I may. We
9 are already having some of those meetings.

10 CINDY WILSON: Oh, good.

11 HOLT HOPKINS: And this is -- this will
12 help us be able to coordinate outside the city with
13 things that the city has already been working on. They
14 have some bicycle trails planned and sidewalks. A lot
15 of stuff they're looking at within their limits, but
16 there's a lot of places that we could tie on to where
17 they're doing. It's a matter of money, but at least we
18 can tie on to their plan and go after some grant money.

19 CINDY WILSON: It's been -- I've been told
20 that when we have this multi jurisdictional approach
21 that they -- the grant funders look on our requests
22 more favorably. The Mayor of West Pelzer is also
23 supporting this as far as 8 to her city limits and then
24 whatever we can do. Thank you.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins, is this along
28 the same plans that I discussed with you last year?
29 About when we came back from the transportation meeting
30 in Spartanburg and they were talking about this and I
31 came to you with a plan for the Broadway Lake area? Do
32 you know what I'm talking about?

33 HOLT HOPKINS: I remember you --

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Is this along the same
35 lines?

36 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. It is.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Cause you told me at
38 that time that the city was planning on doing something
39 like this and that you were going to talk with the city
40 to see if we could just pull it out of the city down in
41 that area. So this is where we are now?

42 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, yes, ma'am. We're
43 kind of in the early stages of starting to try to
44 formulate some of those plans. But, yes, ma'am, that
45 fits into this. I mean the project that you and I
46 discussed fits into this very nicely.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Now I see the
48 word constructing and operating throughout this thing.
49 Construct and operate. Now with all the paving money
50 gone, what are -- how are we going to construct and

1 operate? We're going to depend solely on the grants if
2 we can get them to do this?

3 HOLT HOPKINS: Most likely. But most of
4 this -- I mean, everywhere you see that it also says
5 where feasible. But -- and -- but at least this gives
6 us an emphasis to be able to start looking at it on any
7 new plans. We can take a hard look at there -- is
8 there any need or any reason or is there additional
9 money that we can find to go with it if we include
10 these facilities on a new road or retro fitting an old
11 road. And we make a good strong case to get additional
12 grant money to give us these facilities other than just
13 paving.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we have -- are there
15 stimulus funds for this -- like this?

16 HOLT HOPKINS: There are some additional --
17 what we normally use for sidewalks is enhancement money
18 T21 or ?? federal dollars comes through the state as
19 the form of a grant. We used one just recently up in
20 -- near the Wren School area. But there's supposed to
21 be more stimulus money feeding into that program so
22 hopefully there will be a lot more money for sidewalks
23 and enhancements such as that.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: So this Resolution 2009-055
25 is more of a hope, a dream, a wish, a maybe, right?

26 HOLT HOPKINS: It gives us, as staff, the
27 -- that we can go into the DOT's office and say, look
28 our county council even endorses it. So, yes. It
29 gives us -- it might be a little bit of hope. But it
30 also gives us a little teeth when we're dealing with
31 the grant reviewers and that type stuff.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: But, Mr. Hopkins, DOT
33 wouldn't give us the sixty-six thousand dollars or
34 whatever it was for the lighting out there. Do you
35 think they're going to give us money for that?

36 HOLT HOPKINS: Sometimes the federal
37 government tells them they have to in certain cases and
38 that's the kind of thing this would go for.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen, if I may point
41 order on my part. I got to head the wagon a little
42 bit. I'm going to read this resolution. It might
43 clear up a lot of things -- okay -- for everybody. I
44 kind of got ahead of the wagon here.

45 Whereas, increasing walking and bicycling
46 offers potential for cleaner air, greater health for
47 the population, reduced traffic congestion, more
48 liveable communities, less reliance on fossil fuels and
49 their foreign supply sources and more efficient use of
50 road space and resources; and

1 Whereas, in 2006 South Carolina had the fourth
2 highest rate of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities as
3 the result of motor vehicles accidents; and

4 Whereas, Anderson County is committed to
5 improving travel conditions and travel choices for
6 people of all ages and abilities; and

7 Whereas, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible,
8 Efficient Transportation Equity Act calls for the main
9 streaming of bicycle and pedestrian projects into
10 planning, design and operation of our nation's
11 transportation system; and

12 Whereas, bicycle and pedestrian projects and
13 programs are eligible for funding from almost all major
14 federal aid funding programs; and

15 Whereas, Anderson County affirms that bicycle
16 and walking accommodations should be considered when
17 planning, designing, constructing and operating the
18 county's transportation system where appropriate and
19 economically feasible; and

20 Whereas, Anderson County endorses the complete
21 streets policy by encouraging the design, operation and
22 maintenance of the transportation network to promote
23 safe and convenient access for all users in a manner
24 consistent with and supportive of the surrounding
25 community where appropriate and economically feasible.

26 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by
27 Anderson County Council that where appropriate and
28 economically feasible, Anderson County staff shall use
29 best efforts to enforce existing policies, providing
30 guiding principals and create operating practices so
31 that transportation systems are planned, designed,
32 constructed and operated to make bicycling and
33 pedestrian movements part of Anderson County's
34 transportation planning and programing, while at the
35 same time promoting safe operation for all users.

36 Where appropriate and economically feasible,
37 Anderson County staff shall use best efforts to plan
38 for, design, construct and operate all new county
39 transportation improvement projects to provide
40 appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicycles,
41 transient riders and persons of all abilities while
42 promoting safe operation for all users. Where
43 appropriate and economically feasible, Anderson County
44 staff shall use best efforts to incorporate complete
45 streets principals into transportation's strategic
46 planning, transportation plans, manuals, rules,
47 regulations and programs.

48 This resolution is to take effect and be in
49 force immediately upon enactment. I offer that in the
50 form of a resolution. Do I have a second?

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Now we return back to
3 discussion with Mr. Allen.
4 TOM ALLEN: Okay. A quick question.
5 Was this resolution prompted by a federal program? Or
6 a federal resolution? I -- just the words complete
7 streets program just sounds like a federal type thing.
8 I was --
9 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. It wasn't prompted
10 by the federal folks. But it is kind of a community
11 effort. There, there was a meeting with us and the
12 city of the community leaders on how we could do a
13 better job.
14 TOM ALLEN: But this was purely
15 generated locally?
16 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes.
17 TOM ALLEN: All of --
18 HOLT HOPKINS: It -- and it's mimicking
19 some other counties and cities in the upstate of South
20 Carolina.
21 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Well I certainly
22 agree with it. I like to bike ride but it is too
23 dangerous around here to do that on most roads. But
24 the economically feasible caveat in each paragraph
25 here, I'm not going to hold my breath unless there's
26 some real stimulus money or grants out there. But
27 thank you.
28 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Now vote. All
29 in favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous. Passes.
30 We now go to Item 11 on the agenda, boards various
31 appointments. All districts. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.
32 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.
35 EDDIE MOORE: I have none. Mr. Dunn.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. I have one.
37 Broadway Lake Advisory Committee. I'd like to appoint
38 Mr. John Gates.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Is that all of them?
40 Do you have any more? Okay. Motion on the floor to
41 appoint.
42 CINDY WILSON: Second.
43 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
44 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
45 Unanimous. Mr. Waldrep.
46 BOB WALDREP: None, Mr. Chairman.
47 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson has none. Okay.
48 Requests by council members. Mr. Wilson.
49 RON WILSON: None.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen. Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to
2 direct this statement to Ms., Ms. Eddleman. Ms.
3 Eddleman, would you please check on District Two's rec
4 fund. There are two items listed under committed.
5 Would you please check this and see if this money has
6 been used and if it has not, would you please -- let's
7 put it back. Okay. Thank you.
8 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE
9 GRACIE FLOYD: ... somehow last week
10 when I allocated money for the young marines, the check
11 was made out to the Electric City Young Marines. And
12 at that time, I didn't say Electric City. So -- but I
13 was told I have to go back and clear that up. It was
14 supposed to be for the Anderson County Electric City --
15 I mean I'm sorry -- the Anderson County Young Marines
16 Association or whatever. And I put that in the form of
17 a motion at this time.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd has a
19 motion there. Do we have a second? I'll second it.
20 All in favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Do you have any more, Ms.
23 Floyd?
24 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I thank you.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I don't have any
26 money so I don't guess I can appropriate anything. Mr.
27 Dunn. You still don't have any --
28 TOMMY DUNN: Same here. Same here.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
30 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I would like
31 to ask for an appropriation from the recreation account
32 of seven hundred and fifty dollars to go to the Crime
33 Stoppers of Anderson.
34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
35 CINDY WILSON: Second.
36 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
37 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
38 Unanimous.
39 BOB WALDREP: That's all I have.
40 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
41 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
42 would like to appropriate from District Seven's paving
43 account the balance of fifty-seven hundred and seventy-
44 two dollars and seventy-four cents to the town of West
45 Pelzer for their need for paving of the parking lot at
46 the City Hall. In the form of a motion.
47 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'll second it. Any
48 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
49 Unanimous.
50 CINDY WILSON: One more. The balance

1 of District Seven's recreation account of a hundred and
2 fifty dollars I would like to appropriate to the
3 community of Pelzer Historical Society for their
4 programs, and this is in the form of a motion.

5 EDDIE MOORE: I'll second it. Any
6 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.
7 Unanimous. Okay.

8 CINDY WILSON: Expended out.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to the
10 administrator's report. Any discussion? Mr. Burns,
11 you got anything you want to offer.

12 RUSTY BURNS: Just two brief things, Mr.
13 Chairman. One, we attacked our second park in our park
14 blitz program and we attacked the community park in
15 Pendleton this week and spent about two days there
16 refurbishing that area and fixing it up and making it a
17 little bit better. And after that, we're going to be
18 attacking the park on Booker and Susan Street in that
19 area. So that's the next one we have lined up for that
20 attack. And what we do is marshal all our resources.
21 Go in, hit it hard, trim it up, cut trees, limbs,
22 repair the equipment that's there and try to see if we
23 can make a little difference in that area. And the
24 other thing -- and just to make it clear. That no
25 county employee will be required to pay a portion of
26 their health insurance. There was some
27 misunderstanding last time. But we started out at the
28 twenty-five thousand dollar cap. Then we were able to
29 wiggle around to make it fifty. And now there's no
30 cost to the employee for that insurance. So I just
31 wanted to clear those up. That's all I have, Mr.
32 Chairman.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins, at one time I
35 discussed with you the possibility of putting a walking
36 track down at the Booker Susan Street park. And we
37 discussed it and you went down there and took a look at
38 it and, you know -- and then it was dropped. What
39 happened?

40 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, the discussion you
41 and I were having was trying to decide between asphalt
42 and concrete. Concrete would be easier to work around
43 the trees in there because of the equipment being so
44 big. In the interest of this blitz what I would
45 recommend -- and the lack of money right now -- what
46 I'd recommend is maybe we could find some money for
47 some mulch and go ahead and create the path or the
48 walking track out of mulch and then maybe come back at
49 a later time and do the concrete that we'd talked
50 about.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: How much would it cost in
2 order to put that mulch?
3 HOLT HOPKINS: You've kind of caught me
4 off guard. I, I don't have that estimate.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, would you mind
6 getting that and letting me know please? Tony or
7 somebody can call me. Okay. Because I have walked in
8 that mulch before. It's dirty. And it's nasty. It
9 messes your shoes up and I don't think we have any
10 other walking track that's got mulch on it. Yeah.
11 HOLT HOPKINS: So you want an estimate
12 for a concrete track? It's going to be --
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I want an estimate
14 for either concrete or asphalt.
15 HOLT HOPKINS: Okay.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The asphalt will
17 work around those trees too, I believe.
18 HOLT HOPKINS: Okay.
19 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman,
20 could I ask Mr. --
21 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
22 BOB WALDREP: -- Hopkins one more
23 question, Holt. And that is the connector between
24 Clemson and 81, are you keeping up with the monitoring
25 of that connector situation about -- I understand that
26 the funding is available. I mean, the --
27 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.
28 BOB WALDREP: Out of the stimulus
29 package, I guess part of that was that that was a high
30 priority because it was shovel ready.
31 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. Part of it is
32 money that the ?? group had already saved up.
33 BOB WALDREP: Right.
34 HOLT HOPKINS: The other part is stimulus
35 money. And it's on -- it's subject to change but the
36 last I heard was it's supposed to go to bid some time
37 in August. So it may be actually under construction
38 the first of the year.
39 BOB WALDREP: And with regard to some of
40 the things we've been talking about here with walking
41 tracks and bicycle tracks. Is there any construction
42 to be added to the connector for that purpose for ...
43 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. The connector
44 is -- has always been planned to have separated bicycle
45 paths on the edge of the roadway.
46 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
47 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. That's part of
48 that project.
49 BOB WALDREP: I just hadn't seen any
50 plans. I knew at one time the dream was a four lane

1 highway and then they reduced it down to it's two lane,
2 isn't it? Or --

3 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. It's always -- the
4 right-of-way has been purchased for a four lane. But
5 it's only been planned currently for a two lane until
6 the right time to increase it to a four lane.

7 BOB WALDREP: All right. No mulch?

8 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. It'd be asphalt,
9 I would imagine. I don't remember the actual details.

10 BOB WALDREP: Well, you know to whom
11 mulch is given, mulch is expected.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Hey, Mr. Hopkins, while
13 you're still there, could you do me a favor? Could you
14 go down and -- or talk to -- call Marshall Watt down
15 there at the Grove Community Center? He had asked me a
16 question and I failed to ask you a while ago before the
17 meeting and he was having some problems down there at
18 the Grove walking track -- while we're talking about
19 walking tracks -- and talk with Marshall. He has a
20 couple of little small issues he wanted to ask about.
21 So you ought to give him a call. I'd appreciate it.
22 Okay. I've got his number in case you don't have it.

23 Okay. We now go to Item 14 on the agenda, citizen
24 comments, other matters.

25 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have three
26 citizens signed up tonight. The first is Truman
27 Ellison.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Let the minutes show that
29 Ms. Floyd has left the building. Okay. Mr. Ellison.

30 TRUMAN ELLISON: I'm sorry about that. My
31 comments were for her. I'm Truman Ellison, District
32 Seven. I don't have flowers for anyone, but I have a
33 bag full of little blue bags with what I consider a rag
34 in it. Apparently, it's a newspaper that's printed by
35 Independent and given out free in people's driveways,
36 in the street, in the road. A lot of them are flat as
37 a pancake. A lot of people don't pick them up. I
38 suggested that litter control do something about it,
39 but was told that unless it's a handbill or something
40 else, it's legal for them to do that. I don't
41 understand that. If, if they have the right to put it
42 out there, who's supposed to clean it up? If they want
43 to send it to my house, I would appreciate them sending
44 it through the mail and it'll be in the mailbox. I can
45 take it in and throw it in the trash. I think it would
46 be a good idea if it is under litter control. I think
47 the fine is a thousand dollars. You could easily
48 collect seven hundred of them each week. Multiply them
49 by a thousand and pay the Sheriff's debt off.

50

1 APPLAUSE

2 EDDIE MOORE: I see.

3 TRUMAN ELLISON: I don't want them. And a
4 lot of other people don't want them either. Can you
5 help do something about it?

6 EDDIE MOORE: Let's see, I've got Mr.
7 Ellis', Mike Ellis' phone number over there. You can
8 call him. He's with the paper over there. He'll come
9 pick it up for you.

10 TRUMAN ELLISON: He heard what I said.

11 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mark Powell.

12 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District
13 Seven. If this were a comedy routine, that would be a
14 hard one to follow. Okay. First things first. I
15 meant to do it last week. For those of you out in TV
16 land, WAIM.US broadcast this live. You don't have to
17 wait until Wednesday night to see what Charter says and
18 it's on there for you to watch any time you want and at
19 your pleasure if you have high definition -- I mean,
20 excuse me -- high speed internet. I just wanted to say
21 that because I think it's important for people who
22 can't come and can't watch it to be able to watch it
23 live and/or at any time they wish. And I think it's a
24 great service we're given by WAIM for that.

25 Interesting. I heard a lot of complaints tonight from
26 a certain council member that services and things and
27 things and things and things were cut. You guys are
28 only -- I don't care if you're county. I don't care if
29 you're state. I don't care if you're federal. All of
30 you guys have way over stepped what your actual bounds
31 or what you're actually required to give us as people.
32 These services that you give money to, I mean, all
33 these foundations and all these things are great, but
34 nothing in our Constitution says you guys are supposed
35 to fund or finance any of this stuff, you know. I
36 don't know how in the world six thousand dollars turns
37 into sixty. Tell me who the investor is. As long as
38 it ain't Madoff, I'd love to get a hold of them.
39 Because after all, he did made off with a bunch of
40 people's billions of dollars. Watch the names of
41 people you do business with. Also, it's kind of
42 comical that so many things were said tonight about the
43 budget and the questions. I would like to make a
44 recommendation for you guys to do a resolution on John
45 Skipper and the Sheriff's Department. If he'll go out
46 and collection our 1.14 million illegally given away
47 money from last November, you can keep seven hundred
48 thousand of it to pay off the debt you supposedly owe
49 us. I think that would be a wonderful resolution.

50 APPLAUSE

1 MARK POWELL: And it's also interesting
2 that maybe he could go and have the past Sheriff get
3 some money back from the people it was given to to pay
4 the incomes or something. I don't know. That's just
5 kind of weird. But you know, it is a wonderful thing
6 to be a part of this new world, this new -- brand new
7 day that we have within Anderson County. You guys work
8 hard. You guys do a lot of stuff. And keep up the
9 good work. It's a shame that some council members
10 don't come and stay the whole time. It's a disgrace to
11 the people in the districts who don't have a council
12 member willing to sit and look people in the eyes.
13 It's very, very bad. Very sad. Very disgraceful.
14 Thank you.

15 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.
16 ELIZABETH FANT: Unless you have a printing
17 press at home, none of us -- we all should realize that
18 all of South Carolina is in dire straits and actually
19 really all of the United States. You can't spend what
20 you don't have. Everyone, agencies, individuals,
21 companies, are making sacrifices. This recession
22 spares no one. On another side, I went to the Friday
23 budget meeting and I want to repeat a couple of things
24 that happened there. As you know, council woman number
25 two has only made two meetings, two budget meetings,
26 and fifteen minutes of another one. And she had a
27 whole list of questions that obviously were prepared
28 for her. And one of the things she commented though
29 when somebody mentioned to her about the paving account
30 that had already been talked about several times,
31 several times. And she said, well, she didn't need to
32 come to those budget meetings. That those meetings are
33 mostly for new people, new council members or whatever.
34 And I think we've gotten some real good mileage out of
35 some of our new council members who have looked at
36 things in a different way and have come up with ideas
37 and messed with the old. And we're really on a roll
38 there. Ms. Floyd -- excuse me -- council woman number
39 two still doesn't understand about the paving account,
40 despite the fact that it's been explained over and over
41 again. The money's still there. It's just that we are
42 trying to join the contracts together and get a better
43 money for our miles on that. She still doesn't
44 understand that. I think it's wonderful that you open
45 these budget meetings to everyone. I do want to
46 mention that myself in attendance and there were three
47 other individuals there, the Monteparas who were very
48 nice that day and also, their lawyers, C. K. F. And I
49 thought it interesting at the end. Nobody made any
50 citizens comments except for her. And she got up and

1 made some kind of quirk to a remark that Ms. Wilson had
2 made. Something about trying to make sure that storm
3 water drain water was taken care of and she said that
4 Ms. Wilson's remark was just an underhanded way to
5 eliminate an employee. Which it wasn't. It had
6 something to do with the subdivision that Ms. Wilson
7 had organized four or five years ago. And I said, what
8 in the world is that all about? And come to find out,
9 the person in question who has that job is J. P.'s
10 girlfriend. So C. K. F. is in this full up to her
11 neck. It's obvious that she is J. P.'s lawyer and is
12 engineering all this. And I think you at home maybe
13 don't catch all this and you need to know that. One
14 other thing I want to show. I'm tired of this and if
15 the camera can get a little bit--

16 MIKE PITTS: That's time.

17 ELIZABETH FANT: Closer.

18 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else? That it?

20 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. That's it. I'm
21 sorry.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Last one. We now go to
23 remarks from council members. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.

24 TOM ALLEN: Not at this time.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd. Mr. Dunn.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

27 I'll keep it short and sweet. I don't -- I would just
28 like to say this has been a very tough budget year and
29 I'd like to more of everything but I have enjoyed
30 tremendously working with the council members and the
31 staff and Mr. Burns. He has made it -- had not a lot
32 of money but I did enjoy working with it. And also I'd
33 like to just say too, you know, I think we've all
34 talked about it and hopefully we can keep, keep on
35 track. But this is a document that could be a work in
36 progress. I mean, if we have to go back and do a
37 supplemental budget or what not and see what and that's
38 what we'll do. And I'd just like again to say thank
39 you.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

41 BOB WALDREP: I just want to thank the
42 administration and fellow council members for the good
43 time we've had in going through this budget. It's
44 really been a -- I know it's been a lot of work and a
45 lot of looking at things. But it's been pleasant
46 because the questions have been answered. The
47 documents have been presented and things have been open
48 and clear. We're not going to have a perfect document
49 of course. And like Mr. Dunn said, it's a little bit
50 of a work in progress. But I just want to express my

1 appreciation to everyone who is pulling for Anderson
2 County like we all are. We certainly have no other
3 real agenda here. We have our public service. But I
4 wanted to send somewhat of a -- well a bouquet if I
5 could to School District Five. I think there's been a
6 good bit of conversation going on about coordination of
7 the county with the school districts with the
8 construction of roads and things of that nature. And
9 I'm hoping that we can deal with that okay and that we
10 can coordinate a little bit. There was a good bit of
11 discussion that Mr. Allen and I had this morning on
12 that subject while I was in bed. But --

13 TOM ALLEN: Don't get the wrong idea
14 there.

15 BOB WALDREP: Well, I was calling from
16 the bed. But --

17 EDDIE MOORE: You want me to call for the
18 question on this discussion?

19 MALE: You answered the call?

20 TOM ALLEN: Point of order, point of
21 order.

22 BOB WALDREP: I'm going to call for my
23 own question here. The bouquet and, if you will, a
24 note of affection that I wanted to send out to Ms.
25 Bagley has to do with this intersection which is at
26 Harriet Circle and Oak Hill and I wanted to also say
27 some kind things about the county transportation
28 committee. We were able to, with Mr. Burns' help and
29 Mr. Hopkins' help and Ms. Shillato's help, present a
30 request for eighty-six thousand dollars to improve that
31 intersection and we had to -- I took twenty-five
32 thousand out of my paving account to do that. So I
33 thought it was a very good investment and, of course,
34 at that transportation committee there was discussion
35 about whether or not this money was going just for the
36 school and was it going in my district or whose
37 district it is. And I had Mr. Hopkins run it down and
38 it actually borders between Mr. Allen and I, so we
39 share something. So this is also an overture towards
40 you, Mr. Allen, and nothing to do with the previous
41 remarks. But --

42 EDDIE MOORE: I think he's saying I.O.U.,
43 Tom.

44 BOB WALDREP: Right. So, this is what I
45 consider to be a primary priority and primary thing
46 that will be helpful for the school. Since the school
47 has been there, there's been very much of a congestion
48 and somewhat of a danger. So I, I was just kind of
49 pleased with the fact that we could cooperate with our
50 transportation committee. And the last thing I wanted

1 to mention is that when we get into these situations, I
2 hope that there will be times when we can be flexible
3 with our appropriations when other areas are in need.
4 I mean sometimes we just look only at -- very
5 provincially at our particular district. But I like
6 to think of it that we look at Anderson County
7 holistically as much as possible and try to, I guess
8 you might say, subordinate some of the politics as much
9 as possible. But these -- there are numerous
10 opportunities I think that we have out there to work
11 together in a little bit of harmony. So I just thought
12 that was something I wanted to get out. And good
13 night, Betty. Thank you.

14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, following up
15 Mr. Waldrep's remarks and please add my name to the
16 thank you note to our staff and administrator and
17 fellow council members. For eight years we tried
18 really hard to get information so we could make
19 informed decisions after we talked with our public.
20 And that was just never a possibility. But now it is
21 and I'm very grateful for that. And also, the Midway
22 School project originated in District Seven. And when
23 I heard the announcement, I got on the phone. I called
24 District Five. I called the COG. I called SCDOT. Our
25 county DOT. And there was even some discussion that
26 there were no state roads involved and I asked them to
27 look at Midway and Highway 81. It was ignored for too
28 many years. In fact, there was even funding spent on a
29 study that any sensible person could have driven out
30 there and predicted what was needed. But I think we
31 spent around thirty-five thousand dollars for that just
32 basic common sense statement. So I'm very grateful
33 that you and Mr. Allen are going to address these
34 issues because there's a horrible problem with
35 congestion. On Midway and Crestview Roads, for
36 example, at between seven thirty and eight in the
37 morning traffic is literally backed up half a mile.
38 And one of the things that we need to do as a county is
39 that we need to address our road standards, our land
40 use regulations and subdivision standards again and
41 factor in what all the other counties and
42 municipalities around the southeast have already long
43 had on their books. And that is that when we have a
44 new development that comes to the county seeking
45 permission, that we have our department of
46 transportation and the state people involved figure out
47 what kind of load is going to go on that road. The
48 safety factors. And generally speaking that would
49 require the developer to provide at his or her expense
50 the cost of the accel, decel and turn lanes. That's

1 the only way we're going to be able to be progressive
2 in this community as far as safety and road
3 construction issues are going. We see right now we
4 have a tough year in re-paving. When I worked on stuff
5 in Georgia and South Carolina before I got into
6 politics it was not a matter of whether you had to do
7 it, it was just how much you had to factor in to your
8 up front cost. So this is something that we need to be
9 looking at right away before we get out of this
10 recession and the building boom is back on us. This is
11 something that we need to do. And I would like to ask
12 if there would be some quick review of if fines are in
13 order for the railroad closing the road over in the
14 Cheddar community. I understand that there have been
15 traffic counters out in that area and maybe the
16 possibility of closing off additional roads. And just
17 as the Wall Street Journal had this terrible accident
18 printed up yesterday, there again, we didn't have the
19 proper planning for a major ethanol distribution plant.
20 Maybe even a -- maybe more extensive than what we ever
21 expected. That we've got people who live in these
22 areas. We've got traffic and safety issues again
23 there. But anyway, if we could get a little bit of
24 information on that and maybe some information on
25 whatever we need to do in the coming months for these
26 road issues, that would be a huge help. I think we can
27 start looking at that and have things ready for the
28 public and the construction industry to look at and
29 maybe move forward on before long. Thank you so much.

30 EDDIE MOORE: I'll finish it up. First of
31 all I want to thank all of the county employees for
32 their hard work on the budget. They're miracle
33 workers, being able to pull this thing together and
34 what they've accomplished. And I'm going to say they
35 accomplished. Because they worked really hard. And
36 Mr. Burns, you really did an outstanding job. We're
37 proud of you. We're proud of all the county employees.
38 It's just an outstanding job under difficult
39 circumstances. And we may have to come back and do a
40 supplemental budget. Who knows what this funding and
41 what's going to happen between now and the end of the
42 year. We don't know. We hope it's turned around and
43 it's going to get better. But you know, who knows.
44 Your -- anybody's guess is as good as mine. Also, I
45 would like to thank Angie Stringer in the back for
46 helping on the Small Business. She's done an
47 outstanding job. And I want everybody to give her a
48 big hand.

49 APPLAUSE

50 EDDIE MOORE: She really worked hard

1 trying to understand what we're wanting in pulling this
2 thing together with Mr. Burns. And everybody come out
3 Friday and support this. If you know anybody that's in
4 business or anything, come out. This week it's going
5 to be really good. We've got the Clemson University
6 Small Business Development Center, the City of Anderson
7 Business Development, the Downtown Main Street
8 Restructuring committee. And we're still growing. It
9 may change between now and then. We're going to have
10 information on ARC loan initiatives. We're going to
11 have a current business climate overview. We're going
12 to have tools, strategies and tactics on today's
13 business owner/manager. We're going to have resources
14 also from the -- will be here. We're still growing
15 this program and it may change, but we will publish it
16 before the end of the week. So come out and help us.
17 If you know any small business men or anybody who might
18 want to go in business to come out and I'm sure that we
19 have some ideas. And we will be putting this on CD and
20 we will be recording it. And that way you can go back
21 and get the information off of it. Because when you
22 come to these meetings, it's hard to absorb all -- what
23 everybody's telling you. But if it's on a disk and
24 we'll make these disks available to anybody, any of the
25 citizens and that way you'll have the information right
26 at your fingertips. And we just want to thank everybody
27 for coming out to the county council meeting tonight
28 and come back again. And I now have a -- would like to
29 hear a motion to adjourn. I have a motion and a
30 second. All in favor, raise your right hand. We're
31 adjourned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – July 7, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

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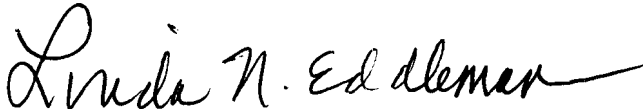
PRESENT

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson - District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Mike Pitts, County Attorney
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BOB WALDREP
2 EDDIE MOORE: Before we get into the
3 approval of minutes, I want to introduce -- we have a
4 couple of interns -- back -- awhile back Mr. Burns and
5 myself were talking about having some interns and we
6 were talking about having some interns from, you know,
7 meaningful -- coming in and helping us and -- with
8 merit. And we've got a couple of interns that I think
9 is just absolutely outstanding and tonight I want --
10 first I want to read their biography to you and we're
11 very proud to have them on board with Anderson County
12 and they're going around to the different departments
13 and they're just having a big time. And it's been a
14 pleasure having them around and we're just very proud
15 of them. And this is the future of Anderson County.
16 I'm just excited to be able to read this biography of
17 our two interns tonight. Justin and Chase, y'all stand
18 up. Justin Edward Lewis is the son of James E. and
19 Francis M. Lewis. He lives in Pendleton, South
20 Carolina where he recently graduated with honors from
21 Pendleton High School. He served as the 2008-2009
22 Senior Class President and was a faithful member of the
23 student council, National Beta Club, National Honor
24 Society, National Technical Honors Society, and Health
25 Occupation Students of America. Justin was the October
26 2008 Student of the Month at his high school and also
27 the 2008-2009 Student of the Year. He will be
28 attending Anderson University in the fall on a full
29 ride scholarship as a biology major and will move on to
30 medical school pursuing a medical degree as a
31 neurologist. Justin is currently doing an internship
32 in Anderson County in the Administration Department.
33 Justin's life motto is "I never give up" and favorite
34 Bible scripture is Luke 1:37 "For with God, nothing is
35 impossible." Chase, over here, is currently an intern
36 with Anderson County Council. He recently graduated
37 from Palmetto High School in Williamston, South
38 Carolina. While at Palmetto, he was involved in
39 several organizations and clubs including the Beta
40 Club, National Honor Society, the Outdoors Club, Relay
41 for Life team and more. Chase was chosen by his
42 teachers as the Freshman Academy Student of the Year
43 his ninth grade year. He went on to represent his
44 class as a sophomore delegate in the Student Government
45 Association. Chase was elected to serve as student
46 body Vice President his junior year and then he was
47 elected to position of student body President his
48 senior year. Outside of Palmetto, Chase was selected
49 to participate in the 2008 Class of Junior Leadership
50 Anderson. He also participated in Palmetto Boys State

1 the summer of his senior year and was chosen to attend
2 the Farm Bureau State Leadership conference for two
3 years. Chase graduated as an honor graduate as well as
4 twelfth in his class receiving the Student Leadership
5 Award and the Mustang Award. Chase plans to attend
6 Anderson University in the fall on a full scholarship
7 majoring in business management with a minor in human
8 relations. I want everybody to give a hand to these
9 two fine young men.

10 APPLAUSE

11 EDDIE MOORE: And I want y'all to come
12 forward because we're going to get a picture with you
13 -- you're going to get a picture with all the county
14 councilmen tonight.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to
18 add my congratulations to these two fine young men. I
19 have had the opportunity to work with Justin. Is it
20 Justin? Thank you. Okay. Good. I have had the
21 opportunity to work with Chase and I just met the other
22 one, Justin, today. But I want to let you fellows
23 know. You come from a -- you are following in the
24 footsteps of a long line of interns for Anderson
25 County. We have not had a -- we have not had a bad one
26 yet. They all have been good and I'm sure that you're
27 going to carry on the tradition that has already been
28 set for the past what nineteen years that I have been
29 in this county. And congratulations.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Also before we go on to the
31 approval of minutes, I wanted to make an announcement
32 too. You may have seen some flyers out in the
33 vestibule area. We're going to have another Small
34 Business Workshop and this one is Tools for Small
35 Business Success. This is going to be sponsored by the
36 South Carolina Department of Commerce and Tri County
37 Technical College. And this will be up at the Tri
38 County Tech on June the 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00
39 a.m. It'll be in Room 126, the Industrial and Business
40 Development Center. There is no cost for this seminar.
41 We would like to thank our sponsors as helping us out.
42 These are small businesses around the counties.
43 Pickens and Oconee County and Anderson County.
44 Alliance Pickens, the Anderson Chamber, Anderson County
45 Council, Clemson Chamber, Clemson University, Easley
46 Chamber, Innovate Anderson, Lakeside Sheet and
47 Structural, Oconee County Chamber, Oconee County
48 Economic Development, South Carolina Employment
49 Security Commission, Tri County Economic Partnership,
50 Westminster Chamber and Worklink. These are some real

1 good seminars that we're having. So don't miss out on
2 them. And as always, we'll have this information as
3 shared with all the citizens. We will have copies of
4 it and that way you can have it for future reference
5 and we'll also have this on our website and you'll be
6 able to go on your website at your convenience. We
7 really feel good about these seminars. We hope it's
8 going to help some of our prospective small businesses
9 and our existing small businesses. A lot of good
10 information is coming out. So be sure and come and --
11 come and support these. We also have one more
12 announcement too. We're going to have diversity
13 harassment training opportunity classes. The
14 Appalachian Council of Governments has graciously
15 offered to work with the Human Resource Department to
16 provide diversity harassment training for Anderson
17 County staff, administration and elected officials.
18 The training sessions will include topics such as
19 hostile work environment, drug free workplace,
20 diversity and all forms of harassment. Donna Kazia
21 from ACOG will be the facilitator of the training
22 sessions. There'll be two training sessions per day.
23 Sessions times will be from nine to one thirty and the
24 dates is August the 12th and 13th, 19th and 20th, August
25 26th and 27th, September 3rd, September 9th and 10th,
26 September 15th and 16th, September 22nd, 23rd and 24th,
27 September 29th and 30th, October 1st, October 6th, 7th and
28 8th, October 13th, 14th, 15th and October 20th and 21st.
29 Other dates can be scheduled as needed. Since the
30 county is making efforts to assist small businesses, we
31 are opening these training opportunities to the public.
32 We'll make the media aware of this opportunity within
33 the next week with all the details. If you have any
34 questions you can call Angie Stringer and her number is
35 934-6451 or astringer@andersoncountysc.org. We do
36 have, I think, some copies of these out in the
37 vestibule area. Be sure and get those also. I think
38 that's the last announcement.

39 We now go to the approval of minutes. Do we have
40 any comments on the minutes? Do I have a motion to
41 approve the minutes? I have a motion to approve. Do I
42 have a second?

43 RON WILSON: Second.

44 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
45 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
46 Unanimous. Minutes approved. We'll now go to Item 4
47 on the agenda. Citizen comments.

48 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first
49 citizen signed up to speak tonight on agenda matters is
50 Margaret Thompson.

1 MARGARET THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Council,
2 Margaret Thompson, Clemson, South Carolina. I'm
3 speaking about issues 8 and 9. I hope that with the
4 information I've been providing you the last several
5 months concerning illegal immigration will help you
6 move forward in doing something. As I gave you a copy
7 of Pickens County's Ordinance tonight that specifically
8 states in there that they do use e-verify. Now I
9 understand there's some issues from how people
10 interpret the law and I understand that. Mr. Pitts did
11 inform me tonight that y'all's new contract when you do
12 business for doing county work that there's going to
13 have some kind of language in there that's going to
14 refer to that the contractors going to -- maybe not
15 using the word e-verify but they're going to try to --
16 says that they will make sure that the workers that
17 they're using are, you know, here lawfully. So that is
18 a start and I'm happy for that. I keep hearing that
19 this is a federal issue. Well there's a lot of things
20 that are federal issues - bank robbery, counterfeit
21 money - but that doesn't mean our local authorities
22 cannot do anything about it. So I throw illegal
23 immigration into that pot too. The other issue is
24 deportation. Apparently the system Pickens County
25 Sheriff's Office is using is working very well. They
26 check everybody. Now whether ICE comes and picks up
27 somebody or not, that's a whole different story. But
28 as long as -- I think Pickens County has shown their
29 part that they are doing something, they cannot make
30 the federal government come and pick these people up.
31 So at least it gets the monkey off that they've -- off
32 they're back that they have tried something. And I
33 believe from talking to Captain Bryant at the Detention
34 Center that they are doing something proactive now to
35 look at this situation so that's good news too. So I
36 hope that y'all will try to move forward with this
37 because this -- I've put quite a few miles on my car
38 coming back and forth trying to deal with this issue
39 and I hope we can do something about it. As far as the
40 issue in Greenville County, Ms. Wilson, that was a
41 countywide business license. It just went into effect
42 a couple of months ago. It's going to take time for
43 something to be done. And I think with the new law
44 that passed -- the new -- with the immigration law on
45 July 1st, Jim Knight with LLR down in Columbia is going
46 to be quite busy because people are going to be picking
47 up the phone and calling and saying, you know, we need
48 to check these people out, check this company out and
49 see if they're paying their taxes properly and so
50 forth. So it's a start. It's not a complete solution,

1 but it is a start. And I thank y'all for putting this
2 on the agenda tonight.

3 MIKE PITTS: Next is Michael Deanhart.

4 MICHAEL DEANHART: District five, Michael
5 Deanhart. Mr. Chairman, there's a picture on the wall
6 outside. Everybody ought to stop by and read it. It's
7 by Lucretia Coffin Mott. Back in the 1800's when it
8 was hard time for people to have a social conscious and
9 stand up for rights and justice and her remarks "Any
10 great change must expect opposition because it shakes
11 the very foundation of privilege." There are a lot of
12 hurting people out there in our county, in our state
13 and in our nation. And I just want to ask you guys a
14 question. Do you feel their hurt and do you feel their
15 pain? Let me first say too that I believe in legal
16 immigration, but it takes seven to thirteen years to
17 become a legal citizen of the United States of America.
18 I hate to even speak on this issue because if I was a
19 poor Mexican or Haitian or anywhere throughout South
20 America, I probably would be sneaking my way into the
21 United States myself. But we have over twelve percent
22 unemployment in our state. Near ten percent in our
23 nation. We are having an economic meltdown in our
24 nation and much of it is caused by the illegals who
25 have flooded our labor market. I love my state, my
26 hometown, my nation. Though I must speak out on this
27 issue and make my -- vent my frustration bluntly. This
28 illegal issue started back in 1985 when they gave
29 amnesty to five million illegals and they've been flood
30 -- that decision opened the flood gates which
31 encouraged fifteen to twenty-five million to just walk
32 across the border and spread across the United States
33 of America and wind up in Anderson County. We have a
34 problem. But what are the best solutions to solve this
35 growing problem? Do nothing is not the answer because
36 we all can see that it is getting worse. Building
37 multi million dollar border fences is not the answer on
38 our border. Burying our head in the sand, I hope that
39 it will go away -- and hoping that it will go away.
40 And shoot political hot air will not solve the problem
41 either. Which I read in the paper this morning. We
42 must encourage and protect whistle blowers. It was a
43 whistle blower who blowed the whistle on Walmart. And
44 it was a whistle blower who blowed the whistle on BMW.

45 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.
46 Next is Robert Burns.

47 ROBERT BURNS: Y'all let Mr. Deanhart speak
48 on my behalf.

49 MICHAEL DEANHART: Like I said, we must
50 encourage and protect whistle blowers. And Walmart

1 whistle blower blowed it on them working illegals. BMW
2 through subcontractor got caught - a whistle blower. A
3 chicken company in Greenville - six hundred working
4 there and three hundred was illegal. A whistle blower.
5 We must solve this problem by dealing with the
6 employers. That is the simplest only way to deal with
7 this issue. Who hired the illegals? I know most of
8 you in the paper this morning are opposed to that. But
9 you must deal with the employer with tough fines and
10 jail time. That is the only way there is going to be a
11 solution to this problem. Putting employers in orange
12 overalls, walking up the main street, picking up beer
13 cans. That will solve the problem. Some of us have
14 been blowing the whistle in the city and Anderson
15 County for quite a while. Nothing done political as
16 well as from law enforcement on this issue. Now we
17 find ourselves with twelve percent unemployment in
18 Anderson County and growing worse. To give you an
19 example. On Memorial Day, I went out looking for a
20 house for my youngest daughter. I'm going to help her
21 buy her a house. Get out of renting. And I was
22 looking at one next to New Spring Church who rakes in
23 millions of dollars. Now three -- I saw three guys
24 walking around New Spring Church so I drove up there
25 and checked them out cause I didn't know whether they
26 was breaking in or what. And they was three Mexicans
27 doing yard work. And I asked one, Do you speak
28 English? And he said, Yes. And I said, Are you legal?
29 He said, No, we're not legal. I said, Do y'all have a
30 Social Security card? And I actually thought he was
31 going to swallow his tongue. And I asked him, Would
32 you put your name and Social Security number -- he said
33 his social security number -- our social security card
34 is at home. So I asked him to put his name and social
35 security number on a paper. And he said, Go to hell.
36 So what I -- so I didn't want it to get out of hand so
37 I left and went to the Sheriff's Department to file a
38 complaint. There's my complaint. Nothing has been
39 done about it. You mean to tell me New Springs Church
40 taking in multi million dollars is working illegals on
41 their ground. This is beyond understanding.

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

43 MICHAEL DEANHART: That time up?

44 MIKE PITTS: Next is Chris Deanhart.

45 CHRIS DEANHART: Yes, I'm going to let my
46 father, Michael Deanhart, speak on my behalf.

47 MICHAEL DEANHART: Let's face this issue
48 head on. Let's face the fact that we are in a big time
49 h of a economic mess. Watch California. The way
50 California will go, twenty-six billion dollars in the

1 budget shortfall. The nation will go with it. My
2 business collapsed ten years ago on account of illegals
3 issues. And I was -- we were doing well. My son for
4 ten years made less than five thousand dollars a year.
5 I was paying twenty dollars an hour back ten years ago.
6 Eleven dollars for labor and two weeks off with pay.
7 But my builders said, well they're going to bring
8 they're illegals from Greenville over if I do my -- if
9 I do my work the same price they charge then I can
10 continue to do his work. But I said I could not
11 continued to do the work on account of I was -- I would
12 abide by the rules and the law of the land. Anybody
13 that worked for me had to be legal and I'd take taxes
14 out on them, Social Security and match their Social
15 Security and so on and so on. So now we are a country
16 of rule of law and Robert and the County Attorney
17 should be speaking to that themselves. Give them some
18 legal opinion on this. Issue is getting out of hand.
19 You -- persons -- when we need labor in this country, a
20 person can get a blue card. A person can get a green
21 card to come in and work when we need them. And you've
22 got to have a driver's license. You've got to have a
23 Social Security card to work in this country. And
24 you've got to have a vista card and -- if you do
25 business in this nation. And you've got to have a
26 passport which is a government document to enable one
27 from another country to be accepted and admitted in the
28 United States. So we support the rule of law on this
29 issue. But we do not support illegals coming down I85
30 flooding our labor market. It's just as simple as
31 that. The responsibility on you guys is do something
32 about it. As of lately, you've done nothing. We
33 confronted the city at the Fire Department and all we
34 hear is -- it's a country of greed, greed, greed,
35 greed. Lies, lies, lies, lies. And that's all we
36 heard from the city when they built the fire department
37 out there on 81 highway. And go out there with a
38 company in Miami is doing a housing project in the
39 city. Two story brick houses. We've got bricklayers
40 who are unemployed. It's outrageous at how many
41 illegals are working out there. And I went out there
42 and checked one building.

43 MIKE PITTS: Time, Mr. Chairman. Next we
44 have Brooks Brown the fourth.

45 BROOKS BROWN: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.
46 Brooks Brown, District One. In 1984 cable was coming
47 into prominence. Congress passed an act called the
48 Telecommunications Act of 1984. It gave regulatory
49 authority to county councils over cable operations.
50 The ability to issue franchises, exclusive or non-

1 exclusive, and provided for three specialty channels
2 collectively called PEG, P-E-G. This stood for public,
3 educational and governmental. We use the governmental
4 channel here on this camera to broadcast meetings of
5 this assembly. A few years ago, I asked for the
6 educational and the public. After many years of
7 trying, we finally got the educational in so that if
8 Anderson University or Tri County wants to come in and
9 put a program on, Charter must provide a channel for
10 them. And in fact they've got probably ten or twelve
11 channels set aside that they're not using, just for
12 this purpose. I asked repeatedly for the public access
13 to be allowed. This way anybody, Mr. Deanhart could
14 get on there and have a program, Mr. Harvell could get
15 a program. Anybody could put on a program, unfettered,
16 uncensored, to be able to say what they like. The
17 previous administration did not like dissent. And I
18 could not get through to him in any way, shape or form
19 any support for public access. I believe that this
20 assembly that we've got now believes in the right of
21 free speech. It's our absolute number one speech -- or
22 absolute right rather, according to the U.S. Supreme
23 Court, trumps every other right given to you in the
24 Constitution of the United States. In the old days I
25 could get up on a soap box on the street corner and say
26 whatever I liked. But that was in the days of foot
27 traffic. We don't have that now. Today cars ride by.
28 They wouldn't hear a thing that I said. So the only
29 way that we have to get across countywide would be to
30 have a public access channel. Now I'm going to be -- I
31 didn't bring it with me tonight because it's seven
32 hundred and ninety seven pages long, plus as Mr.
33 Waldrep will attest to, by the time the lawyers get
34 hold of it you've got several thousand pages of opinion
35 that go with that. I'm going to boil it down and
36 condense it. I don't expect y'all to read several
37 thousand pages. But in the coming weeks I'm going to
38 present y'all with a synopsis of what this Act says and
39 show y'all that it simply takes an ordinance - three
40 readings, public hearing. And then we can have public
41 access to go along with the educational channel and the
42 governmental channel. It will not take a channel from
43 ---

44 MIKE PITTS: That's time Mr. Chairman.
45 BROOKS BROWN: Okay.
46 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.
47 LESLIE WHITE: Just a couple of things.
48 The first is, I may be mistaken but I searched
49 yesterday on the website for the ordinance 2009-006 on
50 the procurement code and was unable to find that. Am I

1 just mistaken or was it posted there? I don't know if
2 anybody can even -- you're not allowed to answer that.
3 But at any rate I guess my point is that it would have
4 been nice to -- I was looking for the opportunity to
5 have read through it before we got here tonight to
6 comment at the public hearing on second reading. So I
7 don't know if that was just a user error or if it
8 really wasn't on the website. But I would just bring
9 that up in case it wasn't. It might be something --
10 certainly be beneficial to those of us that are
11 interested in reading all of the information before we
12 get to the meeting. The second thing I'd like to say
13 is that there seems to be some important information on
14 the agenda tonight. I would appreciate everybody
15 staying of the whole thing. And the third is that with
16 regards to legal or illegal status there is a whazoo of
17 state language and federal language with regards to
18 that. And you -- there are certain laws that you have
19 to meet. There are certain laws that employers have to
20 meet in verifying legal status or lack thereof. And
21 the onus on that really falls to the employer and not
22 necessarily to -- if I'm contracting out to New Spring
23 Church or to Anderson County it really shouldn't -- the
24 onus really shouldn't be on New Spring Church or on
25 Anderson County. If I'm the subcontractor, the onus
26 should be on me to be able at any given moment to
27 verify that all of my employees are in fact legal. I
28 mean that's what the federal language is now. It's
29 also what the state language is. So I would just ask
30 -- I'm not saying e-verify yes or no, whether this is
31 something we want to get into I'm just asking that we
32 tread very carefully about what we subject ourselves to
33 when there is already state and federal language that
34 handles the legality, the status of employers. Thank
35 you.

36 MIKE PITTS: And then last we have
37 Elizabeth Fant.

38 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening. I'm
39 Elizabeth Fant, County Council District Three. I'm
40 addressing the items number 8 and 9. Hopefully all of
41 you are appreciative to be in the United States. We
42 were lucky to be born here as United States citizens.
43 All citizens are equal whether born here or who have
44 acquired citizenship and we welcome all. But if you're
45 not legal or working to become a U.S. citizen, you do
46 not belong. Go home. The U.S.A. is at war right now,
47 a financial war that threatens to bring us to our
48 knees. We cannot afford to pay welfare to the
49 undeserving or pay benefits to people who do not pay
50 taxes or Social Security whether for schooling,

1 healthcare and an uneven playing field for businesses
2 that use illegal Mexicans. Just today near the
3 Municipal City Hall, one Caucasian and four Mexicans
4 worked. I wondered if they were legal. Building
5 contractors, restaurants, roofers, landscape keepers
6 often use these workers. If they are not legal, they
7 do not belong. The Bible says that thou shalt not
8 steal. Contractors are stealing and these workers who
9 are illegal are stealing and they're causing your tax
10 dollars -- your tax bills to go up and you are paying
11 for this. It can't be plainer than this. Let's make
12 sure that all workers are registered and if caught fine
13 the lead contractor a thousand dollars on the first
14 offense, five thousand dollars the second, jail time
15 the third.

16 MIKE PITTS: Okay.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 5 on the
18 agenda, Tree City U.S.A. presentation.

19 MICHELLE STRANGE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman
20 and County Council. It's a pleasure to be before you
21 tonight to talk about trees. I'm hoping on this hot
22 Fourth of July weekend you found a spot of shade under
23 one of the divine trees that we have in our county.
24 With me tonight is Jimmy Walters. He is with the South
25 Carolina Forestry Commission. He oversees nineteen
26 counties in this state and how we even get to see him
27 once in a while I'm -- it still shocks me. There are
28 four criteria for the Tree City U.S.A. initiative. We
29 remain the only county in South Carolina to earn and
30 maintain this designation and we are one of only about
31 fourteen counties in the nation putting that emphasis
32 on trees and beautification. The first standard is
33 the tree board. We do have a tree board in Anderson
34 County. You appointed the Keep America Beautiful Board
35 last year to oversee that effort and they have been
36 meeting diligently. You also have -- in the county we
37 have a tree ordinance. The third standard is two
38 dollars per capita be spent on tree maintenance, tree
39 planting, those kind of things. We did exceed that two
40 dollar limit. We spent two dollars and fifty-five
41 cents including our volunteer time and initiatives. We
42 planted a hundred and eighteen trees during 2008. And
43 the fourth standard is an observance of Arbor Day and a
44 proclamation. And you as a council did do a
45 proclamation in December proclaiming December as Arbor
46 Day month. In South Carolina we celebrate Arbor Day on
47 the first Friday every December. It varies from state
48 to state depending on when it's the appropriate time to
49 plant trees. But in South Carolina it's the first
50 Friday in December. So with that I'd like to turn it

1 over to Mr. Walters.

2 JIMMY WALTERS: Thank you, Michelle and Mr.
3 Chairman and Council, and people of Anderson County.
4 You are to be congratulated because you are managing
5 your trees. This is green infrastructure. Any kind of
6 infrastructure, the grey infrastructure, the streets
7 and sewers and water and all of that of course needs
8 management to keep it up and running. Trees need that
9 too. This is a hostile environment for trees.
10 Especially in developing areas. But you are at least
11 meeting the minimum standards for Tree City U.S.A.
12 which means you've begun to take a step. Now Michelle
13 got this ball rolling six years ago. This is your
14 sixth consecutive year for this annual award and there
15 has been improvement every year so you are to be
16 congratulated for that. It's hard to put a figure on
17 the benefits of trees in our community. We know that
18 forestry is the number one industry in South Carolina.
19 Our number one crop. Our number one export. Forestry
20 has always been important to the economy of Anderson
21 County and our entire state. But it's a lot harder to
22 put a number on the benefits of the trees around town.
23 It just takes a glance down your main street here
24 looking at these beautiful trees and then imagining
25 that street without the trees to see what it's doing
26 for you. So you are to be congratulated throughout the
27 county. All the communities have benefitted from
28 Michelle's leadership and the Tree City U.S.A. program.
29 So Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to
30 present you with your lapel pin that says Tree City
31 U.S.A. I hope you'll wear it and brag about Anderson
32 County. And your ball cap to wear on less formal
33 occasions. And I have a new four by six foot flag
34 which if you like I'll not unfurl right here because
35 it's kind of tight, but we'll give you a new flag to
36 fly proudly this year. So thank you again for your
37 interest in managing this wonderful gift of trees in
38 Anderson County.

39 EDDIE MOORE: You can see my semi bald
40 head. I need that hat.

41 TOM ALLEN: If I could borrow that from
42 you. Somebody was complaining about the glare.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Tom, you can't have it.
44 Thank you very much. That was a very good
45 presentation.

46 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. I would ask
47 that the council consider an amendment of the agenda
48 today. This is Resolution R2009-060. And I realize
49 that this is not a usual thing that we do, but I wanted
50 to explain in asking for the amendment to put this on

1 the agenda that we had a meeting with the -- in the
2 administrator's office some time back with some of the
3 various folks that have to do with the grants and
4 stimulating the economy. And that there is a project
5 which I feel sure that the administrator can explain
6 better than I can. But it's at the Clemson University
7 Research Foundation. And I passed out hopefully for
8 the information to all the council on this resolution,
9 it's -- what this resolution basically does is give
10 support to the concept that Anderson County wishes to
11 give its support to this project which will create a
12 number of jobs in Anderson County by the renovation and
13 construction of this particular facility to be at the
14 Research Foundation. We're -- I don't mean to go on
15 and on about this, but the reason for the resolution is
16 that there is a grant process that we're going through
17 at this time which has to do with the ARC, Appalachian
18 Regional Council where money has to be appropriated and
19 funded and there are certain time levels that have to
20 be met. So the reason that I didn't try to put it on
21 at the next council meeting is because in this two week
22 period that it's very important that we work on this
23 project from the standpoint of economic development.
24 And for that reason, I wanted to ask for an amendment
25 of the agenda for that purpose.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor to amend
27 the agenda for Resolution R2009-60.

28 CINDY WILSON: Second.

29 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
30 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
31 Unanimous. We'll add that at 13(a) under resolutions
32 so that will be 13(a) on the agenda. We now go to Item
33 6, presentation regarding accidents involving
34 ethanol/ethanol safety. The citizens of Cheddar
35 community.

36 MR. CHAPMAN: I would like to thank you
37 on behalf of the Cheddar Community for allowing us to
38 do this presentation tonight. Forgive me for my
39 appearance. I left work to be here for this
40 presentation. In the year 2000 our beautiful rural
41 community was zoned accordingly to keep it from
42 becoming the catch-all for development. At the time we
43 expressed to the county that we wanted to be involved
44 in planning our community for the future. We invited
45 community, state government and developers at that time
46 to help us find a way to insure that future plans
47 included infrastructure, looking at ways to keep the
48 roads and schools from becoming over crowded, crime
49 rates from rising and property values from decreasing
50 from poorly planned developments, while at the same

1 time allowing positive growth and development that our
2 children, grandchildren and future generations could be
3 proud of, and most of all, a community that is safe.
4 So much for that. In early 2008 a part of our
5 neighborhood was re-zoned without us being properly
6 notified. Letters were to have been sent to all
7 residents within one thousand feet of the site
8 according to Anderson County guidelines and signs were
9 to be posted regarding the re-zoning. The letters
10 never notified most residents and the signs were posted
11 but only visible for a few days before they
12 disappeared. Perhaps there was a huge reason for this
13 trying to pass through quickly. We don't know who all
14 was involved. After we learned of the re-zoning and in
15 speaking with the railroad, we were told that they were
16 planning to put a park and a playground in for our
17 kids. We had a neighbor tell us that someone
18 approached them wanting to buy property at the end of
19 the street so that they could ride a train to work.
20 Which we found out later was misleading. At that point
21 we thought something was strange. Then we saw an
22 announcement in the Anderson Independent Mail
23 announcing that an ethanol facility would be built near
24 our homes. Most of us in the rural community of
25 Cheddar had never heard of ethanol so we didn't know
26 what to expect. We had several community meetings and
27 invited emergency response, fire and Hazmat experts, as
28 well as county officials. The experts all advised us
29 to look further into this ethanol facility before
30 allowing the site to be built. However, former county
31 council, with the exception of Cindy Wilson and Bob
32 Waldrep, voted to let this development be forthcoming.
33 At present land has been taken from citizens unjustly.
34 At least one map for the ethanol railroad development
35 shows it is requiring property to be used that is
36 outside of the hundred foot right-of-way owned by the
37 railroad and is some of our backyards. How safe is
38 that? As you can see this is very close to some of our
39 homes and we wouldn't have a prayer if there was an
40 explosion. We also wonder what would happen to not
41 only our area but also surrounding areas since the
42 water supply of our community is inadequate to handle
43 an ethanol fire. A special foam that is needed to
44 fight this type of fire is not locally available. The
45 closest foam of this type is located at the Greenville-
46 Spartanburg Airport which is forty-five minutes away.
47 What happened to the buffers that are required for
48 developments according to Anderson County? There are
49 no buffers or anything in most of this area that would
50 keep an explosion from blowing us off the map. We face

1 an additional safety issue with Lewis Drive being
2 closed. Again we wouldn't have a prayer. It took
3 forty-five minutes for Belton Rescue Squad to respond
4 to an incident in the area just a couple of months ago.
5 They stated that they were delayed because of the road
6 being closed and a fence blocking the back side of
7 Lewis to a residence. Which brings us to another
8 safety issue. Several residents are landlocked and now
9 have no access to their homes due to the fence and
10 building railroad. As you can see on this slide this
11 is the -- my backyard and there is a dirt wall located
12 behind my house. I keep talking only of the safety in
13 my immediate area of Lewis Drive and Ellison Circle but
14 should include the stretch of Anderson County from
15 where the railroad enters in the county in Pelzer all
16 the way through Honea Path. These ethanol cars are
17 traveling and are being stored on poorly maintained and
18 deteriorized tracks. The railroad said that they have
19 upgraded them but how safe is this? Who is going to
20 accept responsibility and ownership when a mishap
21 happens? The ethanol train that has come through a
22 while back also poses a safety issue by blocking
23 numerous roadways on its journey through the area.
24 Some residents in Pelzer, Williamston and our community
25 of Cheddar complained they had to wait at least thirty
26 minutes for the train to pass so they could travel the
27 roads to their home. How safe is that? These pictures
28 show cars lined up in close vicinity of homes,
29 businesses, schools and roadways. These show
30 dilapidated tracks in Cheddar. Residents say that when
31 the long ethanol train came through these tracks lifted
32 a good six inches off the ground. Not only are they
33 tracks in poor condition and this, and this -- and they
34 are poor throughout the entire route that ethanol is
35 being carried into our community. If any of you think
36 this is safe just listen to some of the recent
37 headlines. One dead, nine injured in ethanol train
38 explosion - June 19, 2009, Rockford, Illinois.
39 California ethanol truck's fiery crash kills driver -
40 June 14, 2009, Long Beach, California. Tanker truck
41 wreck closes part of I81 in West Virginia due to
42 ethanol - June 2009. There are others that I'm going
43 to give each of you copies ...

44 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE

45 MR. CHAPMAN: ... more active in
46 making our area safer. I am also once again here to
47 beg you, our council, on behalf of our community to
48 please, please take a look at this and open your eyes
49 to not only the Lewis Drive/Elison Circle situation
50 but also to what is and has been allowed to be brought

1 into our communities. Just in the past month the
2 railroad has closed other roads. It is not benefitting
3 the county as a government or the people within, only
4 the railroad and the ethanol facility. Perhaps after
5 viewing this video you can see why we are so adamant
6 about having the county, state and federal government
7 become involved in protecting our communities and us.
8 And perhaps you all will see why -- why we as a
9 community feel that this facility has slipped into the
10 six month time frame and it was and -- excuse me -- was
11 and why ethanol being brought in by rail and unloaded
12 at facilities that had no permits. It's time to stop
13 slapping hands and turning our backs on this situation.
14 We have literally been made sitting ducks.

15 (VIDEO BEING PLAYED)

16 MR. CHAPMAN: As you can see from this
17 video, ethanol is very dangerous. And yes, we may say
18 the railroad lines have a great safety record but
19 accidents do happen. And as you heard with our
20 capability of fighting fire, this community has no
21 protection. Depending on where the fire starts some of
22 the community doesn't have but one way in and one way
23 out due to the road closure. So we're basically
24 trapped if something goes wrong at the wrong point and
25 the wrong time. We've -- we have some information on
26 what other communities have done to make their areas
27 safer and we know that EPA does not regulate some of
28 the safety aspects of ethanol. One thing is Sections
29 302 and 303 of the Emergency Planning Community Right
30 to Know Act. That has never been discussed with us as
31 a community and we question that the facility has an
32 emergency response plan as required. If they do I'm
33 not aware of it. We have a couple of safety people in
34 our area that can provide further information to the
35 council if needed. I want to thank you and let you
36 know that yes we may not have been present a lot lately
37 but we are still there and we still are under a
38 constant threat if something does, God forbid, go
39 wrong, we're stuck. Due to the road closure we have
40 only one way in and one way out on the Ellison Circle
41 side of Lewis Drive. Depending on if there, God
42 forbid, is an accident the magnitude of blast, we could
43 have loss of property, loss of life and as you saw the
44 heat is so intense on ethanol fire that the fire
45 department in this video just stayed back. I'm not,
46 I'm not a firefighter and I can't speak for our
47 firefighters. I don't know what their tactic --
48 tactics would be as far as containing and handling a
49 fire of this type, but we are pretty much unprotected
50 right now. It's a serious issue. A lot of people want

1 to shrug it off. I understand business, you know,
2 we're in an economic time right now where things are
3 hard. But we can't have business at the sacrifice of
4 community safety and homes. I just want to say thank
5 you for your time.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Any councilman have any
7 questions? Ms. Wilson.

8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 Excuse me. Did you say that there was not a permit
10 that was required? Available?

11 CHEDDAR CITIZEN: I believe it is referring
12 to at time when they first started unloading ethanol.

13 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

14 CHEDDAR CITIZEN: They were unloading
15 ethanol at across from Goodman Conveyer outside of
16 Honea Path and they -- DHEC looked into the permits. I
17 don't believe that -- we're not -- we didn't get any
18 word back yet but there was speculation that they
19 didn't have their proper permits in place to unload
20 ethanol at that location at that time.

21 CINDY WILSON: Do they have permits now
22 for the site in Cheddar?

23 CHEDDAR CITIZEN: I'm not a hundred percent
24 sure. I haven't heard anything back.

25 CINDY WILSON: May I ask a question please.
26 Mr. Burns, do you think that we could get a hold of
27 DHEC and find out what permits are required and what
28 the oversight from DHEC might be that would protect
29 these citizens?

30 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

33 BOB WALDREP: I just had a quick question
34 about the legal status, the update. I know that there
35 is ongoing litigation and my understanding is that the
36 procedure began -- has begun. The issues have been
37 joined as far as the lawsuit is concerned. And the
38 next step would be a reference I believe to the Master
39 in Equity. Is that right, Mr. Pitts.

40 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Waldrep, I'm not sure
41 about the reference to the Master. I would have to
42 check on that and get back to you. I'm not sure if
43 that's a jury or a non-jury matter.

44 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

45 MIKE PITTS: Obviously a reference to
46 the Master would only be on a non-jury matter.

47 BOB WALDREP: Yes. If we could just kind
48 of check on that for these folks to see. I'm sure
49 they're curious as to what the procedures are. They're
50 a little awkward as you know. So anyway, if we could

1 help them out by letting them know what's going on
2 here. Thank you.

3 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
5 Thank you. We appreciate your presentation.

6 MR. CHAPMAN: Thank you again for hearing
7 us out.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 7 on the
9 agenda. Presentation. Y'all have a portable mike for
10 him maybe?

11 MIKE PITTS: How's that?

12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

13 PERRY WALDREP: Hello. Good evening. My
14 name is Perry Waldrep. I'm an environmental consultant
15 geologist with Synterra and I, along with Kathy Webb,
16 my colleague here with me tonight, are working with
17 Michael Foreman with the planning division, Michael
18 Foreman and Bill West on the Anderson County
19 Brownfields projects. I'll start out with an inter --
20 explanation of what is a brownfields. Not many people
21 know the term. A little misleading.

22 TOM ALLEN: Excuse me. We're really not
23 quite picking you up very well.

24 PERRY WALDREP: Okay. Sorry. I'll lean
25 forward a little bit.

26 TOM ALLEN: That's going to be
27 inconvenient for you. I don't know if one of those
28 other mikes might pick him up better or not so he
29 wouldn't have to ...

30 PERRY WALDREP: That's okay. How's that?

31 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

32 PERRY WALDREP: Brownfields is not a term
33 most folks are familiar with. It can be a little
34 misleading. But basically it's a site that has fallen
35 into disuse and whose resale and redevelopment is
36 inhibited by real or perceived environmental concerns.
37 Some examples of brownfields would be former industrial
38 properties like textile mills, former gas stations,
39 auto repair, dump sites. They could be commercial
40 property -- former commercial properties that may have
41 had a dry cleaners such as a strip shopping center or
42 corner store, meth lab is another example. Basically
43 any site where the previous use has created a stigma of
44 environmental concern and inhibits the resale or
45 redevelopment. So to deal with this problem the EPA
46 created a brownfields grant program to help get these
47 sites back on their feet. Each year the EPA awards
48 assessment and clean-up grants to successful
49 applicants. In 2008 Anderson County applied for and
50 received two brownfield assessment grants totaling four

1 hundred thousand dollars. The county targeted three
2 brownfield sites. Three former textile mill sites --
3 I'm sorry. Appleton, Toxaway and Riverside Mills to be
4 redeveloped, assisted by this money. After receiving
5 the grant the -- Anderson County put together a
6 competitive public bidding process whereby they issued
7 requests for proposals to qualified contractors and
8 consultants and in late 2008 selected Synterra to
9 assist with the project to provide environmental
10 consulting services. Synterra is located just down the
11 road in Greenville. Our office is housed in a former
12 brownfield site itself. A former warehouse -- textile
13 warehouse located along the Reedy River. It's a
14 beautiful example of brownfields redevelopment and we
15 invite y'all to drop in to see us sometime if you're in
16 the neighborhood. Synterra's brownfields team that's
17 working on the Anderson County project includes
18 geologists like Kathy and myself, engineers, wetlands
19 specialists, biologists, scientists and other
20 designers. Several of which, like Kathy, actually live
21 in Anderson County. Okay. Currently we have begun the
22 assessment at the brownfields -- I'm sorry. We have
23 begun assessment at Toxaway and Riverside. We have
24 installed monitoring wells and collected soil and
25 groundwater samples. The data is starting to come in
26 and we're beginning preparation of reports. The scope
27 of work for these assessments was specified in a
28 voluntary clean-up contract that the county entered
29 into with DHEC. That plan -- that scope was expanded
30 somewhat to include a work plan to deal with clearing
31 of the Toxaway site which still contains debris from
32 the former mill building. The Appleton mill is unlike
33 Toxaway and Riverside in that it is not owned by
34 Anderson County and the planning commission -- planning
35 division is currently negotiating for site access with
36 the owner so that we can begin that assessment. But
37 the other assessments should be completed by fall of
38 this year. The county decided since we couldn't move
39 forward with the Appleton Mill to take some of the
40 grant money and apply it toward a countywide site
41 inventory. The purpose of the inventory would be to
42 identify other potential brownfield sites where
43 redevelopment might be assisted -- might be enhanced by
44 environmental assistance that this process provides.
45 As I said it's countywide. It's comprehensive. It
46 will include each district, so if any of you are aware
47 of particular sites that fit this description that
48 might be a candidate, please let us know and we'll be
49 happy to take a look at it and talk to you. Going
50 forward we will be completing the assessments at

1 Toxoway and Riverside and also completing the work plan
2 for site clearing at Toxoway as well as the site
3 inventory this year. Further down the road we
4 anticipate submitting applications for additional
5 assessment grants for sites that are identified in the
6 inventory as well as clean-up grants for Toxoway and
7 Riverside if it's needed. And typically with the grant
8 process once you have the initial grants -- once the
9 initial grants are obtained and the assessments are
10 performed and sites are identified, it becomes easier
11 or the EPA is more willing to keep that momentum going.
12 So the secondary grant process should be -- would be
13 easier. So they want to keep that momentum going.
14 They want to fund the sites. They want to get them to
15 closure and get them back on the tax rolls. So
16 basically brownfields are unique opportunities. They
17 may appear to be underused, unsightly, perhaps even
18 dangerous. Some people call them attractive nuisance
19 -- nuisances. But this process makes them potentially
20 unique opportunities to create a new county resource
21 such as a park or other recreational facility perhaps,
22 a bike pathway or hiking trail. Or for the county to
23 prepare the site for resale to a private developer for
24 redevelopment and get it back on the tax rolls.
25 Synterra has worked on several sites that are similar
26 to the Toxoway and Riverside Mills in the upstate.
27 Such as this one, Union Mill, which was also a textile
28 mill and was later developed as a multi-family
29 residential project using this process. Other examples
30 include the former Hearst Celanese plant along I-85 in
31 Greenville which as shown in the picture here is now
32 being developed as an office complex called The Point
33 at Greenridge. Here is an urban redevelopment in
34 downtown Greenville which was developed into a multi
35 use project with shops and stores on the ground level
36 and condos and apartments above. As I said earlier
37 they also make excellent venues for recreational
38 redevelopment. So that's basically the presentation.
39 Are there any questions?

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Chair.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Will you please
43 go back a couple of lines where you said something
44 about since you couldn't work on the Appleton Mills
45 thing you are going to be looking -- doing an
46 inventory. Yeah, right there. Could you, could you
47 please explain that to me?

48 PERRY WALDREP: Yes. Since we couldn't
49 move forward with the Appleton Mill and there was money
50 available in the grant, in the total four hundred

1 thousand dollar grant, the planning division decided we
2 could go forward and identify other potential sites for
3 future grant money. For future grant applications. Go
4 ahead and identify -- do a survey and identify sites
5 that could potentially be brownfield projects as well
6 for future grant applications.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What I don't
8 understand is the -- where will the funds be coming
9 from to do this?

10 PERRY WALDREP: To do the survey?
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Inventory. Uh-huh
12 (affirmative).

13 PERRY WALDREP: It would be coming from the
14 current grants.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: The four hundred thousand
16 dollars?

17 PERRY WALDREP: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: That was secured for the
19 Toxoway, Riverside Mill?

20 PERRY WALDREP: Yes, ma'am.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

22 PERRY WALDREP: It is a small portion of
23 that money.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: How much of a small portion?
25 PERRY WALDREP: I believe the budget is
26 fifteen thousand.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Now, I didn't
28 know anything about this. Since, you know, I was the
29 one to work to secure -- for ten years I worked to
30 secure the money, you know, for -- to get that place
31 cleaned up down there. But I need to, I need to know a
32 little bit more please about the, about the countywide
33 site inventory. I think we had one once before where
34 we -- all of the sites were identified in the county.
35 Mr. West, am I clear -- am I correct on that? Because
36 a booklet was done at one time that listed all of the
37 sites, the sites and it was inventoried then where they
38 were and what was needed and all that.

39 BILL WEST: I'm not aware of that, but
40 if it does exist we'll pull it -- we'll research it and
41 find it and use it.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Well, please do
43 because my office is a mess right now. But I too will
44 take a -- will look around for it.

45 BILL WEST: Do you recall about how
46 long ago it was?

47 GRACIE FLOYD: When we first started
48 working on this thing. Maybe seven years ago. But if
49 we need to put in a long distance call to Jeff
50 Ricketson I'll pay the bill. Because we need to --

1 before we go and spend more money on something that I
2 believe, and I stand to be corrected, may have already
3 been done. Okay. Because you know, I, I thought that
4 once you got a grant for a particular thing and you
5 name what the grant was for it had to be spent for that
6 particular purpose. But I stand to be corrected on
7 that too. But I won't say any more about it until
8 we've had a chance to look at it again.

9 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: And while I have the floor,
11 Mr. Chair, I would like to introduce the lady
12 geologist. Please stand up. I am so proud of her.
13 Please stand up. Good. Good. Good.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Is that it, Ms. Floyd?

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

16 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to ask one
17 question. Is that near -- as far as the old Lad Lassie
18 plant right above it, are you doing that area too?

19 PERRY WALDREP: Yes, sir. Those are the ---

20 EDDIE MOORE: That was where I had my
21 first job.

22 PERRY WALDREP: Is that right?

23 EDDIE MOORE: As a teenager.

24 PERRY WALDREP: That's -- we're calling
25 that the Toxoway which is right by the Ladd Lassie.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

27 PERRY WALDREP: The Ladd Lassie was on the
28 same property.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Well now was there
30 an environmental impact study? You know most of the
31 time when they burn -- when a mill burns like that.
32 Was there ever any kind of environmental impact study
33 that was done back then on it that you know of?

34 PERRY WALDREP: When the mill burned?

35 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah.

36 PERRY WALDREP: Not that I know of. There
37 was a phase one environmental site assessment done ---

38 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

39 PERRY WALDREP: -- before the voluntary clean
40 up contract was put in place. And you have to do that
41 to get the VCC. And then the Riverside had a phase two
42 or a targeted brownfields assessment done on it back
43 several years ago. Those are the only two assessments
44 that I know of on those two sites.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

46 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Just two
47 quick questions. Who owns the three mills?

48 PERRY WALDREP: Anderson County owns
49 Riverside and Toxoway.

50 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And Appleton is owned

1 by?

2 PERRY WALDREP: Delmar Industries of New
3 York.

4 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Will they be
5 responsible themselves for any of the clean-up? Delmar
6 Industries?

7 PERRY WALDREP: Well, ---

8 TOM ALLEN: Or will it all be done by
9 grant monies? Any clean up?

10 PERRY WALDREP: Well. It's hard to say how
11 much money will be required to clean up, if any, and
12 what the EPA will issue grants for. But the assessment
13 part at least will be paid for entirely with grant
14 money.

15 TOM ALLEN: Right. The assessments
16 will. What I'm trying to get at is the clean-up part.
17 Will the county be responsible in any way for paying to
18 have those cleaned up? Don't know.

19 FEMALE: Since the county currently
20 owns the Appleton and Toxoway Mills.

21 PERRY WALDREP: Not Appleton.

22 TOM ALLEN: Not Appleton.

23 FEMALE: But not Appleton. So until
24 the county purchases the Appleton Mill the county
25 really isn't responsible for anything at the Appleton
26 Mill. Part of the assessment is to, to be used to
27 conduct some investigation to see if -- how expensive
28 it would be to clean up the Appleton Mill. So you can
29 choose whether to purchase the Appleton Mill or not at
30 some point.

31 TOM ALLEN: So the two mills that are
32 owned by the county, We are hoping or assuming they
33 will be cleaned up by grant monies? Okay. And the one
34 -- the Appleton Mill currently owned by a private
35 company, we don't know at this point. Unless the
36 county buys that. Does the county intend to buy that?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: May I chime in on this
38 please since I know the history of this.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen has the floor.

40 TOM ALLEN: That's okay. Go ahead,
41 Ms. Floyd.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
43 Allen. Okay. Let me bring you up to what's happening
44 here. Okay. The Appleton Mill is owned by a company
45 out of New York City. The owner -- they manage that
46 property but the owner lives in Switzerland. All
47 right. District Two funded a phase one study about
48 four years ago to see what was in the soil. We then --
49 members of council and the administrative staff went to
50 -- went to -- when we were in Washing -- when we were

1 in New York City to talk to the people about -- to talk
2 to Standards and Poors about our credit rating, we had
3 a visit with the, the company who owns it. We wanted
4 them to clean it up or give it up. All right. They
5 were willing to give the county part of it. They did
6 come down and they did clean it up some and they were
7 willing to give the county parts of it. But what they
8 wanted to give the county it didn't work out because
9 they wanted to clean up -- they wanted the county to
10 clean up the whole area and they were going to give us
11 a little piece. And that didn't fly. So when, when
12 the -- we were in the process of negotiating. Let's
13 put it this way. We were in the process of negotiating
14 with this company to see just what could be worked out.
15 We talked about a park in that area. This company
16 wanted to build houses around the whole -- in the whole
17 area and give the county the middle part of it for
18 housing -- I mean for a park. That wouldn't work out.
19 That didn't work out. And then they wanted to keep the
20 park -- the part that faces -- is that Whitner Street?
21 Is that Whitner Street? Yes. Okay. They wanted to
22 keep that part and give us the back part. Well that
23 would have been fine, but we were not going to clean up
24 the whole thing just for that little piece. And that's
25 where the negotiation is now. But we're supposed to be
26 looking into the soil again for phase two of the
27 project to see what's in there before we go back to New
28 York. And I hope that sheds some light on it.

29 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you. Yes.
30 I think it -- it sounds kind of like it's kind of in
31 limbo right now with the Appleton Mill then. Okay.
32 Thank you. I appreciate it.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
35 And I appreciate your presentation. Just for the
36 record, I have requested on behalf of District Seven to
37 have projects looked at in -- prospective projects
38 looked at in District Seven. We have a number of towns
39 with old mill sites that are in great locations but
40 surely have serious contamination issues. I was never
41 once -- none of my requests were ever honored. And
42 this involved a mill in Pelzer, mills in Williamson, a
43 mill in Honea Path and I'm sure there's a major one in
44 Belton now too. So we were never offered that
45 opportunity. So hopefully we'll have the opportunity
46 to work with you and have those reviewed. I'd asked
47 for them to be added to the list but to my knowledge it
48 was never added.

49 PERRY WALDREP: Okay. We'll definitely
50 first go back and see if we can find the inventory that

1 was done before and compare notes and see if they're on
2 that inventory there and if not add it when we complete
3 this one.

4 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

5 GRACIE WILSON: Mr. Chair, it is -- those
6 mill sites are on that list. I remember seeing them.
7 Okay. But please let it be known that my first year on
8 council, I started working then. I have worked for ten
9 years literally. I worked for ten years. I didn't put
10 it off on anybody to get those mill sites cleaned up.
11 Because it's not fair for people to live in, in areas
12 like that. So I worked to get that money down here so
13 we can start cleaning up. Okay. And I just thank you
14 for listening to me.

15 PERRY WALDREP: Thank you.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much. You
17 have some business cards with you?

18 PERRY WALDREP: We do.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'd like to have one.

20 PERRY WALDREP: Okay. We'll leave them with

21 ...

22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

23 PERRY WALDREP: All right. Well. Thank you
24 for your time.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much for
26 coming. We now go to Item 8 on the agenda. Pros and
27 cons of illegal immigration. Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 Due to the rush of trying to get the agenda ready and I
30 didn't make quite clear to our clerk to council the
31 real gist of what we were trying to do here. The main
32 issue as we already know there is damage that illegal
33 immigration and the lack of security at our borders is
34 causing in this country. There's no doubt there's a
35 serious problem. What I requested of Mr. Pitts, our
36 county attorney, was to look at what other
37 jurisdictions are doing. Kind of give us some
38 information as to what's working. What isn't. So we
39 can move along in trying to do something if there's
40 something that's effective that we can do
41 appropriately. I'll turn it over to Mr. Pitts.

42 MIKE PITTS: Thank you, ma'am. I guess
43 just as a quick overview, the starting point on this
44 issue, first we'd look at federal law and there is a
45 comprehensive federal scheme that regulates
46 immigration. And that law makes it clear that any
47 local, you know, government attempt to regulate
48 immigration are preempted except for maybe those local
49 government regulations that are imposed by way of a
50 licensing or similar kind of scheme. So the starting

1 point is you have a comprehensive federal system in
2 place that deals with immigration. And it provides --
3 and it puts the, the burden on the employer. It
4 requires certain records to be kept when someone is
5 hired. That's the I9 form that, that you probably know
6 about. And it also provides for ways in which
7 authorization to work status can be verified. One of
8 which is the e-verify system. But it is not mandatory
9 under federal law. Federal law gives employers
10 choices. E-verify is one of them. So the question
11 then becomes whether a local government can pass any
12 kind of ordinance that deals with immigration issues.
13 And that question is maybe. But it's clear that if
14 any, any local law would have to be tied to a licensing
15 scheme or a business registration scheme. So the
16 question is maybe -- or excuse me -- the answer is it
17 maybe can be done but in -- I believe it has to be tied
18 to a business registration or a licensing scheme. And
19 we've discussed that at previous meetings I believe and
20 touched on that a little bit. And that's the approach
21 that Greenville County has taken is through the
22 business registration. There is a South Carolina
23 statute. It's fairly new I believe that provides for a
24 business registration. And that's -- that is the way
25 in which Greenville has approached it. Greenville has
26 tied the business registration to a number of things.
27 As far as the immigration piece goes it basically
28 provides that in the event there is any -- the
29 complaints or concerns or questions involving a
30 registration holder's employment of unauthorized or
31 undocumented workers that gets forwarded to the South
32 Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Review.
33 And that's the state agency that's charged with
34 enforcing the state laws that touch on this subject.
35 The federal agency is the Immigration and Customs
36 Enforcement or ICE. So that's the route Greenville's
37 taken. We currently have neither here in Anderson
38 County. Either a business license or a business
39 registration statute or ordinance on the books.
40 There's also -- we want to make sure the council and
41 everyone else is aware there are a number of state laws
42 that are currently on the books that address this
43 issue. One deals with private employers and it went
44 into effect July 1. Just a few days ago. It applies
45 to any employer with over a hundred employees and it
46 provides that the employer has to verify its employees
47 through either e-verify or through a state driver's
48 license or state issued ID card. So that is the state
49 law -- the South Carolina law that applies to private
50 employers. There is a similar law that involves or

1 that applies to counties, particularly when counties
2 contract for, for projects that involve manual labor of
3 a certain size. And it's the same, same deal. It
4 requires the employer to document or verify that its
5 workers are authorized to work either through e-verify
6 or through the other methods that are set forth in the
7 law, that is the driver's license, state ID card.
8 Again e-verify is not mandatory under either state or
9 federal law. There's also interestingly on the private
10 -- the South Carolina law that applies to private
11 entities there is provisions that says a county cannot
12 -- is prohibited from independently verifying an
13 individual's authority to work. That's built into the
14 law that applies to private employers. There's also a
15 South Carolina statute on the books that says that a
16 local government, city or municipality or county,
17 cannot pass any kind of law that is inconsistent with
18 state or federal law and any such law would be a void.
19 So that's kind of the laws that are on the books. Let
20 me tell you what we, what we have done is we -- I'm
21 working with Mr. Carroll on the procurement side and as
22 far as any contracts involving the use of manual labor
23 that the county is a party to we are asking the
24 employer -- or excuse me the successful bidder, the
25 contractor to sign an authorize -- an authorization or
26 statement attesting to the fact that it will follow
27 state law in all respects, that it will follow federal
28 law in all respects and that it will provide
29 documentation to the county upon request. So that is
30 what we're currently -- we currently have in place.
31 Again the vast majority of local governments that have
32 addressed this issue have done so through a business
33 licensing or registration scheme.

34 CINDY WILSON: Is that working or do we --
35 have we had enough time to see if it's ---

36 MIKE PITTS: I don't think they've been
37 around long enough to really know whether they're
38 working or not. I'd certainly defer to folks from
39 those locales that have adopted those laws to see if
40 there's any problems with them. There's also
41 challenges that are mounted. There are lawsuits
42 particularly at the federal level that have been filed
43 by a number of special interest groups challenging
44 these local laws around the country. And right now
45 there's an inconsistent split. The courts have gone on
46 both sides of the issue. Some court decisions have
47 upheld the local ordinances and some court decisions
48 have struck them down. So there's no clear guidance on
49 that until a higher appellate court speaks to it.

50 CINDY WILSON: What type of department in

1 Greenville actually verifies this if they ---

2 MIKE PITTS: I believe it's done through
3 -- they currently had a department that licensed --
4 that issued licenses and they ran it through that
5 department. I'm not sure of the particular one. I can
6 certainly find out for you. But the Greenville law is
7 brand new so I don't think there's enough of a track
8 record there to comment.

9 CINDY WILSON: One thing that I think we
10 might consider that could be done pretty easily, we've
11 all decried the fact that the federal government fails
12 to enforce our own federal laws. And if I'm not
13 mistaken I think our Sheriff indicated recently that
14 when he had arrested a number of illegal immigrants
15 there was only a small percentage that the federal
16 government actually picked up and deported. The rest
17 were turned loose. That's deplorable but I guess
18 better than nothing. Would it be something that maybe
19 our council could do a resolution and send it to all of
20 our -- send it to our congressman from this area, our
21 federal congressman and our U.S. senators requesting
22 that our federal government enforce those laws? Would
23 that be something that might be of some use? I'd be
24 glad to sign on to that if anyone else is. Can we look
25 at that maybe?

26 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. I'd be happy
27 to.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

29 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. I've got a
30 couple of questions. One thing that with the current
31 law it's a hundred employees or more. You have to have
32 a hundred or more before the federal law would be
33 applicable?

34 MIKE PITTS: No, sir. That's the state
35 law.

36 BOB WALDREP: State law.

37 MIKE PITTS: Yes. That just went
38 into effect a few days ago. And then on July 1, 2010
39 it goes into effect for all employers in the state.
40 Regardless of size.

41 BOB WALDREP: Oh, okay. Well that's what
42 concerned me. I know that the city of Anderson has a
43 business law -- a business license. We don't in the
44 county. How is the -- does anybody have any idea how
45 the city is working to enforce their situation as far
46 as immigration is concerned or does the city of
47 Anderson have any mechanism in place?

48 MIKE PITTS: I'm not aware of anything
49 that the city has. I'll be happy to put a call into
50 the county -- the city attorney and find out.

1 BOB WALDREP: All right.
2 MIKE PITTS: I'm not aware of anything.
3 BOB WALDREP: These are just observations
4 from what I hear from the law enforcement. The big
5 problem seems to be somebody to go out and do the work.
6 You know, to do the investigation. And to pick the
7 folks up when they don't have the credentials. I guess
8 that -- my next question, you know, if we are to do
9 something it seems like we have to have, as they say,
10 boots on the ground, or whatever that is, to get
11 somebody to actually enforce anything that we would do
12 and I guess we would probably have to look at other
13 areas as to how they do that. Apparently, U.S.
14 Immigration's just not around here any place. Do they
15 have an office here that -- I really don't know. Do
16 they? In Charleston? We rarely hear from them. But
17 ...
18 EDDIE MOORE: I guess they're trying to
19 get the swimmers.
20 BOB WALDREP: Yeah. Okay. Well those are
21 just -- if we were to enforce -- if we were to do
22 something that would mean we would have to have a
23 registration at the very least. Is that what you're
24 saying, Mr. Pitts?
25 MIKE PITTS: I think so, Mr. Waldrep.
26 BOB WALDREP: I just get kind of the
27 feeling - I hadn't talked to anybody about this.
28 Honest. I don't talk to anybody on council. That
29 there's not a real consensus that I feel about putting
30 in a business license in Anderson County. I don't know
31 that that seems to be a viable thing. But the
32 alternative of just having registration is a
33 possibility that would be more acceptable. And
34 registration and that, that would be almost like a
35 licensing process in some way and you would have to
36 have -- again you've got to get a mechanism to go out
37 there and find different businesses and say are you
38 registered or not. Is that kind of like what we're
39 talking about here? To locate and ...
40 MIKE PITTS: We certainly would have to
41 have -- you would have to have an administrative
42 process in place ---
43 BOB WALDREP: Yeah.
44 MIKE PITTS: -- that currently does not
45 exist. I don't have any idea about the costs and
46 logistics involved with that. Really the only -- even
47 with the business registration, and this is the
48 approach Greenville has taken, is that upon receipt of
49 a complaint or of an employer using an undocumented
50 worker those -- the only -- the agency that has

1 exclusive jurisdiction over enforcement of the state
2 law is the LLR in Columbia. Labor Licensing and Review
3 Board. So it would basically be passing along
4 complaints to LLR for them to follow up with and
5 investigate.

6 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

7 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

8 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I

11 just want to say I think a good starting point would be
12 with our contracts. I mean people doing business.

13 That sounds like that's the opening thing up we can do

14 and that's something we can tighten up. And I think

15 people doing business, business with the county I'm

16 talking about in our buildings and other things and

17 all. And that would be I think a big thing. Talk gets

18 out, one or two like that happens, I think it would go

19 a long ways. And I think that's what we need to

20 concentrate on right now. Seems like that would be a

21 good starting point. It sounds like to me that's what

22 we need to concentrate on, to tighten up. I know we've

23 got something in there. Maybe we can get -- talk to

24 Mr. Carroll about this. I know something's been in the

25 contracts in the past. Maybe just tighten up a little

26 bit better. And when we've got some projects coming up

27 make sure they are checked. Either you know work with

28 the Sheriff or us or something another come back and

29 make sure you -- turn things starting at.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

31 CINDY WILSON: Ms. Thompson. Okay. Sorry.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Poor people of

34 Anderson. Poor, poor people of Anderson County. If

35 you don't have any jobs because you are a brick mason

36 or you are a builder or you are anything with

37 construction work and you're not working because your

38 job has been taken from you for someone who works

39 cheaper, poor you. Poor, poor you. Because you see

40 Anderson County can't help you because we don't have

41 anybody who can go out and check. We're worried that

42 we're going to, that we are going to not be in

43 compliance with the government. We're worried that

44 these people's rights will be violated. You know,

45 maybe they will come up and pay taxes. Oh, they don't

46 pay taxes though, do they? Maybe they'll take some of

47 that money and spend it at Walmart and Bi-Lo. Oh, wait

48 a minute. Wait a minute. They don't do that either,

49 do they? Maybe they will rent housing. Oops. They

50 don't do that either. I think they live -- a lot of

1 them live together. You know. Poor, poor us. You
2 know, we're not worried about that. We're worried
3 about these people coming in and taking these jobs.
4 Everybody needs to work. Everybody needs to work
5 except our people of Anderson County. Because you see
6 we don't want to hurt nobody. We don't want to hurt
7 anybody at all. Instead of us getting in a bus and go
8 down to Columbia and fight for our people, fight for
9 the people of Anderson County who pay their taxes. Who
10 buy the houses. Who go to the grocery store. We're
11 going to sit here and talk about what we can't do
12 because we might violate this and we might violate
13 that. And we don't have any business licenses either.
14 We're not worried about the people of Anderson County.
15 I'm worried about us. I mean, what we worried about?
16 Oh, we don't know do we? We don't know what we're
17 worried about. But I know one thing. It's wrong.
18 It's not right. It's wrong. When we have illegal
19 immigrants coming to be lawyers. Opening up law
20 offices. I'll bet you we hear a holler. If we have --
21 when we have illegal immigrants coming up here voting
22 for council members I'll bet you we'll hear a holler.
23 Doctors. I bet you -- well I'm not sure about them.
24 When we have illegal immigrants coming into Anderson
25 County and opening up grocery stores and all the other
26 kind of stuff and messing with the big dollars, you
27 will hear a holler. But so what if that man can't find
28 a job laying brick. So what if he's lost his house and
29 his cars and everything else because we have too many
30 illegal aliens -- immigrants in Anderson County and
31 we're afraid to do anything about it. Lawyers are
32 working. Doctors are working. Indian chiefs are
33 working. Everybody's working. Even in -- even the
34 illegal aliens. Poor Anderson County. Thank you.

35 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I
36 continue please?

37 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson was next. We're
38 going to try to hear from all the council members and
39 then I'll come back to you.

40 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 Mr. Pitts, you mentioned the contract that you and Mr.
42 Carroll worked up concerning the bids. What happens if
43 one of them violates? What's the penalty?

44 MIKE PITTS: Well, I think that would
45 be in the -- would be in breach of contract at that
46 point.

47 RON WILSON: Okay. What happens to them?
48 Do they lose their job? Do they lose the bid or what?

49 MIKE PITTS: That would be something that
50 would have to be addressed through the procurement code

1 and you would also have to -- you would pass along the
2 complaint to LLR and let LLR look into the allegations
3 that ---

4 RON WILSON: So right now there's
5 basically no penalty?

6 MIKE PITTS: Well there is -- I believe
7 there is some liquidated damages penalty built in.
8 Again, monetary damage is built into the language too.

9 RON WILSON: All right. In the state law
10 you said that it covers ...

11 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

12 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

14 CINDY WILSON: Continuing along the
15 different ideas of what we can and can't do. Ms.
16 Thompson was kind enough to provide a copy of what
17 Pickens County has put in place. It's a -- some of the
18 things I think we could do very easily, but the main
19 clause in here it states, all vendors, contractors,
20 subcontractor registering with the Pickens County
21 Purchasing Division, and it goes per Section 2701 of
22 the Pickens County Code of Ordinances shall certify to
23 the county that they do not knowingly recruit, hire or
24 employ any person who is an authorized -- unauthorized
25 alien or defined by -- and it gives the South Carolina,
26 excuse me the U.S. Code, and that they are in
27 compliance with all federal and state laws regarding
28 the hiring and employment of unauthorized aliens. All
29 verification of employment will be done by using e-
30 verify. It seems like the only directive is that all
31 verification of employment is to be done by e-verify
32 and it's only who's registered with the purchasing
33 division. Would it be possible maybe if you could talk
34 with Mr. Niel Smith over there and find out how that's
35 working? Because there's some things that may look
36 like we could work with but there are a lot of things
37 that would pretty much make it difficult to enforce.

38 EDDIE MOORE: I'll talk with Neal and see
39 when we have another three county meeting and I'll
40 bring that up and find out something.

41 CINDY WILSON: That would be helpful if we
42 can find where it's working and not challenged legally
43 where we have more legal fees and get things held up.
44 That would be good. Thank you.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Margaret. I'm
46 going, I'm going to let you say something because you
47 was wanting to ask me something. I'm going to allow
48 you to do that.

49 MARGARET THOMPSON: Getting back to talking
50 with Chairman Smith. I talked to Chappell Hurst who is

1 the administrator at Pickens County two weeks ago about
2 this issue. This is working. They've had zero
3 problems. Zero. So that's what I wanted to bring --
4 that's why I brought it down here to y'all. And you
5 know, with -- if -- when I -- you know, sometimes
6 things are questioned but I -- and I just think that's
7 the chance you have to take. And this is -- when you
8 lose five hundred thousand jobs in the month of June,
9 we need to look at that. And it's, and it's bankrupted
10 the state of California. So let's put e-verify in
11 there. Let's make the employer honest. And just --
12 you know, you're going to get bucked a lot I'm sure
13 but, you know, it just -- I would -- it's working in
14 Pickens. I -- you're welcome to call Mr. Hurst. They,
15 they love it. But thank you very much.

16 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Margaret. We now
18 go on to Item 9 on the agenda. Mr. Allen.

19 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
20 think most of my thunder has been stolen here. I
21 didn't know the other item was going to be on here.
22 All I wanted to do was make note of the fact that state
23 law did become effective 1 July regarding employers who
24 have over one hundred employees. They do have to use
25 e-verify or a state driver's license or some form of
26 state ID. None of those in and of themselves I don't
27 believe are fool proof. I think you could get around
28 e-verify. You can get a forged state driver's license,
29 a forged state ID card. I mean, it's something to use
30 but I don't think it's fool proof. I'm going to make
31 this very brief since we've kind of covered a lot of
32 this any way. Regarding the state laws and the
33 penalties involved, it's rather convoluted and I'm not
34 going to read all of this to you but it does just say
35 down here that for a first offense a civil penalty of
36 not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one
37 thousand for each violation would be levied. That's in
38 the state law. And then there's a lot of other
39 information in here that's definitely going to get the
40 whole thing tied up in court the way it sounds. So
41 I'll let it go at that and I think we've pretty well
42 covered the topic. I do know in RRFP's requests for
43 proposals out of here there's always a -- there's a
44 line in there about verifying or stating that you're
45 not hiring illegals. So I believe we do have that in
46 there. How we -- I know in the Pickens County
47 regulation here it refers to registering with the
48 purchasing department. I don't know exactly how that
49 differs from what we're doing right now because our
50 RFPs already have that comment in there about no

1 aliens. So anyway it's something we need to work on.
2 I'll let it go at that. Thank you.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
4 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
6 BOB WALDREP: I think you had -- it just
7 keeps getting back to -- I notice in Pickens County
8 they've got that statement that the Sheriff's
9 Department seems to be the enforcing arm. And I just
10 wondered if our Sheriff had any comment about that
11 situation. If you'd ever addressed that with the
12 Sheriff of Pickens County. This was put into effect in
13 2008.
14 SHERIFF SKIPPER: Actually, I have not talked
15 to him. We have been in a few meetings where that has
16 come up and he has talked briefly. If there's a
17 registration and it becomes a part of an enforcement
18 for us, I'd -- you know, we would have no trouble doing
19 that. If I could take a minute of your time.
20 BOB WALDREP: Yes, sir.
21 SHERIFF SKIPPER: You know, every time we get
22 on this topic, I seem to get beat up on. And that's
23 okay. I'm the Sheriff and -- that's what I do. I get
24 beat up on some times, okay. And you know, we had an
25 interesting conversation at the back of the room when I
26 first came in with a couple of people and I don't
27 usually like to -- you know, I don't pick out people in
28 the audience. But Stan Welch has stepped out. He was
29 one of them. And you know it's gets down to we live in
30 the United States and we've got a mess. We have a mess
31 with our immigration. It's a federal law. Mr. Pitts,
32 I think, has articulated how the law is. It's a
33 federal law. I can't enforce federal law. Some times
34 it comes up such as bank robberies. Well we also have
35 a state statute for bank robberies too. And so that's
36 how we get in on the bank robberies. But the fact is
37 that we all live in a country where we all are free.
38 And I cannot go out and ask someone -- I gave the
39 example of a scenario I teach in class. If you're an
40 officer and you're driving along the road and at three
41 o'clock in the morning you see a subject walking by
42 this club house in a, in a gated community. At three
43 o'clock in the morning you pull up to him and stop him
44 and you say, Excuse me sir. Can I see some
45 identification? He then looks at the officer, says
46 nothing, turns and keeps on walking. What's the
47 officer do? Anybody know? Ons (phonics) knows because
48 he's a retired police officer. You do nothing.
49 Because we live in the United States. He is not
50 required because there's not probable cause to stop him

1 because there ain't a crime going on. Now if there's
2 other scenarios goes. There's been crime in the area.
3 Things like this. But under that scenario he is a free
4 citizen in this world -- in this country and we cannot
5 stop him. The answer is the officer continues to
6 observe him and see where he goes and make sure he
7 doesn't violate any laws. That's the facts. You know,
8 the fact is if we go out and he doesn't know I'm going
9 to do this but I'm going to point out my friend Riley
10 Harvell. Riley Harvell doesn't look like he's from
11 here. So can I go over there and ask Riley if he's a,
12 if he's a legal alien? Or illegal or a citizen?
13 Technically no. He, he is a citizen in this country
14 until we can prove different. Two months ago my friend
15 Mr. Deanhart and I had a conversation sitting right
16 over there where he was. And he wants to know when I'm
17 going to do something. And I told him that if he
18 wishes to call the customs office in Charleston and get
19 anyone at customs to call me and tell me I can do that,
20 I'll be glad to go do it. I have not received a phone
21 call. So I'm telling, I'm telling y'all we are working
22 within the law. I have to abide by the law. I don't
23 want to get sued no more than anybody else. I
24 certainly don't want to get put in jail for some --
25 violating somebody's civil rights. You know, when you
26 look around the room we have some Scandinavian looking
27 ladies here. My friend Carol Glenn. She looks a
28 little Scandinavian. Is she a legal -- a legal alien
29 or do I need to check her card? I mean that's the
30 position we're in. And the fact is that ICE is a
31 federal law. Every time we arrest somebody, if we get
32 our hands on them for being drunk, jaywalking, if we
33 have that ordinance, or anything else, we put them in
34 jail. They are run through the system. Immediately
35 fax to ICE and if they're illegals then ICE tells us
36 what to do with them. They either turn them loose or
37 hang on to them. We have one right now that is -- he's
38 -- he hasn't had a bond. I got a complaint from him
39 and his lawyer just yesterday that he hasn't gone
40 before a judge to get a bond. He can't get a bond.
41 Well he has gone before a judge and he's been -- he's
42 been denied a bond. The reality is that even if he
43 posts a bond he's not going anywhere because we have a
44 hold on him for ICE to come get him. So we're going to
45 hang on to him. We've been hanging on to him for
46 almost a year now if I'm not mistaken. If that's the
47 one I'm thinking about. So -- in our jail which is
48 overcrowded. So the idea is that we are working it
49 within the system. Pitts and I talk about legal issues
50 all the time. And I have to be aware of what's going

1 on and protect all of our citizens' rights and that's
2 what we're going to do.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Sheriff.

4 SHERIFF SKIPPER: The Beaufort County system
5 they have down there is that they do -- they have A
6 license. I mean they have a business license. They
7 pay a fee and all that good stuff. And what they do is
8 they're required because of that license to put a sheet
9 in on every employee. They have two retired people.
10 One's a Secret Service guy and I think one's an IRS
11 guy. And they review every one of those sheets. They
12 run it either e-verify or whatever they do and when
13 they have one that's flagged then they send that to the
14 Sheriff's Office and say we have a potential person
15 here in violation of the license. And they go out and
16 check them at that point and if they are illegal then
17 they put them in jail and call ICE. And they're in
18 Beaufort so they're right next door to ICE and we're
19 not. But thank you for allowing me to say that.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you.

21 SHERIFF: Trust me. We're -- you
22 know, I have laws I have to enforce and that's for
23 everybody.

24 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Thank you. I
25 appreciate that. We're going to now take a five minute
26 break before we go to Item 10.

27 BREAK

28 EDDIE MOORE: Everyone come on back in and
29 let's have a seat. We're going to get started back.
30 We're now going to go to Item 10 on the agenda. Item
31 10 on the agenda. Mr. Cole.

32 MICHAEL COLE: Okay. My name's Michael
33 Cole. This is my father Clayton Cole. He's the
34 property owner at 439 Lakewood Lane. Read off a short
35 statement. The interim county council -- the interim
36 county administrator, Mr. Burns, has placed himself and
37 the county in contempt of court with the Circuit Court
38 of Appeals. This action by Mr. Burns has opened the
39 door for possible lawsuits from property owners along
40 with Duke Energy. This situation began when
41 Getsinger's Used Cars on Whitehall Road installed a
42 buffer guard fence almost a year ago. Section 38-
43 122(j) ordinance states that all fences and walls must
44 have a finished side fence facing the adjoining
45 residential property. This fence does not and upon
46 inspection by the Building and Codes Department, Mr.
47 Getsinger was told to correct it. He did not and then
48 it went before the County Land Use Board for a variance
49 in December of 2008. The Board denied this variance
50 stating that during the hearing that Duke Energy had

1 been required to correct their fence at the Hartwell
2 Lake water plant setting a precedence for Anderson
3 County to enforce all commercial fences according to
4 that ordinance. At that hearing Mr. Getsinger was
5 given sixty days to correct the fence. He did not and
6 in that time period Mr. Getsinger appealed the Land Use
7 Board decision to the Circuit Court of Appeals. On
8 April the 23rd, 2009 Judge Nicholson heard the appeal
9 and denied it. The date of June 29th, 2009 was then
10 set for the fence to be corrected. Mr. Getsinger was
11 notified. Mr. Getsinger then contacted Councilman
12 Tommy Dunn and he and Mr. Burns the county interim
13 administrator visited the property to look at the
14 fence. Mr. Burns then informed Mr. Getsinger that in
15 the Building and Codes Department that the fence did
16 not have to be corrected. Mr. Burns does not have the
17 authority to change decisions made by the Circuit Court
18 judge, Land Use Board, or ordinance passed by the
19 county council. As of today the fence has not been
20 corrected. We ask that you bring this matter to a
21 quick resolution avoiding this actions -- legal actions
22 by any parties involved in this matter and also opens
23 up the door for Duke Energy to possibly sue the county.
24 My father's got a few words.

25 CLAYTON COLE: My name's Clayton Cole. I'm
26 the property owner that adjoins Getsinger's Used Cars.
27 They put the fence up about a year ago. And what
28 started it he has a big old pit -- part pit bull dog
29 and I was going to put me a wire fence up through
30 there. And he jumped ahead of me and put that eight
31 foot wooden fence up. He told me, he said, I'm not
32 putting the fence up to keep my dog off. I'm putting
33 the fence up to block your view where you can't see
34 out. That's what he did. He put it up eight foot
35 tall. He put the posts in there and set up three times
36 so we -- when it was raining back in the winter time
37 and the wind blowed, it blowed the fence over on me.
38 Over -- nearly over on me. He took trucks and cables,
39 pulled it back up and left it that way for about three
40 months. Then he was told that he had -- the county
41 board said that he had to fix the fence. He put some
42 posts it on the other side and told them he had fixed
43 the fence. All right. That part of the fence fell
44 over on me. A ten foot section of it fell over on me
45 and he went back and put the post back -- me and my son
46 -- it was laying over on my side. We took and flipped
47 it back over off my -- I've got a chain link fence. It
48 was leaning against my fence. He took it and put it
49 back over on the other side. Then he still hasn't done
50 nothing with the dog. Cause that dog still comes up

1 there. He tried to jump that fence to get to me the
2 other day when I was down there in my garden. And the
3 dog comes up there, messes all in my yard and runs --
4 and gets after me and my wife. And I asked -- when I
5 talked to Mr. Burns the other day I told him to ask --
6 that he had no authority to go down there and tell
7 Jimmy Getsinger that he didn't have to fix the fence.
8 Because he was in contempt of court because the judge
9 had already ruled it. So he went -- him and Tommy Dunn
10 went down there and told him he didn't have to fix the
11 fence. All right. The dog's still running loose. I
12 told Mr. Burns, I talked to him several times on the
13 phone, and I've called him since then and he won't
14 answer my call. But the -- also he's took the stob up
15 -- the line stob between me and his house. He's took
16 it up twice. I've asked him to put it back and he's --
17 and I told Mr. Burns to tell him he needs to put it
18 back. He needs to do something with that dog because
19 Mr. Burns has authority over the county animal control
20 and animal control has been called four times. And
21 I've made pictures of the dog up there on my side. He
22 still won't do nothing with the dog. The dog's still
23 running loose. He's been up there two or three times
24 this week and last week. And I want something done
25 about the dog. If he's got control over the animal
26 control he needs to get something done about the dog
27 because the dog is dangerous and he's a nuisance to the
28 people around in our neighborhood. And I also want him
29 to fix that stob back. And also they -- I had -- where
30 I had put my string up the line where I's going to put
31 my fence up, I had put that string up. Jimmy Getsinger
32 come out there and jumped on me about that. Because I
33 put the string up. He said I'm going to put this fence
34 up to block your view. I'm going to sell this. I
35 said, well all I'm going to ask you to do, I talked to
36 him and his daddy two or three times and asked him to
37 keep the dog -- I said, you've got a leash law. You
38 keep the dog in the pen or keep it on a leash and keep
39 it out of my yard. And I called animal control four
40 times and he hadn't -- still hadn't done nothing about
41 it. So that fence is causing a lot of trouble because
42 he's supposed to fix the fence between a residential
43 and a business. The state law -- I mean the county
44 board says that he's got to fix the fence. Put the
45 pickets on the finished side on my side. It's got them
46 old two by fours and posts sticking up there. Got the
47 nails sticking through a quarter of an inch. If
48 anybody backs into it or something when I'm out there
49 working in my garden, them old nails sticking through.
50 He supposed to fix the fence on this side. He went

1 down there and took some planks off of the other and
2 put every other one on this side on that ten foot
3 section. It looks worse than I don't know what. But
4 I'm asking the county council to ask Mr. Burns why he
5 went down there and went over the judge's head when the
6 judge had already ruled to fix it. The county zoning
7 board had already told him to fix it. The building
8 codes had already set up the time to be the June the
9 29th and Mr. Burns went down there the week before and
10 told him he didn't have to fix it. And Mr. Pitts knows
11 when we went to court with Mr. Getsinger and the zoning
12 board, he was there and he knew that Judge Nicholson
13 denied the appeal to have -- the fence had to be fixed
14 on, on my side. I'm asking that y'all do something
15 about it and make Mr. Burns -- he had no right to go
16 down there whatsoever. Him and Mr. Dunn and tell him
17 that he didn't have to fix that fence. Because that's
18 a violation of the judge's orders. Thank you.

19 MICHAEL COLE: Okay. Anybody got any
20 questions?

21 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Pitts, do you know
22 anything about the -- as far as our ordinance on the
23 fences? Maybe you could enlighten us a little bit on
24 what our -- what we can do and cannot do.

25 MIKE PITTS: Just in general.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Since it's been to court.

27 MIKE PITTS: Yeah, yeah, I can give you
28 a little bit of background. The buffer yards ordinance
29 requires that if you build a fence, the pretty side has
30 to face out. And the fence -- I've not seen the fence.
31 My understanding was that there was some dispute about
32 where the pretty side faced in or out. I believe that
33 the building and codes people went down there and found
34 that the fence didn't comply with the ordinance. Mr.
35 Getsinger then went through the appeals process through
36 the Land Use Board, was -- asked for a variance to the
37 buffer yard ordinance. That was denied. And then, as
38 was his right, Mr. Getsinger appealed that to the
39 Circuit Court. There was a hearing in front of Judge
40 Nicholson where Judge Nicholson denied the appeal.
41 Largely because Judge Nicholson found that the issue
42 was moot because Mr. Getsinger represented to the court
43 that the fence had recently blown down in that bad
44 storm we had a few months ago and that he had rebuilt
45 the fence with the pretty side facing out. And that
46 was -- that's the last I heard of it.

47 CLAYTON COLE: The fence was never finished
48 on the other side. That -- he told the judge a lie
49 down there. Getsinger did. The day that thing -- he
50 told me that he had corrected the -- had corrected the

1 problem. He hadn't done nothing but put a few posts on
2 the other side to hold the fence up to keep it from
3 falling over. He told the judge a story and said that
4 the fence had been fixed and it still till today has
5 not been fixed. You can ask Mr. Burns and Mr. Dunn
6 cause they went down there and looked at it. Mr.
7 Getsinger got Mr. Dunn to go down there and look at it
8 and he went and turned and got Mr. Burns to go with him
9 down there. Mr. Dunn told -- I talked to him. He told
10 me he had been down there and visited Mr. Getsinger two
11 times. Mr. Burns was with him. Mr. Burns -- Mr. Dunn
12 said Mr. Burns told him that he didn't -- Mr. Dunn said
13 he didn't have nothing to do with it. Mr. Burns told
14 him that he didn't have to fix the fence. And part of
15 it down there -- part of it on that side and part on
16 this side. And -- cause he's got skipped planks in it.
17 But the other side, he's supposed to finish it on the
18 -- the finished side is supposed to be -- the county
19 building code told him that he had to have the finished
20 side -- that's before he even started the fence -- that
21 the finished side was supposed to be on the property
22 owner's side of the ---

23 MICHAEL COLE: Building and Codes visited
24 the property after the judge's order in April and they
25 told Mr. Getsinger the fence had not been corrected and
26 had to be corrected.

27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

29 BOB WALDREP: I just want to ask Mr. Pitts
30 a question. This issue revolves around what is the
31 pretty side? Is that -- the pretty side of a fence?
32 Is that -- how does one ---

33 MIKE PITTS: Yes. That's my term. It --
34 when you build a fence under this particular ordinance
35 the finished side of the fence has to face outward.

36 BOB WALDREP: The person building the
37 fence has to put the better side toward his neighbor.

38 MIKE PITTS: Yes. That's right.

39 BOB WALDREP: So he presents a prettier
40 fence. Okay.

41 MIKE PITTS: Got it.

42 MICHAEL COLE: Commercial to residential.
43 The used car lot to the residential property.

44 BOB WALDREP: Hold up just a minute. I'm
45 talking to him, okay. Where is this in the litigation
46 status?

47 MIKE PITTS: The litigation's been
48 concluded.

49 BOB WALDREP: It's been concluded?

50 MIKE PITTS: The appeals process was

1 pursued by Mr. Getsinger and that's ---
2 BOB WALDREP: And that's been resolved
3 by the court?
4 MIKE PITTS: It's run its course. Yes,
5 sir.
6 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well I'm just a
7 little concerned about us getting involved in matters
8 which have been litigated. That was just an
9 observation. And then it seems like if we do that we'd
10 have to give the other side an opportunity to come in
11 and talk about this same matter and I guess ---
12 MIKE PITTS: Time has expired.
13 BOB WALDREP: Okay. That was just my
14 concern. Thank you.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I ---
16 EDDIE MOORE: We have to have a motion on
17 the floor to extend the time.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I so move. I
19 make the motion that we extend the time.
20 EDDIE MOORE: How many minutes?
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Six minutes.
22 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the floor
23 to extend the time six minutes. Do I have a second?
24 TOM ALLEN: I'll second.
25 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in
26 favor raise your right hand. All opposed. Time is not
27 extended.
28 CLAYTON COLE: I just want to know how come
29 Mr. Burns had the authority to go down there and do
30 what he done and tell him he doesn't have to fix the
31 fence against the judge's order.
32 EDDIE MOORE: I appreciate, I appreciate
33 you coming up but it's -- it has been in litigation
34 like Mr. Waldrep said and that would probably be your
35 best avenue would be to continue with your litigation.
36 I appreciate your coming and I appreciate you sharing
37 that and we will look at -- we will look at the
38 ordinance on the fence and make sure that it's
39 clarified. If there's any confusion in it then we may
40 -- if we have to modify it, we will. We understand
41 your concerns. We appreciate you coming up and telling
42 us all -- everything about it. Because that is an
43 issue that probably needs to be addressed. Thank you
44 very much.
45 MICHAEL COLE: See you in court.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, point of order
47 please.
48 EDDIE MOORE: We now go on to Item ---
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, point of order
50 please.

1 EDDIE MOORE: What's your point of order?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question please.
3 Okay.
4 EDDIE MOORE: What's your point of order?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.
6 EDDIE MOORE: The time has expired. Ask
7 your question.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I can't
9 understand why the people about the cars. The train
10 station -- the, the, the train cars are in litigation
11 as well. They are in litigation with the railroad
12 people. But how come we listen to them but we aren't
13 willing to listen to these men with the problem that
14 they have. I don't understand that.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Your point of order is not
16 taken well. We're going to now go to Item number 11,
17 ordinance and its third reading.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I appeal, I appeal the
19 decision of the Chair.
20 EDDIE MOORE: There is an appeal from the
21 decision of the Chair. Do I have a second? We now
22 move on to Item 11 on the ordinance.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: It's not over.
24 EDDIE MOORE: Third reading 2009-016. A
25 rezoning request by Hugh King owner of 1.49 acres. Mr.
26 Bill West. This is the third reading. Anyone have any
27 questions about it? Mr. Burns. Okay. I think we --
28 do I have a motion on the floor to move?
29 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
30 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second? I have
31 a second. Any discussion? All in favor raise your
32 right hand. Unanimous. No go to Item 12, second
33 reading. 2009-06 ordinance amending chapter two
34 article five of Anderson County Code of Ordinances
35 pertaining to purchasing and other matters related
36 thereto. A public hearing. The public hearing is now
37 open.
38 CANDY KERN FULLER: Mr. Chair, my name is
39 Candy Kern Fuller. I reside in Mr. Allen's district.
40 As this ordinance was read in name only last time and
41 it was not included in the agenda packet, I visited Ms.
42 Gilstrap this morning and she kindly provided me a copy
43 of it. Ms. Eddleman. I'm sorry. I have a great
44 concern about one particular part of the ordinance and
45 that's an addition to the ordinance that is not in our
46 current code. The new section in Section 2-651
47 exemptions. These items are exempted from the
48 competition portion of the code. Particularly the
49 items that are exempted are telephones and pagers.
50 There's also a number of items such as fresh fruits,

1 vegetables, meats, fish, milk and eggs. Articles for
2 commercial resale. I'm not sure if that's the
3 paperback novel or not. In any case, speaker and
4 musician fees and advertising time on radio stations.
5 For all of these we have no competitive bidding. Why?
6 Why would we not want to have competitive bidding for
7 telephones and pagers and advertising and products such
8 as fresh fruits, meats and vegetables? Who are we
9 giving preference to to the detriment of Anderson
10 County? Thank you.

11 FEMALE: Again, I would just mention
12 that -- see, those are all things that are new to me
13 because I didn't have a copy of the ordinance to read,
14 to study, so that I would be prepared for this. And so
15 I guess my concern is that if we have a situation where
16 an ordinance has gone through first reading and we are
17 at the second reading stage that it be posted on the
18 web site and that if that is not possible that at least
19 a copy of said ordinance be handed to us on the way
20 into the meeting with the agenda so that -- I mean I
21 kind of feel like I ought to be a congressman to vote
22 on something that I haven't read yet. That's kind of
23 how I feel. I'm just at a loss. And while I think in
24 theory what I've heard batted around about the change
25 in the procurement code makes sense, I can see some
26 issues with it. Thank you very much. Now that I'm up
27 at the microphone. At any rate, I think in theory
28 there are some things -- some changes that were made in
29 this and I think the motive behind them was good. But
30 I think I can already foresee several issues with the
31 ordinance and so I would just ask that in this
32 situation and in any future ordinance that changes and
33 amends what is already a county policy that we probably
34 are familiar with, those of us that care to read those
35 policies, that that be provided somehow to your average
36 Joe Blow. You can't have it both ways. You can't have
37 us -- you can't want us to be involved and care about
38 the good of Anderson County and what you're attempting
39 to do up there to tweak things to be better for
40 Anderson County but then not provide us with the
41 information to be informed citizens. And that's not a
42 criticism. It just is a statement of fact. It is very
43 frustrating when you continue to show up for these
44 meetings and you try to be an informed productive
45 member of Anderson County and I feel like I was stymied
46 on this one. And I was on the web site yesterday and
47 could not, could not get this. So just something to
48 think about in the future, that these ordinances
49 immediately after first reading go on the web site.
50 And if that's not possible that it be made available

1 here at the meeting. That it be made available ahead
2 of the meeting. Something. So that those of us that
3 do care to read through that have the opportunity to do
4 so. So that we can comment to you in this very portion
5 of the meeting to let you -- to give you feedback on
6 what we see are pros and cons or maybe considerations
7 of those ordinances. I appreciate it.

8 MARK POWELL: I think we're supposed to
9 say where we're from. Maybe. Maybe not. Mark Powell,
10 District Seven, Williamston. You know, as you read
11 through the Blogosphere which is an interesting place
12 to hang out, they like to fuss at you guys about things
13 like this. Like showing up and not having it posted.
14 It would be nice to have it. But you know, I don't
15 think I've seen it in the past and I think it's going
16 to take a while before we get up to speed and having
17 everything that we'd like to have, honest and open
18 government. There's some complaints from a lot of
19 people out there. Some of them are rather stupid. But
20 -- I say that with lots of pun. They seem to want to
21 complain and they want to say it's bad but, you know,
22 we shouldn't be buying eggs. We shouldn't be buying
23 raw meat. I guess you could have a cookout but you're
24 going to send out a bid to Bi-lo. You're going to send
25 out a bid out to Kroger. You're going to send out one
26 to Bloom to find out who's got the best price on having
27 hamburgers in case y'all are going to have a cookout.
28 You know, that's about the stupidest thing I ever
29 heard. You guys are doing a great job. It would be
30 nice to have these things posted online just to shut up
31 certain people who like to complain and find every
32 little nit picky thing they can that they think you
33 guys do wrong. So we appreciate the work you do.
34 They're also concerned about micro managing. As I read
35 through the Blogosphere they say stuff like trust.
36 Yes. I trust you guys. Did I trust the past? No. Is
37 this all actually necessary while you guys are sitting
38 on council? No. Was it unfortunately not there in the
39 past? Yes. But by putting it there it will be there
40 for the future so I think it's a good thing. Keep up
41 the good work. Let's try to get it posted early so
42 people won't have the right to get on and fuss so much.
43 Don't forget that -- you can probably have the
44 strawberries. Do you have to go out to bid for
45 strawberries? Probably not.

46 FEMALE: I can talk more than once
47 just to make myself clear. That was not a criticism.

48 EDDIE MOORE: You can't come back again.
49 I'm sorry. We -- you have one time. We would be here
50 all night if we get into a debate.

1 FEMALE: I'll address it with Mr.
2 Powell privately.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Okay. Anyone else?
4 BOB WALDREP: Go get him.
5 MALE: I'm a little concerned about
6 not putting certain things out to bid. If I remember
7 and I did sit in to some of these budget meetings and
8 not all of them, I got a little slack by not sitting in
9 them, but I did look at the paperwork. I believe it's
10 six figures for these communications devices - cell
11 phones, monthly access, internet, Blackberries y'all
12 use. Six figures and you're not going to put that out
13 to bid when you're looking at nickels and dimes to keep
14 you afloat. I'm sure that if you put this out to bid
15 you'd probably get five to ten percent savings easily.
16 Probably more. Communications devices are getting
17 cheaper. Plans are getting more competitive. Why
18 would you not put something like this in your
19 competitive bid package when you're bidding for lawyers
20 and services and, you know, Palmetto 800, all these
21 things you're putting out to bid. Why would you not
22 put this also in that plan. You're looking to save
23 money. This is something that is easily a cost saving
24 area. Why would you not look at that as well instead
25 of exempting that. There's something odd about that.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
28 EDDIE MOORE: We'll comment just as soon
29 as we get the public hearing over.
30 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else at public
32 hearing?
33 TOMMY DUNN: No. And I'm sorry. I
34 wasn't thinking. I went brain dead for a minute.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Seeing none, hearing none,
36 public hearing is now closed. Do I have a motion on
37 the floor to move?
38 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
39 BOB WALDREP: If I may, I would move at
40 this time to carry this over until the next meeting and
41 consideration of this until a following meeting to give
42 everybody an opportunity to review this a little bit
43 more thoroughly. And I have some more comments to make
44 if I can get that motion on the floor. And let me say
45 this. I know that people have been adverse to this
46 motion to carry over. They like to do the tabling
47 deal. I think that tabling is too drastic for this.
48 That just by merely postponing it until -- for
49 consideration till next meeting would probably be more
50 workable.

1 RON WILSON: Second.
2 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
3 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
4 floor and we have a second. Any discussion?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. What is the motion
6 for? Postponing and tabling? Maybe I'm just lax in
7 this area of Robert's Rule of Parliamentary Procedure
8 but tabling and postponing? You know, what's the
9 difference? Tabling I know that you don't have to --
10 tabling you don't have -- you have to -- there's no
11 discussion. And I'm not asking you. I want to ask our
12 attorney. Please explain that piece of the
13 parliamentary -- you're laughing folks, but this is
14 where, this is where corrections to Robert's Rules is
15 supposed to come from. The attorneys. That's why we
16 pay them the big bucks. So everything is not funny.
17 Go ahead.
18 MIKE PITTS: I believe under Robert's
19 Rules is tabling is if you just postpone indefinitely
20 and then you would -- under Robert's Rules there's a
21 motion to postpone until a specified date when you
22 would take it back up on consideration. So one
23 postpones it indefinitely. The other postpones it
24 until a date certain.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I thank you, Mr.
26 Pitts.
27 EDDIE MOORE: So we have the motion on
28 the floor and it's been seconded to postpone until the
29 next meeting allowing for it to be posted on the web
30 site and we'll make sure that everyone has copies that
31 wants a copy of it and it'll give us time to get it on
32 the web site. So that motion has been seconded. Any
33 more discussion?
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
35 BOB WALDREP: Go ahead.
36 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Go ahead Mr.
37 Waldrep.
38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
39 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. I make
40 that motion ...
41 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE
42 BOB WALDREP: -- that this procurement
43 code has been worked on by you and by Mr. Dunn and by
44 others perhaps and I frankly have been somewhat remiss
45 in not really getting down and absorbing each facet of
46 this procurement code because it's -- it covers a lot
47 of territory and we're doing new things but the whole
48 purpose of what we're trying to do here is to simply
49 make sure that people have a competition opportunity in
50 this county to bid on county services. And it's been a

1 real concern of mine since I've been on council,
2 particularly the last two years. For example when we
3 had a sixteen million dollar contract that was not bid
4 out. And so sometimes we strain at gnats and swallow
5 camels and I do understand that. We talk about fresh
6 fruit on one minute and then, you know, we talk about a
7 lot of stuff out there having to do with major
8 purchases. But anyway I just wanted council to know
9 that I really appreciate the work that has been done.
10 We obviously need to do a little bit more and get a
11 copy of what we've got out there. So I just wanted to
12 make those comments. Thank you.

13 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

14 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

15 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. There was a
16 typo on line twenty on page five. I think we need to
17 make the addition of shall approve and make such
18 approval publically. And then on the exemptions that
19 was very problematic for me as well. There were
20 several items that were of concern there as were noted
21 by one of our citizens. I do believe that on the
22 fruits, vegetables, etcetera, that probably pertains to
23 the detention center acquisition of foods for the
24 prisoners. But there's several other items in here
25 that I know in my years on council I saw for example
26 where there was a radio station paid large amounts of
27 money for what was actually press release material that
28 the county should have sent and they should have posted
29 as all the others already did. I know I've also
30 expressed concerns about the telephone, pager bills and
31 use and registration fees and certainly advertising and
32 so forth. So perhaps we could refine it a little bit
33 better than leaving those items up to not be bid out.
34 I'm -- I know y'all have worked really hard and I
35 really greatly appreciate it. Because as Mr. Waldrep
36 pointed out we did have the Motorola project last year.
37 It never was bid out. That was -- I think it was
38 probably thirteen million dollars plus. And we had
39 some concerns -- the concerns that we had is we were
40 not getting the complete package of information. The
41 attorney in that case never reviewed the paperwork
42 until third reading and there were some nuts and bolts
43 issues and so forth on the contract that were never
44 completely vetted. It's not that we were ever opposed
45 to eight hundred megahertz but the form in which the
46 county was taking it was very problematic. So I
47 appreciate the chance that we'll have to more
48 thoroughly vet out some of the exemptions. And I
49 appreciate it.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. First of all
3 when you talk about the attorney never reviewing
4 anything, I think we have got to be careful. Because
5 the attorney is not here to defend him or herself.
6 Secondly I understand that you have committees to do
7 all the work. But being a member of the council I
8 still would like to be involved in what's going on. I
9 get to see things when they come up for voting.
10 Knowing I'm going to be out voted. It doesn't concern
11 me all that much, but I sure would like to have a say
12 so. Another thing, about the megahertz thing a couple
13 of years ago. It was told over and over and over again
14 that we didn't have to put it out to bid because we got
15 it from the state procurement people. So we didn't --
16 it did not have to be put out to bid. But you know
17 sometimes it's hard for some people to understand some
18 things. I too enjoy ... If they are finished may I go
19 on?

20 EDDIE MOORE: Please.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Okay. I know
22 now from years of experience -- well the -- I too think
23 it's a good idea that we put this aside for tabling or
24 whatever else you're going to call it. No, I'm not
25 crying. I'm not crying, sir. You better believe it.
26 When I cry, you're going to know it. But as I was
27 saying, I think it's a good idea for us to put this on
28 the -- to put this off for a while so people who did
29 not get a chance to see this or even know about it can
30 have a look see to see what's in it. Because a lot of
31 the things here it doesn't appear to be right.
32 Especially a couple of years ago when we had to out-
33 source our telephone thing. We did a new telephone
34 deal and we had to get bids in to do it. And it was,
35 it was some money. I was going to explain to the man
36 in the back back there that the eggs are for the
37 detention center. We do have people we have to feed.
38 So you know when you don't know things -- I understand
39 you make mistakes. But be willing to, be willing to
40 acknowledge the mistakes that you make. Okay. Yeah.
41 Me too. Okay. All right. And I just thank you for
42 that.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

44 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
45 just have a question. We're carrying this forward to
46 the next meeting. Does that also mean that will be a
47 public hearing?

48 EDDIE MOORE: We will do a public hearing
49 one more time. We sure will. And it will be second
50 reading next time.

1 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 EDDIE MOORE: And if y'all have -- now
3 council members, I remind you -- I gave you copies of
4 this at the last meeting. And those copies was for you
5 to make any comments that you had on it. So please
6 feel free to take those copies that we gave you and
7 look them over and make comments on them. And either
8 call me on the phone or call Mr. Pitts there. He's the
9 one compiling all this. If you have any concerns or
10 any questions, please call him and we'll, you know,
11 make sure that your comments are addressed.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: But question. It was not --
13 this new part wasn't in there the last time. About the
14 telephones and the eggs and all. That wasn't all in
15 there.
16 EDDIE MOORE: You've got it now so you've
17 got ---
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I've got it now.
19 EDDIE MOORE: You've got two weeks.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: I've got it now, but I
21 didn't have it the last time.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Those, those that -- what
23 you're talking about what you've got there was comments
24 that council members have made.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: When?
26 EDDIE MOORE: We gave it to you at the
27 last meeting.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
29 EDDIE MOORE: And we turned them in to Mr.
30 Pitts and he compiled them.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Mine -- it did not have the
32 other part in it those.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Those were comments that
34 were made that were -- other council members made and
35 we gave them to Mr. Pitts. And you had the opportunity
36 to do that too, Ms. Floyd.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I understand that and
38 I thank you for that. But the problem is I did not
39 know about this until tonight -- I mean until I got my
40 thing on Friday.
41 EDDIE MOORE: I gave you a copy of it
42 last ---
43 GRACIE FLOYD: You gave me a copy but it
44 did not include ---
45 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have to read it for
46 you?
47 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Can you read?
48 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We're going to
49 move on. We'll now vote ---
50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Can I have

1 the floor?

2 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Mr. Dunn.

3 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to clear
4 something up before it gets way misconstrued about the
5 bidding process. And I wish everybody will take this
6 and take time to look at it. Never is it we're not
7 going to bid out telephones or this, that and the
8 other. It says it will not be put in a bid box and be
9 voted on by county council for approval. That was the
10 exception that would be still be handled the same.
11 Last council hasn't approved and voted this stuff.
12 This certain thing. That's, that's where this is
13 coming -- that's where this is not -- this stuff won't
14 be put out for bids or what not. The powers that be. I
15 just wanted clear that up. And I think it is a good
16 idea to -- for Mr. Waldrep's motion to carry this over.
17 Everybody look cause I've got some questions myself.
18 Again, I would like to get with Mr. Carroll and --
19 about it basically. Whatever we do we need to do it
20 for the betterment of Anderson County. But we don't
21 want to shut down the county. We'll make sure it runs,
22 runs smooth too. Make no mistakes on that. And I
23 thank you for your time.

24 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll now vote
25 on postponing for two weeks. All in favor raise your
26 right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Now go to 13. R2009-
27 59, a resolution approving proposed reorganization of
28 Charter Communications. Mr. Burns and Mr. Pitts.

29 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, this
30 resolution comes about as the result of Charter's
31 filing for voluntary bankruptcy and because of the way
32 in which the ownership structure of Charter
33 Communications, Inc. has changed as a result of the
34 reorganization plan. Charter has filed a request with
35 the Federal Communications Commission that the, that
36 the license it holds from the FCC be assigned from
37 Charter Communications, Inc. to Charter Communications,
38 Inc. The reason for the request of the assignment is
39 the change in ownership structure and this simply as a
40 franchising authority we've been asked to consent to
41 that assignment by or -- by the FCC. And this
42 resolution consents to it. It basically says that
43 everything stays in place. Charter, you know, still
44 has the same deal it's always had with the county.

45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

46 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: Do we need to put this up
48 for a vote and then have discussion? Okay. Cause I
49 would like -- I've got several questions.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a motion on the

1 floor to pass the resolution?

2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

4 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Now we'll
5 go into discussion.

6 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you. If this
7 is -- if we have the problems with Charter in its new
8 reorganization that we've had with the old Charter I
9 can promise y'all I'll vote against it. We've had so
10 many people calling -- citizens calling because Charter
11 has the monopoly here in the county. They've had very
12 poor response and addressing of their complaints by
13 Charter. Many times they would complain that they
14 couldn't even ever get a live person. And I'm
15 wondering how this particular resolution impacts the
16 resolution I think that we did for AT&T. Hopefully
17 they were going to take Charter's place. Charter has
18 just been such a bad word in this county for so long
19 and we give them a monopoly and now the state pretty
20 much governs that. But is there some way we could get
21 a few answers so if -- we know whether we have to vote
22 for this. Or if we can make some changes and, and
23 force having them respond to the citizens? And by the
24 way I don't have Charter.

25 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

27 BOB WALDREP: Just right quick. Mr.
28 Chairman, as I understand it there was a council then
29 and of course Mr. Pitts and the administrator. We lost
30 our leverage to have any input with Charter when the
31 state lobbied somehow or another to put it all under
32 one state franchise in some way. And that's what I
33 understand is the reason that we -- we used to have
34 some input because we had local licensing. And that
35 worked. What I thought very well. But that was, that
36 was taken away from us. I don't know how we can ever
37 get any leverage again.

38 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: Going from that just brought
41 up another question in my mind. Then what is this --
42 what good is this resolution if we have no leverage?
43 Does it make any difference whether we vote or not?

44 MIKE PITTS: We've been asked to consent
45 to it.

46 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

47 MIKE PITTS: It's part of the FCC
48 requirements.

49 TOM ALLEN: Okay. This is, this is
50 probably just for a reorganization like a lot of

1 companies are doing now. So I don't see any big
2 changes coming. But what if we don't vote for it?
3 What if we vote against it? What happens then? Or is
4 everybody -- nobody's going to have TV in the county
5 any more because eighty percent of the people have
6 Charter?

7 MIKE PITTS: I think, I think we've
8 crossed the line into stuff that would involve a legal
9 discussion that probably ought best be done in
10 executive session, as far of the consequences of, of
11 not entering into this.

12 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

13 MIKE PITTS: With all due respect,
14 Mr. Allen.

15 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just
16 waved at the man from Charter and he just cut his
17 machine off.

18 TOM ALLEN: Because you didn't pay
19 your bill last month.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Maybe we want to table this
21 one for next meeting too.

22 TOMMY DUNN: I think, Mr. Chairman, this
23 could be on a time frame.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

25 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to check. This
26 might be on a time frame or something. I don't know.
27 Might want to get this thing -- is it? I'm just asking
28 something ---

29 MIKE PITTS: It's time sensitive.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Time sensitive.

31 MIKE PITTS: It is.

32 EDDIE MOORE: I still want to know if we
33 don't vote for it what's going to happen?

34 MIKE PITTS: I'll be happy to discuss
35 the legal ramifications with y'all in executive
36 session.

37 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to make a motion
38 to go into executive session. Before I vote for
39 something I want to know what I'm voting for.

40 CINDY WILSON: Second.

41 EDDIE MOORE: I've got a second.

42 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

43 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
44 right hand. All opposed. Everyone voted for it except
45 Ms. Floyd. We'll now go into executive session for a
46 few minutes.

47 EXECUTIVE SESSION

48 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a motion to come
49 out of executive session?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Motion.

1 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion. Do I have
2 a second?

3 CINDY WILSON: Second.

4 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
5 right hand. We're now out of executive session.

6 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted
7 to make sure where we were on the vote when we went
8 into executive session. Did we have a motion to
9 approve the resolution at that time? Okay.

10 EDDIE MOORE: One second. Any more
11 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
12 opposed. Unanimous. We now go to the amended
13 resolution. Resolution supporting a grant to request
14 Appalachian Region Commission, ARC, to match an
15 economic development administration EDA grant
16 application for the purpose of retrofitting the Clemson
17 University Business Accelerator which is located within
18 the Clemson University Advance Materials Center and all
19 other matters related thereto.

20 Whereas, Anderson County Council applauds and
21 supports efforts that attract economic development to
22 the Tri County region of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens
23 Counties; and

24 Whereas, County Council Chairmen from
25 Anderson, Oconee and Pickens County recently met with
26 the mission to form a cohesive vision for the economic
27 advancement of the Tri County region; and

28 Whereas, Clemson University Research
29 Foundation a 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1986 to
30 support research and business incubation at Clemson
31 University is in the final stages of purchasing a fifty
32 one thousand square foot vacant building within the
33 Clemson University Advance Materials Center; and

34 Whereas, the Clemson University Research
35 Foundation intends to divide the building into a
36 consolidation office space for IT professionals
37 employed by Clemson University in a twenty-eight
38 thousand square foot innovation center which will house
39 recruited high technology like manufacturing startups
40 into a business accelerator environment; and

41 Whereas, the CURF business accelerator will
42 allow these startups the opportunity to grow while
43 remaining flexible with space and lease arrangements to
44 ensure these companies the best chance for successful
45 ventures while promoting the knowledge based economic
46 in the Tri County region; and

47 Whereas, CURF has applied for an EDA grant to
48 fund one half of the build-out costs estimated at two
49 to two and a half million dollars; and

50 Whereas, the accordance with the mission and

1 goals of Clemson Research Foundation efforts to foster
2 economic development in our region Anderson County
3 Council fully supports this project and all efforts to
4 pursue ARC grant funding to match EDA grant funds for
5 this endeavor.

6 And now therefore it is hereby resolved by the
7 County Council:

8 1. The Clemson Research Foundation project
9 is a con -- is in concert with Anderson County
10 Council's plan to promote economic development in
11 Anderson County and further support efforts between
12 Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties for mutual
13 benefit of the Tri County region. The Anderson County
14 Council fully supports assisting CURF for the efforts
15 by pursuing an ARC grant to fund the remaining cost of
16 the project.

17 This proclamation shall take effect and be in
18 force immediately upon enactment.

19 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

20 EDDIE MOORE: The motion is -- have a
21 seconded?

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a second.
24 Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
25 Unanimous. It passes. We now go to Item 14 on the
26 agenda. Appointments. Ms. Wilson.

27 CINDY WILSON: Yes. Thank you. I would
28 like to appoint Mr. Chase Heatherly to the Anderson
29 County Museum Board representing District Seven and Mr.
30 David Bruso to Tax Appeals Board representing District
31 Seven and replacing Mr. Lawton McIntosh who will become
32 a judge. He's retiring from this position. And also
33 reappointing Mrs. Julie Hart to the Library Board. And
34 I would like to put those all in the form of a motion
35 please.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made by Ms. Wilson on
37 her appointments. Do I have second?

38 BOB WALDREP: Second.

39 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
40 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
41 Unanimous. Any more Ms. Wilson?

42 CINDY WILSON: Those are all the
43 appointments. Thank you.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

45 BOB WALDREP: No appointments.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

47 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir. None at this time.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

49 RON WILSON: No appointments.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

1 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I have four
2 appointments for the District Four. That would be Ms.
3 Terry Brooks on the Accommodations Tax Advisory
4 Commission. Mr. Don Acevedo on the Airport Commission.
5 Mr. Mike Buckner on the Board of Assessment Appeals.
6 And Ms. Mona Fleming, Behavioral Health Services Board.
7 Those are the four folks I'd like to nominate.
8 CINDY WILSON: Second.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
10 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
11 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
12 Unanimous. Ms. Floyd.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to appoint
14 Mr. Butch Clinkscales to the Anderson County Sports and
15 Entertainment Advisory Committee. I would like to
16 appoint Datrick L. Jefferson to the Planning Commission
17 for District Two. To the Economic Development Board I
18 would like to appoint William F. Mickey, Jr. to that
19 Board. And I put this in the form of a motion.
20 EDDIE MOORE: We have on the floor, Ms.
21 Floyd?
22 CINDY WILSON: Second.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?
24 CINDY WILSON: Second.
25 EDDIE MOORE: I have second. All in
26 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Any more, Ms.
27 Floyd?
28 GRACIE FLOYD: No.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a few to
30 make. On the Athletic Commission I would like to
31 appoint David Bannister on Farmer Road. On Human
32 Relations Council I would like to nominate Ms. Doris
33 Reed on Jones Road. I would like to reappoint Russell
34 Vickery on the Planning Commission. Mr. Ron Gilreath
35 on Parks and Recreation. And I enter that in the form
36 of a motion.
37 CINDY WILSON: Second.
38 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
39 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
40 Unanimous. Anyone else have any appointments?
41 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might.
42 Yeah, I just wanted to make note of something. A
43 letter was sent out from the clerk of council's office
44 about a week or so ago to look at all of these
45 commissions and boards that we have. There are twenty-
46 two of them and we appoint of course at least one
47 person from each district so we're looking at well over
48 a hundred and fifty people that we appoint. Some of
49 the boards really don't meet very often. Some are
50 required by state law. I thank Ms. Eddleman's office

1 for that and I, I want to stay on top of this. I think
2 we need to look at some of these commissions and boards
3 and find out are they really effective? Do we really
4 need them or do we need to do something to bolster
5 their morale a little bit if you will. So I just
6 wanted to make a comment on that and we'll probably be
7 hearing results back from that in the next couple of
8 weeks. Thank you.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And I'd also like to
10 make a comment. If any of you out there would like to
11 serve we still have a lot of boards that's blank or
12 have -- people have gone off some of the boards. And
13 some of them are pretty good boards too. Anyone who
14 would be interested be sure and let us know if you'd be
15 interested in serving. We now go on to Item 15,
16 requests by council members. Ms. Wilson.

17 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 From District Seven's recreation account and in the
19 form of a motion please appropriate five thousand
20 dollars to the Caroline Community Center in
21 Williamston.

22 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the
23 floor for Ms. Floyd -- I mean Ms. Wilson. Do I have a
24 second?

25 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

26 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
27 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
28 Unanimous. Mr. Waldrep.

29 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
30 ask for an appropriation from my District One
31 recreation account of twenty-five hundred dollars for
32 scholarships for art camp. These are for students that
33 -- from families who could not ordinarily afford to go
34 through the art program in the county.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor with
36 Mr. Waldrep.

37 CINDY WILSON: Second.

38 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
39 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
40 Unanimous. Anymore Mr. Waldrep?

41 BOB WALDREP: That's it. Thank you.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

43 TOMMY DUNN: No, sir.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

45 RON WILSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I
46 had spoken to you earlier and also the administrator
47 Rusty Burns. Last week or last meeting I should have
48 asked for the balance of my paving account to be used
49 at the Powdersville Fire Department. They're repaving
50 the parking lots and expanding them and so forth. And

1 so I would move to do that at this time.

2 CINDY WILSON: Second.

3 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
4 floor and we have a second. Any discussion? All in
5 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Any more, Mr.
6 Wilson? Okay. Mr. Allen.

7 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm so
8 excited I think I actually have money in my recreation
9 account now, so I'll be handing dollar bills out to
10 everybody after the meeting. No seriously, there,
11 there are three items that I'd like to bring up
12 tonight. I'd like to allocate three thousand seven
13 hundred and fifty dollars to the Double Springs Parks
14 and Recreation Development. The purpose of this is to
15 get matching grant from the state for fifteen thousand
16 dollars. This is going to be a really great multiplier
17 for those folks. The second item that I have is again
18 for Double Springs, nine Hundred and five dollars and
19 this is for rental of portable restrooms that they have
20 out at the park. And the third and final item is at
21 Sandy Springs park. That's also another nine hundred
22 and five dollars for portable restroom facilities in
23 those locations. So those are the three items I'd like
24 to allocate.

25 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
26 discussion? Ms. Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: When you were going -- when
28 you all were going through the budget system, did --
29 wasn't it a concern about matching grants. Wasn't
30 something said about we were not going to do money for
31 matching grants or did I just -- I just misunderstood
32 that one?

33 EDDIE MOORE: I don't remember that
34 discussion.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns.

37 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, there was a
38 matching grants account. What we're doing in this
39 situation is taking the recreation money in Mr. Allen's
40 district or any other council member's district and
41 we're using that to match Parks and Recreation
42 Development funds. That's an eighty-twenty split and
43 so that's what Mr. Allen's doing in this case.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But something was
45 said about matching grants. Was it not?

46 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought so.

48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought so. Okay. Thank
50 you. That's what I needed to know.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody else? All
2 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Do
3 you have anymore, Mr. Allen?
4 TOM ALLEN: No, sir.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I asked -- on
7 the 22nd I asked Ms. Eddleman to please look at my
8 account and see what money was in there that was left
9 over. And it was determined that I had twenty-three
10 dollars and two cents remaining on the commitment to
11 Broadway Lake repairs and I'm requesting that to be put
12 back. And also I have nine hundred and fifty-seven
13 dollars and sixty cents on the commitment to clean up
14 District Two projects. I'm requesting that to be put
15 back. As well as three hundred and eight dollars and
16 seventy-nine cents was spent on gloves, working gloves
17 for Keep America Beautiful. That money should not have
18 been spent for that. The money was to go to District
19 Two directly for clean-up projects. The gloves are
20 being used by Anderson County, the whole of Anderson
21 County, and I don't think it's fair for District Two to
22 have to pay for gloves for the whole county when the
23 money was supposed to be just for District Two. So I
24 would like to have Keep American Beautiful to please
25 put the money back, three oh eight seventy-nine, as
26 well as put six hundred and forty-eight dollars and
27 eighty-one cents back into District Two's account.
28 Thank you. That's in the form of a motion.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second? I have
30 a second. All in favor. Any discussion?
31 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. Yes. How did
32 that happen? Was that an appropriation that District
33 Two made for a specific project and then it was issued
34 through a county department?
35 GRACIE FLOYD: The -- it happened when a
36 thousand dollars was allocated to Keep America
37 Beautiful to put on their activities for District Two.
38 When they did work in District Two we always had a big
39 cookout or party or celebration for getting the
40 neighborhoods clean. And the money was supposed to
41 have gone for that. But instead I was, I was told that
42 three hundred and eight dollars was spent for working
43 gloves that everybody wears. And District Two is not,
44 is not going to pay for working gloves for the whole
45 county unless we divide the three oh eight and seventy-
46 nine cents up into seven parts and everybody pays a
47 part for the, for the gloves.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else?
49 BOB WALDREP: I didn't get any gloves in
50 my district.

1 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Nobody else.
2 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
3 Anymore appropriations, Ms. Floyd?
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Not at this time.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I would like to
6 make some appropriations. Three thousand dollars to
7 Ebenezer Fire Department. Seven hundred fifty dollars
8 to the Belton Area Museum Association for the
9 historical marker they're going to put out there. Five
10 hundred dollars to the Town of Iva for recreational
11 activities. And five hundred dollars for the
12 recreation fund for the Senior Farmers Market in the
13 City of Belton. I make that in the form of a motion.
14 CINDY WILSON: Second.
15 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
16 discussion?
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Eddie, please excuse
20 this, but I'm just trying to keep it straight. Okay.
21 I -- at one meeting Mr. Dunn said that the money should
22 not be spent to fire departments. Now he said that in
23 one of the meetings that we should not spend rec money
24 in the fire departments. And I didn't know whether
25 that passed or what. Because I do have an allocation I
26 would like to make to Broadway Fire. I have not -- I
27 don't usually -- I have -- I don't usually spend money
28 on a fire department from my rec account. I did it for
29 the Fourth ---
30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, ---
31 GRACIE FLOYD: What a minute. I'm not
32 through. For the Fourth of July I did it so they could
33 have a picnic, a community picnic. But it was not for
34 the fire department. So if we can still do that I
35 think it's great, but I thought we were going to cut
36 that one out too.
37 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, Ebenezer Fire
38 Station has a large park beside it. It has a walking
39 track, picnic tables and all kind of stuff, so it's for
40 -- they asked for it so I'm going to give it to them.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That wasn't a
42 problem. I -- you know, you didn't say that. You just
43 said for the fire department. I don't care what you
44 use it for. All I want to know is that we can use our
45 rec money for fire department.
46 EDDIE MOORE: It's your rec money. Use
47 it for what you want to.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know, I thought
49 so too. But when he said that I thought y'all were
50 going to put up another rule.

1 EDDIE MOORE: No.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Silly me.
3 EDDIE MOORE: It's your money.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Any other discussion? All
6 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay.
7 Anyone else have any appropriation? Now go to Item 16,
8 the administrator's report.
9 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have
10 three items to report by the county attorney.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
12 MIKE PITTS: It just -- in keeping with
13 the resolution requirements to update council when new
14 legal matters are instituted and lawyers are hired.
15 Since council last met there's been three legal
16 proceedings instituted involving the county. Two of
17 those have been tendered to the South Carolina
18 Insurance Reserve Fund and the fund in two of the three
19 cases has retained a lawyer named Steve Pruitt. And
20 then the second lawsuit a lawyer by the name of Victor
21 McDade has been retained to defend Anderson County.
22 The third is just a routine foreclosure case that the
23 county gets all the time and Nexsen Pruet will be
24 handling that as the county attorney.
25 RUSTY BURNS: That concludes the report,
26 Mr. Chairman.
27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item
28 17, citizens' comments.
29 MIKE PITTS: We have four citizens signed
30 up tonight. The first is Thomas Culbertson. If I'm
31 reading that correctly.
32 THOMAS CULBERTSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 I'm Thomas Culbertson from county council District One.
34 And as you all know in the last few years Ms. Wilson
35 has suffered some great financial expenses from legal
36 action taken by members of this council and the former
37 council and by the former administrator and she was
38 simply trying to do her job. She was asking for
39 records and all just, just to do her job that she was
40 elected to do. And I feel like that this county should
41 go back and reimburse Ms. Wilson because she was
42 working for the people of this county. And I would
43 like for you ladies and gentlemen up there just to
44 consider that. Thank you.
45 MIKE PITTS: All right. Next we have
46 Leslie White.
47 LESLIE WHITE: It's me again. Mr.
48 Chairman, I just wanted to take a minute to make sure
49 that what I said earlier was not misunderstood. I
50 offered my feelings about the ordinance as constructive

1 criticism as a way to make the process work better.
2 Not only for you all but for us as well. So I just
3 wanted to make that clear that that was certainly not a
4 ding or me standing up here nit picking or whatever and
5 I've explained this to Mr. Powell at great length. But
6 I've never been on whatever blog they're talking about,
7 so it wasn't me that he was talking about. I just
8 wanted to clear that up. And I just wanted to say
9 thank you very much. I know there was a lot of work
10 done on that ordinance. On the procurement. I think
11 the motivation is good. Again I would just say that I
12 think maybe for future reference if we could have some
13 kind of policy, some kind of procedure where it is
14 available to us to view before it comes up for public
15 hearing and second reading. I think that benefits you
16 all to have our input and it certainly benefits us to
17 be more aware of what's exactly going on with those.
18 So I would just like to clear up any confusion about
19 that. I strictly was offering that as a concerned
20 citizen and expressing to you what my concerns about
21 that were and a way I thought was a simple way to
22 resolve that. So I just wanted to make that clear. It
23 wasn't me out in some blogosphere somewhere nit
24 picking. I don't even go on a blog, so thank you for
25 listening and I appreciate the hard work on that.

26 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.
27 ELIZABETH FANT: I want to address four
28 issues. Freedoms, economics, entrepreneurship, family
29 friendly and community effort. This is not the right
30 place. July fourth my first agenda was the Anderson
31 Farmers Market. For twenty-five dollars I bought food
32 for the week. Fresh corn, butterbeans, onions,
33 tomatoes, okra, potatoes, cantaloupe, watermelon, green
34 beans, blueberries, peaches, blackberries, fresh wheat
35 bread and cherry jam. Vendors competed for patronage
36 with better prices, freshness, the largest tomatoes,
37 unusual cucumbers and fresh flowers. Free enterprise,
38 local products by hometown workers and vendor
39 competition made for a successful venture. As I
40 shopped I mused about freedoms in the United States of
41 America. We have the freedom to be entrepreneurs, to
42 choose what we want to eat, when and where we shop. A
43 far cry from countries whose food choice or source is
44 limited. Where people wait in line for high price
45 potatoes or families wait with outstretched arms for a
46 food drop. Where in many countries children with
47 extended bellies eat dirt to survive only to drink
48 contaminated water and die. Later in the day I decided
49 to eat barbeque at Little Pigs. Another example of
50 free enterprise and a successful business. A dinner

1 plate only eight fifty with extra buns is enough to
2 feed two to three people. For forty years Little Pigs
3 has fed Anderson. The same good food. Same courteous
4 service. Same family friendly atmosphere and friendly
5 faces. The decor is casual. Plaques of college
6 football teams on the wall. A taxidermist deer in
7 plexiglass and art deco lights above. As I noticed the
8 lights I realized that they'd all been replaced with
9 florescent spirals saving energy. But no government
10 entity forced them to do that. Finally I decided to
11 watch the fireworks at the Homeland Park. Great
12 patriotic music, patrons of all ages, fireworks,
13 beautiful sapphire and diamond stars exploding in air.
14 All safe and well done. Family friendly and free.
15 Where else could one witness such a display in the
16 United States? Kudos to them because they did a great
17 job. Happy Fourth.

18 MIKE PITTS: And last is Mark Powell.
19 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District
20 Seven, Williamston. Maybe I have a little bit of egg
21 on my face. But you know, if you bid out eggs
22 separately from the meats and the produce and the bread
23 at the Sheriff's Department that seems quite ridiculous
24 so I doubt they do it. I'm sure it goes to one big
25 food supply company. But anyway. If I've got egg on
26 my face over thinking something quite so silly, I can't
27 imagine a council member who has left the building
28 thinks that illegals do not shop at Walmart. Illegals
29 do not buy groceries from Bilo, Kroger and other such
30 establishments. Walmart for instance had to build a
31 brand new Walmart up in Greenville four miles in
32 Travelers Rest to get away from Little Tijuana on
33 Highway 25 in Berea. So yes, they do shop. So I may
34 have a little egg on my face but I ain't quite that
35 stupid. The comment was -- certainly was not meant to
36 Leslie. I too would like to read these things before
37 they come on. My only concern is that you guys are
38 doing a great job and for what little things they get
39 to nit pick you on and I'm referring to the blogosphere
40 not people in the rooms. Some are on the blogosphere.
41 Probably now. But what it boils down to is they're
42 going to try to find every little cotton picking stupid
43 thing they can to say something bad about you guys.
44 But you know they're biggest concern over this
45 ordinance on the spending procurement is, oh my God,
46 they don't trust the people in control. No, we did
47 not. Okay. We got a new group. I think that the new
48 group is looking at everything. Think about this
49 convenience center last year. Under the old council
50 and I'm not going to blame it on the council. Under

1 the old administrator it was almost a million bucks for
2 three convenience centers. You guys come in. Had to
3 rebid it because it didn't happen under the old helm.
4 A little over three hundred thousand. A six hundred
5 thousand dollar savings. That's the kind of trust we
6 trust. That's the kind of stuff we didn't trust. But
7 that's the kind of things you guys are doing to save us
8 money and we appreciate it. So anything you guys do
9 I'm just saying try to make it as clean as possible,
10 honest and open so that they can't complain that you
11 aren't honest and open. Because we know in our heart
12 you guys are. And we appreciate all of you. I would
13 also like to remind the people in the TV sphere that if
14 you don't want to wait until tomorrow night to watch it
15 on Charter you can watch it live on WAIM.US right now
16 or anytime because they have it on there and you can
17 watch it anytime you want. Including Anderson City
18 meetings, the legislative meeting that happened
19 recently, they televised it live. And it's also there
20 to watch. So all the government entities, all the
21 things that are going on are being recorded so that we
22 the people can watch and listen. Live at our will and
23 not have to try to pay Charter or divo or whatever that
24 stupid thing is to record it and watch it later because
25 none of us have VCRs anymore I guess. But if you can
26 get rid of Charter. Yeah. I hate them people. AT&T
27 go.

28 EDDIE MOORE: That's it. All right.
29 We'll go to council members' comments. Mr. Wilson, you
30 got any comments? Mr. Allen.

31 TOM ALLEN: I don't have any at this
32 time.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd. I guess she
34 has no comments. Mr. Dunn.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Just a quick couple of
36 things, Mr. Chairman. I got a -- here tonight accused
37 a little bit something about a fence and a vicious pit
38 bull and something I said and didn't say. That
39 gentleman wasn't there and what I said conflicted what
40 was said here tonight. But I never told nobody what
41 they could do and couldn't do. I told them I didn't
42 have authority to do that and animal control officers
43 have been to that residence about looking at some
44 animals. Believe you me. And they ended up with a
45 vicious puppy. And I'll leave it at that and move on.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

47 BOB WALDREP: I don't have anything at
48 all to add tonight. Thank you.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: Nothing except that I'm just

1 so grateful that we live in a country that is free. We
2 still need to do our work to keep it and I think
3 Anderson County has rounded the bend. I'm so grateful
4 to each and every one of our citizens, my council
5 members -- fellow council members, and our staff and
6 Mr. Burns. Thank you.

7 EDDIE MOORE: I guess I'll finish it up.
8 I appreciate everybody coming out tonight and please
9 tell all your neighbors and if you know any people in a
10 small business be sure and come to some of these
11 seminars. And a comment that Mr. Wilson made and I
12 want to pass on to Mr. Burns. Maybe on some of these
13 seminars we can include some of the farmers because,
14 you know, this whole county, especially my district,
15 most all the farmers, some of the biggest beef
16 producers in the whole state lives in my district. And
17 maybe we could make a little effort maybe call out to
18 AgSouth or the Farm Bureau and see if we can get them
19 involved some to help them out, you know.

20 RUSTY BURNS: Consider it done.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody that has any
22 suggestions and everything, feel free to write them
23 down. If you want to do it confidential or whatever,
24 just write them down and put a name on it and drop it
25 out there. We want comments from you. This council
26 likes comments and we do a lot of things from citizens'
27 comments. That's the reason we have such an open
28 meeting and sometimes it gets us in trouble but we'll
29 live with it. And we appreciate you coming out
30 tonight. Do I have a motion to adjourn? Do I have a
31 second? All in favor raise your right hand. We're
32 adjourned.

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34 MEETING ADJOURNED

Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting – July 21, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Mike Pitts – County Attorney

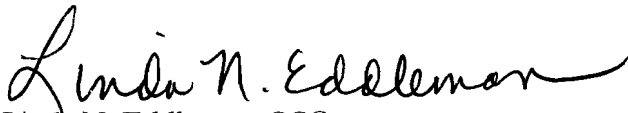
ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

July 21, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent
Ron Wilson

1 EDDIE MOORE: This regular meeting July
2 21st is now called to order. Everyone please have your
3 seats. We'll now have invocation and pledge from Ms.
4 Floyd.

5 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD

6 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 3, approval
7 of minutes. Do we have any corrections to the minutes?

8 TOMMY DUNN: I move to adopt, Mr.
9 Chairman.

10 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the floor
11 to adopt. Do I have a second?

12 TOM ALLEN: Second.

13 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
14 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
15 Unanimous. And let the record show that Mr. Wilson
16 said he was going to be a few minutes late tonight. He
17 had something he was trying to attend to before he --
18 he said he would be about fifteen minutes late. We now
19 go to Item 4, citizens comments.

20 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have two
21 citizens signed up tonight to speak on agenda matters.
22 The first is Elizabeth Fant.

23 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm speaking on the economic
24 stimulus. We all need jobs for Anderson County. Jobs
25 mean less people on unemployment. Better self image.
26 More money to help the economy. A broader tax base to
27 pay for existing government services. But we do not
28 need government subsidies in the form of grants or
29 stimulus -- or stimulus money which equate to more
30 taxes, less citizen funds and thereby drying up
31 spending economy unless the seed money supplies
32 infrastructure needs that will entice plants and
33 service providers to move here and hire people. In
34 using federal stimulus money it should provide instant
35 jobs and benefits as priority. Two shovel ready
36 projects that could enhance money flow and spending in
37 all of Anderson O County, Pickens County, one would be
38 for money for the Corp of Engineers to clean up
39 Hartwell Lake, Keowee. Fix public areas and boat
40 ramps. And also money for our national and local parks
41 to fix cabins, picnic areas, bath areas and roads.
42 Provide local jobs and improve recreation tourist
43 areas. All benefitting the public. We need incentives
44 for free enterprise to develop jobs in the private
45 sectors. That means less fees, licenses. Rebate on
46 taxes to locals who risk private capital. Think about
47 the example of Paula Dean thirty years ago. Divorced.
48 Two kids. No money. He cooked and sold fried chicken
49 to neighbors and now she is a national name and a great
50 success. We also need e-verify and stiff fines for

1 violators. Require the violators to cough up enough
2 money to send the illegals back to Mexico. Set up a
3 barter network. No food, trade for yard work,
4 painting. Remove the government completely. Number
5 seven - set up literacy volunteers who will help non-
6 readers and illiterate adults stop producing duplicates
7 of themselves. Get churches, retired teachers, others
8 to set up literacy and have GED studies for jails.
9 Number eight - develop a volunteer network. Example -
10 you cut my lawn, I'll provide lunch for the four of
11 your family. Example - you wash my car, I'll tutor
12 your son in math. Example - you bring your clothes to
13 wash and I'll do them while you're changing the oil in
14 my car. We do not need additional governmental
15 control, layers of bureaucracy, incompetent greedy
16 administrations. People who are out of touch with the
17 common folk. We need simplicity, honesty, here and now
18 solutions. Not tomorrow ---

19 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.
20 Next is Mark Powell.

21 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell. District
22 Seven, Williamston. Economic development. I can't
23 seem to count the number of ways we spend money to have
24 people tell us how to develop our economy. We have it
25 within our own county as far as department. We have
26 employees under that department. We have Anderson
27 Alliance. We have on and on and on in Clemson. And on
28 and on and the COG. COG does a great job I think for
29 the amount of money we give them. They give us a very
30 good return on investment. As an advocate for lowering
31 Anderson County's overhead I would think we could -- I
32 know y'all hate the word -- but get rid of some
33 employees. Lots of them if we would use the COG more
34 efficiently instead of having all of it within our own
35 selves. They seem to give the best return on
36 investment because we don't have benefit packages. We
37 simply pay them a fee and in return we get money that
38 they are very well connected with. Purchasing. I have
39 no clue. I read through it and I didn't see anything
40 about credit cards. I know in the last administration
41 we had lots of problems with employees using credit
42 cards -- using credit cards and using them and using
43 them and never turning in reports. I do believe there
44 is an ordinance about -- and you've got to turn in a
45 report in order for it to be legitimate. I think the
46 only way you can get it under control would be to do
47 what my last employer did. Either that or the one
48 before it. The last employer you had a credit card.
49 It was in your name issued by the company. When you
50 turned in your expense report with the name, dates,

1 time and purpose, they would give you the money back to
2 pay off your credit card bill. I do think that would
3 be a great policy for our county. The other process
4 with another company I worked for -- I've only worked
5 for three so ... But you know it's -- the other
6 reports they did is if you didn't turn in a report in
7 thirty days -- and by the way you spent your money a
8 hundred percent. And you turned in an expense report.
9 You had thirty days to turn in that report with all the
10 information. The times, the dates, the people and all
11 the information. And you would get your money back.
12 If you didn't turn in a report - why thank you. You
13 spent your money on the company's behalf. I wish our
14 county would go to something like that. I think it
15 would clean up a lot of the misuse and abuse of our
16 credit cards. I know that's not exactly purchasing but
17 every time you use a credit card you are purchasing
18 something so I wish it would fall under some criteria
19 to get much more scrutiny so that we can get control.
20 Maybe even if they didn't fill out reports in the past
21 I'd really love to see the people who didn't turn in
22 reports have to give back the money if it's in Anderson
23 County Codes as they're all the time trying to hold
24 y'all's feet to the fire over codes that they think
25 you're breaking which most of us do not feel you are.
26 But if we have a code saying it's illegal we ought to
27 get the money back from the people who spent it who
28 didn't turn in reports on time. That would be real
29 sweet. We could probably get more than 1.14 million
30 dollars just from doing that. Thank you.

31 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 5
33 on the agenda, 2009 comprehension economic development
34 strategy for Anderson County.

35 CHIP BENTLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
36 come to you tonight in order to provide the progress
37 report on the Comprehension Economic Development
38 Strategy or CEDS document as we call it. As you may
39 recall we adopted the full update in 2007 and as part
40 of EDA's requirements we come back with an annual
41 progress report each year. The CEDS document itself is
42 a requirement of the Economic Development
43 Administration or EDA that says you need to compile
44 economic development priorities from the communities in
45 your region and it's for each of the local development
46 districts throughout the country and the Appalachian
47 Council of Governments is the responsible entity for
48 the six county Appalachian region in the upstate. We
49 put together a compilation of the priorities from each
50 of the communities in the upstate and within each

1 county. We then come to each county council asking for
2 their approval or support of the list of projects that
3 we've included. The CEDS document that we, the CEDS
4 document that we put together ---

5 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I
6 think some audience people -- can you speak up? Speak
7 up. Turn it up or speak into the mike. I think some
8 of us are having a little bit of trouble.

9 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay. I'm sorry.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. There you go. I
11 think that's better.

12 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay. Sorry about that.

13 TOMMY DUNN: All right.

14 CHIP BENTLEY: EDA is a federal agency and
15 they put these together -- these CEDS documents
16 together to help them focus on making decisions for
17 economic development when they provide funds. They
18 have an annual budget of around fifty-six million
19 dollars last year I believe nationwide. So it's, it's
20 not a lot of money but they do put money into economic
21 development programs. Their focus is on job creation
22 and workforce development programs. So putting a
23 million dollars into a ten million dollar project
24 that's going to create a hundred and fifty jobs or
25 putting funds into a Tri County Tech facility that's
26 going to create a workforce development program, maybe
27 new classrooms or something like that, is the type of
28 programs that EDA supports and has supported in the
29 region. This document essentially establishes a
30 baseline of projects that would be eligible for EDA
31 grant funds if they fit the criteria the EDA sets
32 forth. So we put this together really as a list. We
33 don't try and recreate the wheel or create new
34 priorities. We go to each of the communities, the
35 local governments, the counties, your economic
36 development agencies and your special purpose districts
37 asking them for their priorities that would directly
38 relate to economic development. We compile that list
39 and put it together. In 2007 we had the complete list
40 that was put together and then each year in the
41 progress report we not only update the status of those
42 projects but we also give an opportunity for additional
43 projects to be added to the list. Just to give you an
44 idea, the list -- there's a hundred and forty-two total
45 projects for Anderson County's portion of this plan.
46 Seventeen of those were added last year and twenty-two
47 new projects came this year, were new projects added in
48 addition to the original 2007 projects. So we do try
49 and open it up each year. Take as much input. We
50 don't weed it out too much, although we do try and make

1 sure that they have some direct relation to economic
2 development, job creation or workforce development,
3 just because that's EDA's requirements. We compiled
4 that list by talking to everybody. I believe you have
5 a copy of it and we just ask for your support. This is
6 the time that we ask you guys if there's any projects
7 that we haven't included in here that you'd like to
8 include. If there's any comments, any questions you
9 have. We'll be happy to answer them. But ask for your
10 support in that.

11 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

13 CINDY WILSON: I notice that a few of them
14 are already in progress that are on the list.

15 CHIP BENTLEY: Yes.

16 CINDY WILSON: And I guess I'll need to get
17 with our administrator and go through some of the ones
18 that needed to have maybe a slightly more complete
19 description on them. And for example on Midway Road we
20 know that we need to resurface and do spot improvements
21 that we've tried to get a plan together for quite a few
22 years to apply for the grants to do the four foot
23 pavement expansion so that the bike and foot traffic
24 can get over and give the vehicular traffic a little
25 margin of safety there. And there were several
26 convenience centers that I believe are already in
27 progress and I think the east-west connector is pretty
28 much underway now too.

29 CHIP BENTLEY: A lot of this list was
30 compiled with -- over several months beginning in the
31 spring so there may be some that have changed since we
32 got the updates from local staff.

33 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Well we'll get ours
34 updated then.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. When can we get
38 together so that we could add new projects to these
39 lists of original projects here? That if we have any
40 new projects to ---

41 CHIP BENTLEY: You can provide them to me
42 tonight or we can set up a time to come and meet with
43 you and take any projects down that you have.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Is there a set time that we
45 need to make sure this is done? Is there a time we
46 need to have it ready?

47 CHIP BENTLEY: The report to EDA is due by
48 the end of September and so we're coming to each of the
49 county councils in July and August asking for their
50 approvals so that we can then take it to our board of

1 directors in September so they can approve it. So the
2 sooner the better from our standpoint, but certainly if
3 we can get it approved.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: One year we all sat down
5 together and we went through each of the projects
6 according to the, according to the districts. And if
7 we wanted to do something like that again would the
8 council be accommodating?

9 CHIP BENTLEY: We, we certainly could do
10 that. I believe we did that with the full update maybe
11 in 2007 or right before 2007. The progress report, we
12 don't go through the same full fledged process but if
13 council would like that we could certainly accommodate
14 them.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Listen, I can't
16 find my copy from last time -- from the last time.

17 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Is it possible I could get
19 another one?

20 CHIP BENTLEY: Certainly.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: From, from ---

22 CHIP BENTLEY: 2008?

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, please.

24 CHIP BENTLEY: Yes.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: I can't find it. I can't
26 put my hands on it.

27 CHIP BENTLEY: Okay.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Thank you. I
30 appreciate it.

31 CHIP BENTLEY: Thank you. Thank you.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 6 on the
33 agenda - appreciation from Clemson University for
34 adopting the resolution in support for the Clemson
35 University Business Accelerator and an update on the
36 Advanced Materials Center and University priorities.

37 CHRIS PRZIREMBEL: Mr. Chairman, I'm Chris
38 Przirembel. I'm Vice President for Research and
39 Economic Development at Clemson and I wanted to
40 personally thank the council for the resolution that
41 was passed in support of retrofitting the business
42 accelerator on the Advanced Materials campus.
43 Secondly, in reading through the resolution I applaud
44 the effort of Anderson County, Pickens County and
45 Oconee County working together in a regional economic
46 development activity. It makes my life a lot easier
47 because I work separately but individually with Jim
48 Alexander from Oconee, Ray Farley from Pickens County
49 and Heather Jones from Anderson County. I think
50 together they will be a great team. So from the

1 standpoint of Clemson University being able to
2 contribute to the economic development of the region
3 that, that is an excellent approach. Finally I want to
4 introduce the real person behind the Anderson County
5 Advanced Materials Center and that's John Ballato.
6 John is the Associate Vice President for Research and
7 Economic Development. He's also director of a major
8 research center and finally, he also teaches. He a
9 professor of Materials Science and Engineering. Thank
10 you very much.

11 JOHN BALLATO: Okay. Well thank you again
12 for the chance to update you. We thought some pictures
13 were worth more than a few thousand words so you'll see
14 just a few slides here and we just wanted again, as a
15 sign of appreciation of things from the past and as we
16 look forward to the future. Things that are going on
17 just down the road. So quickly, when Clemson talks
18 about research and economic development we -- the model
19 that we follow is really one that lays itself out like
20 this. As a university our job in addition to the
21 education of students is a creation of knowledge. And
22 so on the far left side where you looks and you see
23 knowledge generation that's oftentimes where the
24 universities fit. As a state land grant institution
25 ultimately our job is to create -- is to work with you
26 and create new jobs and so this is our vision of how
27 the research university fits into economic development.
28 We create the knowledge. We then transition the
29 knowledge. Knowledge creation in and of itself is not
30 useful unless you actually can apply it. We create the
31 knowledge. We work very, very hard which is where the
32 liaisons with Innovate Anderson, Anderson County
33 Economic Development come it. We transition the
34 knowledge through traditional methods as well as
35 workforce and that's where the technical colleges also
36 become very, very important. It's the people. The
37 knowledge is transitioned into wealth and value by the
38 people. And then at the end of the day that -- the
39 competitiveness that arises from new knowledge, new
40 research supports the existing industry that is here.
41 You have to celebrate those companies that are already
42 here as well as our ability to create new companies or
43 recreate them. This is the model we follow everyday
44 when we get up and think about what we're going to do
45 in the day to follow. Clemson in modernizing it's,
46 it's vision of it's land grant status has as you --
47 many of you know I think begun to establish research
48 and economic development campuses around the state.
49 And so the one obviously we want to highlight is the
50 one that is here in Anderson County. Our, our sister

1 campus up in Greenville in many ways gets a lot more
2 publicity, but we want to show you some of the things
3 that are done here in this county. What used to be
4 called the Clemson Research Park on 187 and Wild Hog
5 Road which may not go together with one of the most
6 modern research campuses in the county but nonetheless
7 Wild Hog Road. The Clemson Research campus is now
8 called the Clemson University Advanced Materials
9 Center. The models for all of these campuses are much
10 the same where you have an academic anchor facility. A
11 world class research facility with world class
12 scholars, faculty, students, in that building
13 generating this -- the new knowledge that we're going
14 to work to commercialize. Then you have private sector
15 partners located there proximate to you to facilitate
16 the interaction and the transition. So that would be
17 where we're doing that in Anderson is at this Advanced
18 Materials Center. Since we announced -- since Clemson
19 announced in partnership with the county the growth of
20 our investment in that park, activities through Clemson
21 have yielded about a hundred million dollars of
22 investment. That is the construction of buildings,
23 that is the equipment that goes into those buildings,
24 it is things like endowed shares through the research
25 --- through the various state economic development
26 initiatives. A new innovation and incubator center and
27 then about fifty-five million dollars worth of external
28 -- of money that people outside of South Carolina
29 generally have paid us to do research in South
30 Carolina. That is tremendous opportunity for companies
31 to leverage the research that other people are paying
32 for. Okay. The center piece facility is this Advanced
33 Materials Research Laboratory. If you've not seen it
34 we very much welcome you to come walk through the
35 hundred ten thousand square foot facility on thirty-one
36 acres. It cost Clemson twenty-one million dollars to
37 build that about five years ago. Two miles off of Exit
38 14. It is a truly state of the art materials research
39 facility. Bar none. I'm going to show you some of the
40 things that are in it and I'll walk through these
41 quickly. This is perhaps not so important. It's a,
42 it's a piece of equipment. It's multi million dollar
43 piece of equipment where we can actually go down and
44 image what the actual atoms inside the material are
45 doing. And that sounds like a very, very academic
46 thing to do but at the end of the day if you're making
47 a new material that you need for your computer or for
48 something else, you need to know -- like going into
49 kitchen and cooking something new -- you have to do all
50 the various taste tests to know that what you made is

1 what you wanted. So companies from all over South
2 Carolina as well as North Carolina and Georgia come to
3 us to look at their materials to tell them whether or
4 not they made what they wanted to make. And if their
5 product isn't working the way it was supposed to we use
6 these machines to help them analyze why their product
7 isn't doing what it was intended to do. So that is
8 there. This is one of the best if not the best
9 facilities of its kind in the United States. Let me
10 play a movie for you. Hopefully you can hear the, hear
11 the -- there we go. You have to turn the volume up on
12 this.

13 MOVING BEING PLAYED

14 JOHN BALLATO: If you can't hear that I'll
15 tell you what's going on. This is a movie that was
16 filmed for the Upstate Alliance during the BMW Pro-Ams.
17 The BMW Pro-Am was pub -- was broadcast on the Golf
18 Channel and to international visibility. One of the,
19 the commercials that was played for this was this one.
20 It as part of their, I was blown away, campaign. This
21 is a laboratory in the Advanced Materials Research Lab
22 on the AMC and it is where we make optical fiber. So
23 Clemson is one of three universities in the world, the
24 only one in the United States that has an industry
25 level capability to make optical fiber. And it's
26 sitting here in Anderson County. It is arguably one of
27 Clemson's biggest research initiatives. Certainly one
28 of its most visible and it is something that we have an
29 endowed share in. We've recruited a company to
30 relocate to South Carolina last year from Florida to be
31 near this facility. We also have the National Brick
32 Research Center at the Advanced Materials Center.
33 Ninety percent of the United States brick and tile
34 manufacturers are members of that Center. So Anderson
35 County is the resource for not just some of the
36 advanced -- these new areas like optical fiber but some
37 more traditional areas such as brick and tile that are
38 very, very important economically around the world.
39 This is maybe a little bit harder to see. Also located
40 in the Advanced Materials Center is all of Clemson's
41 information technologies hardware and infrastructure.
42 And what this actually goes on to say is about a year
43 or a little bit less than a year ago the top five
44 hundred super computing and high performance computing
45 sites were analyzed and the, the Clemson capabilities
46 -- Clemson assets in Anderson County came in at number
47 sixty on that list of the top five hundred in the
48 world. So think of this from an opportunity to recruit
49 companies among other things and the fact that the IT
50 infrastructure we have in this county is top sixty in

1 the entire world. Okay. And then this I think is one
2 of the last ones. When you look at Clemson's
3 entrepreneurial activities over the last five years
4 we've had about seventeen new companies that have spun
5 out. And this has nothing to do with our activities in
6 support of existing industry. This is the creation of
7 new companies. Of those seventeen new companies eleven
8 of them are located in Anderson County because of this
9 park as well as a few of the other assets that we have
10 in your county. So Anderson is actually in many ways
11 the hub of Clemson's entrepreneurial activities as well
12 as where some of its most distinctive research assets
13 are. Okay. Things to come. Through one of the state
14 economic development activities there is an innovation
15 centers act, essentially an incubator for small
16 companies. That's the next thing that we will be
17 building on the, on the campus. This is a joint
18 activity between Clemson and the South Carolina
19 Research Authority. Again this is a, a facility for
20 entrepreneurs and start-up companies. About forty
21 thousand square feet total and they expect it to be
22 completed in the -- at the end of 2010. And then in
23 working with -- this is actually a slide from Innovate
24 Anderson. And this is a draft rendering of a master
25 plan that was done or is being done for the park. So I
26 show you there highlighted the buildings that we've
27 talked about. The AMRL where the optical fiber
28 activities are. The National Brick Research Center
29 where the brick and tile activities and construction
30 material activities are. The IC is the Innovation
31 Center where the new companies will go and the ITC is
32 where the -- is the number sixty super computing
33 capacity facility in the world. So we have a number of
34 anchors already in Anderson County and we very much
35 look forward to continuing to grow those and we thought
36 it was about time that we came back and gave you an
37 update on what Clemson's investments in Anderson have
38 been. Thank you.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Any council member have any
40 questions? Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: It's so awesome and so
42 fitting that with the heritage and agrarian history and
43 pursuits that we have such an incredible facility that
44 is taking us on into the future and at the same time
45 Clemson is still helping this country put food on the
46 table. You're doing such incredibly innovative
47 pursuits and I'm -- I really appreciate. And I thought
48 it was important to note that until our high tech
49 revolution farmers as a, as a class had more
50 innovations and more patents than any other class of

1 citizens. The one thing that does really concern me
2 for not only the farm innovations but for these
3 materials innovations is the impact that China has on
4 us. They have no conscious when it comes to taking
5 intellectual property and wondered if you might have
6 some thoughts on how we can protect ourselves from this
7 so that we can progress and continue to encourage
8 business to come here.

9 JOHN BALLATO: Some of those issues like
10 IP or -- there are very little that we'll be able to do
11 about. We have to rely on federal governments to deal
12 with those types of things. The -- much of what we're
13 trying to do in thinking about the advanced material --
14 the use of the word advanced, in some ways whether it
15 is or isn't advanced, at the end of the day when we're
16 trying to compete on where -- when we're trying to
17 compete with somebody where the dominate cost is going
18 to be labor there's very little we're going to be able
19 to do with that. Right. And so a lot of what you hear
20 about a transformation towards a knowledge economy
21 where your competition is based on what you have
22 upstairs and your ability to actually go and make
23 things of added value. It's not that you're going to
24 be making Intel chips all over the place, those things.
25 You can still be manu -- at the end of the day you
26 still have to make something too. Right. So, so
27 manufacturing is very, very much integrated into all
28 these types of advanced and knowledge based things that
29 we're talking about. So what we're really trying to do
30 is, is bring here, continue to bring here, just the
31 manufacturing or value added products. So as a good
32 example we have, we have companies that are injection
33 molding optical components that go into automobiles and
34 other things. So you're taking an existing
35 manufactured technology and the workforce that knows
36 how to do that type of thing and you're making a
37 product that you sell for ten dollars a piece instead
38 of an injection molded spoon or something like that for
39 a penny a piece. So it's the same skills but the
40 difference in your competitiveness is the knowledge
41 that went into what it is that you're going to make.
42 So I think most of us who deal with this on a daily
43 basis realize that the -- our, our ability to move
44 forward is going to be through our ability to out
45 innovate our competition. We're not, we're not going
46 to be able to drop wages and things like that and
47 compete. We're always going to lose that one. We have
48 to be able to out innovate and we're trying to -- we at
49 Clemson in particularly have been trying to do that in
50 areas where the innovations are still built off of

1 existing regional strengths that we have in
2 manufacturing. So if you look at the textile industry,
3 a lot of activities that we have going on, not just
4 here in this park but on campus as well, are looking at
5 as an example new textile fibers with added value where
6 you have to be able to manufacture those in the United
7 States. Because without that knowledge, you know, the
8 value is gone. So what we've tried to take and pick
9 and choose the technologies where we can, we can take
10 advantage of the existing manufacturing strengths in
11 the state and then with as little as possible
12 retraining or new activities or new investments bring
13 them up to a higher level of value, a higher level of
14 margin per product and then grow jobs and investment
15 that way. But I think, as Dr. Prziembel mentioned,
16 one of the other differences in his comment about
17 Anderson and Pickens and Oconee is we're not competing
18 against ourselves any more. We're competing against
19 other states and other countries for jobs and for
20 capital investment. And we've just got to continue to
21 keep those things in mind. And that's part of why
22 Clemson has begun to make these, these regional
23 campuses aligned with the regional industrial strengths
24 that were already there. You invest in your, your
25 strengths.

26 CINDY WILSON: It sounds like y'all are
27 going to help us keep a step ahead of the Chinese then.
28 Thank you.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Appreciate it Chris and John
30 for coming up and joining us tonight at the meeting.
31 We're looking forward to this and looking forward to
32 working with the other two counties above us here. We
33 appreciate you coming.

34 JOHN BALLATO: Thank you.

35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

37 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to welcome and
38 recognize the fact that we have a visitor here. The
39 Mayor of the entire city of Anderson is here with us
40 tonight.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

42 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Terence Roberts. Thank
43 you for coming.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Appreciate you coming. We
45 now go to Item 7 on the agenda. Ms. Floyd.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: I find myself in a dilemma
47 here. I wanted to -- I had some questions and concerns
48 concerning the purchasing order and when I arrived
49 tonight I find a new copy of the purchase order. I'd
50 like to ask you, the council members, did you all get a

1 new copy of the purchase order -- I mean of the
2 Ordinance 2009-006? Tonight? So you received your
3 copy tonight as well as when I received this one? Well
4 I don't know what to do now because it has, it has so
5 many changes in it. And I've been trying to sit here
6 and go through all the changes but it's just too many.
7 It's too many changes to go through at this time and I
8 have questions about, about them. I've only been given
9 five minutes to go over the questions that I did have
10 which are, which are -- questions I did have that are
11 not no longer in here. And I'm afraid to wait until
12 the, I'm afraid to wait until the next item comes up
13 will address the ordinance because I'm afraid I won't
14 be given the fair opportunity to speak and ask
15 questions about it. So I don't know what to do. I
16 don't know what to do. I just wish that -- well this
17 is just wishing. Cause I wish this at every meeting.
18 I just wish that it had been sent to us or given to us
19 before we, before we got here tonight. But I'm
20 assuming that we all will have questions concerning it
21 since we all got it at the same time. I'm assuming
22 that your eyes fell on it for the first time tonight as
23 well as my eyes. But it puts me and all of us behind
24 the eight ball. But -- and you have some pretty
25 significant changes in here tonight and I'm wondering
26 why. I wondering why. I'm sure that the people
27 haven't had a chance to look at it. But this is par
28 for the course and let's see where it goes.

29 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 8 on
30 the agenda - second reading. This is a public hearing.
31 No time limit on the public hearing. The public
32 hearing is now open.

33 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chair, my name is
34 Candy Kern-Fuller. I live in Mr. Allen's district.
35 Like Ms. Floyd I had this purchasing ordinance handed
36 to me as we started the meeting this evening. I looked
37 over the purchasing ordinance. I spoke at your last
38 meeting. And it appeared from the draft that appeared
39 in the Anderson Independent courtesy of Mr. Ellis that
40 all of the exceptions had been removed from the
41 ordinance. And I've taken a quick moment, gotten on my
42 internet, compared it to the Anderson County
43 ordinances, and as an attorney, it appeared as if those
44 exceptions were still removed. But having looked at it
45 so quickly I can't confirm that. And I have a question
46 as a citizen of Anderson and as a resident of Mr.
47 Allen's district whether indeed those exceptions have
48 all been removed or whether it's hidden in these new
49 limits for reducing the amounts to one thousand one
50 dollars, increasing them to two thousand one dollars,

1 five thousand one dollars, because I haven't had the
2 opportunity to really look at those. I don't know if
3 any other council member can speak to that or if Mr.
4 Pitts can speak to that during your discussion. But I
5 think it's something the citizens of Anderson County
6 deserve to know. I think with these exceptions that
7 were in there I had concerns as a citizen that there
8 would be preferences given without competitive bidding
9 to certain entities and I remain concerned that that
10 may be present because I haven't had an opportunity to
11 really look at it. And as an attorney I'm a quite fast
12 reader, but having to compare this to the online codes
13 which I have access to through the internet because of
14 my computer system but which most of these citizens
15 don't, I don't know that that's very fair to them and I
16 hope you all speak to that. Thank you.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Any one else?

18 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell. Williamston.
19 I did read through every one of them while sitting
20 there tonight and I think the exceptions that people
21 were concerned with didn't seem to be in there. The
22 only thing I saw on the low bid Anderson County
23 business preference was on the identical low bid. It
24 addressed it in that point. And I would just say that
25 if you newly elected members of council thinks it's
26 good, I agree with you. And I would trust you. Thank
27 you.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Any one else? Seeing none,
29 hearing none, the public hearing is now closed. I do
30 have a few amendments if the council members will look
31 at their agenda -- I mean on their resolution on the
32 ordinance. I make a motion to amend paragraph number
33 two to provide that any notification to council will be
34 done via the administrator's regular report. I'm going
35 to do these one at a time. We have eight of them.
36 These are comments from the council members and we have
37 incorporated all the comments. So the motion is on the
38 floor. I have a second. Any discussion? All in favor
39 raise your right hand. All opposed. Abstained. Let
40 it be shown that Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
41 Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes on the amendment. Ms.
42 Floyd voted to abstain. I have another motion.
43 Number two. Motion to amend paragraph number 8(g) to
44 provide for bid openings each Friday excluding Friday
45 holidays.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, point of order.
47 I'm not following you here. Number two what? We, we
48 just finished.

49 EDDIE MOORE: This is the second motion
50 which will be to amend number 8(g). Number 8(g).

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Is it on the next page?
2 EDDIE MOORE: I think you'll find most of
3 them are written in there by Mr. Pitts. He wrote them
4 down.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: But what about, but what
6 about Section 2-631?
7 EDDIE MOORE: The first one we voted on
8 was number two. We're, we're going to get to all of
9 them.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But this one is next.
11 If we're going to all then this one should come up
12 next. Section 2-631.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Every one of them
14 that's -- that you have written on there, we're going
15 to cover them. I have them all covered here. And we
16 will cover each one of them.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand. But it would
18 be easier for me if we would go in order without having
19 to go back and forth.
20 EDDIE MOORE: We're going in order. Okay.
21 Back to the motion to amend paragraph number 8(g) to
22 provide for bid openings each Friday. Mr. Pitts.
23 MIKE PITTS: Excluding holidays.
24 Excluding holidays. Each Friday excluding holidays.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion on the floor.
26 Do I have a second? I have a second. Discussion? All
27 in favor raise your right hand. All opposed.
28 Abstained. Let it be shown Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr.
29 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd
30 abstained.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we have copies of this
34 for the people out there so they can follow along with
35 us?
36 EDDIE MOORE: Yes.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Good. Y'all have
38 copies? Okay.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We go to three.
40 Motion to amend paragraph number 8(h) to provide any
41 council notification is through the administrator's
42 regular report and to fix typo to make it clear that
43 council shall approve the expenditure of the funds
44 only. Do I have a second?
45 CINDY WILSON: Second.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Discussion. All in favor
47 raise your right hand. All opposed. Abstained. Let
48 it be shown that Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
49 Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd abstained.
50 Now go to Item Four here which will be motion to amend

1 paragraph number 10(b) to make reference to two
2 thousand dollars and one cent instead of two thousand
3 dollars. Motion on the floor. Do I have a second?
4 CINDY WILSON: Second.
5 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
6 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
7 opposed. Abstained. Let it be shown that Mr. Allen,
8 Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted
9 yes. Ms. Floyd abstained. Now go to Item Five which
10 will be motion to amend paragraph number 10(c) to
11 provide council notification through the
12 administrator's report only for purchases exceeding
13 five thousand dollars. Motion on the floor. Do I have
14 a second?
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Second. Discussion. All in
17 favor raise your right hand. All opposed. Abstained.
18 Okay. Let it be shown Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn,
19 Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd
20 abstained. Item Six motion to amend paragraph 11(b)
21 delete in it's entirety and replace with this language,
22 "All references to five hundred dollars and one cent
23 are replaced with one thousand dollars and one cent."
24 Motion on the floor. Do I have a second?
25 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
26 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
27 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
28 opposed. Abstained. Let it be shown Mr. Allen, Mr.
29 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes.
30 Ms. Floyd abstained. Now go to Item Seven motion to
31 amend in order to delete paragraph number 12(b).
32 Motion on the floor. Do I have a second?
33 CINDY WILSON: Second.
34 EDDIE MOORE: Second. Any discussion?
35 All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed.
36 Abstained. Ms. Floyd? It's your time. Okay. Let it
37 be shown Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep
38 and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd abstained. Go to
39 Item Number Eight motion to amend to delete paragraph
40 eighteen. Motion on the floor. Do I have a second?
41 CINDY WILSON: Second.
42 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
43 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
44 opposed. Abstained. Ms. Floyd, abstain? Okay. Let
45 it be shown that Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
46 Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd abstained.
47 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. May I?
48 EDDIE MOORE: We're now open for
49 discussion on the ordinance.
50 CINDY WILSON: Just a question. On Item

1 3(b) under inventory it says the purchasing director or
2 other persons designated shall inventory all such items
3 periodically. What would the definition of
4 periodically be in this ...

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6 CINDY WILSON: ... situation? We went for
7 years without an inventory. If we maybe ---

8 EDDIE MOORE: I guess that would be
9 materials. Is Robert here today -- tonight?

10 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

11 CINDY WILSON: Possibly every other year.

12 ROBERT CARROLL: Ms. Wilson, can you repeat
13 the question. You're talking about the inventory.

14 CINDY WILSON: In this particular ordinance
15 proposal it says under 3(b), (b), the purchasing
16 director or other persons designated shall inventory
17 all such items periodically. And I wondered if we have
18 a -- that time table for doing these inventories or if
19 maybe we should set one in the ordinance.

20 ROBERT CARROLL: It's usually at the end of
21 the fiscal year.

22 CINDY WILSON: At the end of the fiscal.
23 Okay. Thank you.

24 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

26 TOM ALLEN: I just had a couple of
27 comments. One, I think purchasing is an extremely
28 important aspect of what's done here in the county and
29 I know we spend a good bit of time reviewing these
30 documents. Personally I've got at least four different
31 iterations of this plus some other things in the office
32 and I think at this time I'd like to make a motion that
33 since we have approximately a month before our next
34 council meeting that possibly we call a work session so
35 that we can all sit down together and go over this
36 because there are a lot of changes and some of them I
37 certainly agree with. Others I might have a question
38 on. But I think it would be fair to allow everyone to
39 have a chance to speak on this, you know, in a work
40 session. I'd like to make that in the form of a
41 motion.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. You -- we have a
43 motion on the floor.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: I second it.

45 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second on it.
46 We ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Point of
48 order.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order. Go ahead,
50 Mr. Dunn.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I think you've got a motion
2 on the floor already, haven't you?
3 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. We have an amendment.
4 On amendment ---
5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. We're just going to
6 amendment it then? It'll be an amendment. Okay.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Right. This will be an
8 amendment to our motion to have another work session on
9 this.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
11 EDDIE MOORE: And if it's okay with
12 everyone on council we will be at Hilton Head at the
13 meetings and that following Tuesday which would regular
14 -- be a regular council meeting, we won't have time for
15 -- to work up an agenda so if it would be okay with
16 council that Tuesday night maybe we could just come in
17 and have a work session, an open work session that
18 Tuesday night for this ordinance. And that way it
19 would give everybody an opportunity to come back and
20 the public would definitely be welcome and it would
21 give Ms. Floyd and everybody will have a chance to come
22 back and that would be our regular meeting night which
23 won't be a regular meeting, it will just be kind of a
24 work session for this ordinance. Is everybody okay
25 with that?
26 TOM ALLEN: That sounds good. What date
27 and time would we do this?
28 EDDIE MOORE: That would be ---
29 TOM ALLEN: The 4th?
30 EDDIE MOORE: August the 4th, August
31 the 4th. Okay?
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: In pertaining to his,
35 his motion. It's a good motion. I mean it's, it's
36 good. And I thank you for your common sense on that
37 one. But the thing about it is August the 4th was
38 designated as a maybe no meeting that night. Okay.
39 And since we were going to not meet and be out of town
40 and we have no vacation time on council without having
41 to miss a meeting that was the time, you know, I was
42 going to take. I don't know what you guys are going to
43 do but that was the time I was going to take for a
44 vacation.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Do you have another date
46 you'd be welcome to do it?
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Well we -- you have been
48 meeting at nine o'clock in the mornings and all of
49 that. You know, I just figured that we just -- since
50 we said we were going to not meet on the 4th, that we

1 not meet on the 4th and we set this up as you have been
2 doing.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Is there a better date for
4 you?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have a calendar in
6 front of me.
7 TOM ALLEN: What about like on maybe
8 Thursday the -- this ---
9 GRACIE FLOYD: The week after the 4th.
10 TOM ALLEN: The week after ---
11 GRACIE FLOYD: The week after the 4th.
12 Yes.
13 TOM ALLEN: Sounds good.
14 EDDIE MOORE: So you want to -- let's see.
15 We'll go back.
16 TOM ALLEN: I can't do it on Wednesday
17 just as an example but maybe Thursday.
18 EDDIE MOORE: What about the 14th,
19 which should be a Friday?
20 TOM ALLEN: 14th on Friday.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: No, Fridays are not good.
22 They good for you. But they're not good for me.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any other council
24 members have any ideas about a date?
25 TOMMY DUNN: I'll work with anything
26 y'all come up with. I'll be here.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
28 EDDIE MOORE: What about Thursday
29 afternoon then which would be on the 13th?
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thursday. What about
31 Thursday morning?
32 EDDIE MOORE: I work.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, you do. Okay.
34 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Thursday afternoon would be
36 fine.
37 CINDY WILSON: I'll be out of town that
38 day.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Out of town. Okay. Any
40 more dates?
41 TOMMY DUNN: I'll work any way I can.
42 What about the first, the first of that week? The
43 Monday or Tuesday. What about that?
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Monday or Tuesday of
45 what week?
46 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.
47 Ms. Wilson says she's gone all that week.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Gone all that week. Okay.
49 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

1 RUSTY BURNS: If you would like we would
2 be happy to find a meeting date that would be suitable
3 for all members of council if you would like us to do
4 that.

5 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll do that
6 and we'll come up with a date then. So if you would
7 withdraw your amendment for now and we'll just have a
8 called meeting.

9 TOM ALLEN: All right. I'll withdraw
10 it.

11 EDDIE MOORE: Would that be okay?

12 TOM ALLEN: I withdraw the amendment.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

15 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I think that
17 we're on the discussion part of the -- of this thing
18 here now. Thank you. I admire the way that each of
19 you could vote on all of these changes going backward
20 and front and then forward and back and not having any
21 chance to read it. You know, I admire that. But
22 unfortunately I'm unable to do that without listening
23 to it, understanding it and questioning it. So I, I
24 feel like I was almost forced to vote neither yay,
25 neither nay but just no vote at all. And now I find it
26 kind of strange that we're going to back up now and do
27 a work session. Which should have been done when these
28 changes were given to us tonight. You voted first on
29 all new changes that you said you have not seen, that
30 you have not had a chance to go over. You voted for
31 them all and now we're going to have a work session on
32 them. So does that mean that during the work session
33 if you change your mind that we get a chance to come
34 back and amend them all now? That's what that means?
35 Okay. It's kind of backwards but, you know, I'm kind
36 of used to it by now. But the only thing that keeps me
37 going, the only thing that keeps me going is that in
38 time it can be changed. Thank you.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

40 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

42 BOB WALDREP: I just thought that maybe
43 we might want to have a work session before the next
44 meeting. Just meet maybe an hour or so before the next
45 meeting. We know that that time is blocked out so if
46 we just come a little bit early that day and have the
47 session before we start our regular meeting.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep, it really needs
49 to be before then because I don't want any doubt about
50 this thing at the next meeting. We want this thing

1 written out. Everybody to be able to look at and it's
2 going to be the final reading. I want the final
3 document laid on the table that everybody's going to
4 vote on. So we need to do this meeting at least one
5 week before the next meeting so that we can make sure
6 that we've got a document that we can vote on. We
7 don't want any complaints on this document. And that
8 we'll do a work session at least a week before. It'll
9 give time for Mr. Pitts to get it together and we'll
10 have a -- that way when we have our last reading on
11 this the document will be final. I think that would be
12 advisable.

13 BOB WALDREP: Well Mr. Chairman, I admire
14 also your efforts to say that we're going to have a
15 reading of this document without a complaint. So thank
16 you very much.

17 EDDIE MOORE: I'm going to be optimistic.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. Who made the
19 corrections on this in their handwriting? It was done
20 in handwriting. Who did that?

21 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Pitts.

22 MIKE PITTS: That's my handwriting, Ms.
23 Floyd.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: You made these, these --
25 you made all of these.

26 MIKE PITTS: That's my handwriting. Yes,
27 ma'am.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Did you make them
29 alone or did you make them with input from ---

30 MIKE PITTS: They were made primarily
31 with the input from Mr. Moore.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor. So you
33 and Mr. Moore did it? All of these changes; right?

34 MIKE PITTS: I don't know about all of
35 them but I know a lot of them were doing with the input
36 from Mr. ---

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Now I'm talking about the
38 one that you corrected?

39 MIKE PITTS: That's correct. Yes, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Thank
41 you.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Clarification to Mr. Pitts.
43 I received -- you know, at the last meeting I requested
44 for all the council members to give written notes. Mr.
45 Allen provided me some. I talked with Mr. Dunn, Mr.
46 Waldrep, Ms. Wilson and the notes that I gave Mr. Pitts
47 and these that we voted on tonight were input from all
48 council members. Not me. I didn't do all this myself.
49 So just for clarification so everyone knows where we're
50 at.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

3 TOMMY DUNN: I would just like to make a
4 couple of comments. I appreciate Mr. Allen on the work
5 shop. I do think that's good. But I also want to just
6 clear up a couple of things. These people -- some
7 folks out here and maybe I think even some council
8 people's talking about exceptions. Exceptions to these
9 things have been in the ordinance. This is nothing
10 new. And there's going to have to be some exceptions
11 for the county business -- the county government to
12 operate. And so I'm looking forward to putting some of
13 them back in there but it's nothing -- and when I say
14 the exceptions, keep in mind these exceptions are only
15 to the lock sealed bid box. It ain't to not getting
16 competitive bids. Let's get that -- I just want to get
17 that out there and get that cleared up. And I look
18 forward to the work shop. And this -- and keep in mind
19 this is a -- this is very important. We went through a
20 lot on this. And I don't think in talking with Mr.
21 Carroll this thing hasn't really been changed in years.
22 It needs to be updated. And it's a work in progress
23 and they're going to be -- I can assure you from my
24 point, it might not go but it -- this documents going
25 to change tremendously between, I hope, between the
26 third reading. Thank you very much.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And I would like to
28 comment to, Mr. Carroll, on your hard work for helping
29 me and Mr. Pitts. It's been a struggle trying to get
30 all this done and Mr. Carroll's really work hard on it
31 and I appreciate your effort. And I appreciate Mr.
32 Pitts' effort. And I appreciate all the councilmen's
33 effort. This is a unified effort with all the council
34 members and everybody coming together like it's
35 supposed to be and we'll have this work session and
36 we'll figure out what's convenient for the council
37 members. We'll try to make it at least a week in
38 advance before the regular meeting so that when we come
39 here at the next meeting we'll have it written out
40 exactly the way it's going to be. There'll be no
41 questions. We'll make sure that it is posted on line
42 so that everyone out in the public will be able to look
43 at it.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, only
45 thing about that is Ms. Wilson and I, she has admitted
46 herself that she's not computer savvy in all this
47 online stuff so I would request that I have my copy at
48 least three days before we meet. The final copy, as a
49 hard copy, at least three days before we meet.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Make sure Ms. Floyd

1 gets a copy in advance.

2 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. One last
3 detail. Whenever the changes are made I assume that
4 they will be done in a red line method. Is that
5 correct? I thought that this section the way that was
6 done tonight was a little bit different from what I've
7 seen. And I would -- just thought our technique or
8 procedure was to redline out any changes. Is that
9 correct?

10 MIKE PITTS: We can certainly do a
11 redline next go-round.

12 BOB WALDREP: That would, that would
13 make it clearer I would think as to what is in there
14 and what is out of there.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Also easier to read than
16 handwriting.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

18 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

20 TOM ALLEN: A comment too. And I'll
21 discuss this with Mr. Pitts I guess. But when you do
22 the red line are you going to go back to the original
23 ordinance to do the red lining and then come up with a
24 final? Or would you take what we were given tonight
25 which is about the third change or so and are you going
26 to red line that? I'm just curious as to how you're
27 going to do it.

28 MIKE PITTS: We can put together a
29 document I would hope that can track all the changes
30 that have been made.

31 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's what I was
32 wondering. Some way to track those. There's quite a
33 few.

34 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. We'll find a way
35 to do that.

36 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.

37 MIKE PITTS: Okay.

38 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll now vote
39 on it. All in favor of moving this to the third
40 reading raise your right hand. All opposed.
41 Abstained. Let it be shown Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr.
42 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd
43 abstained. We will now take a five minute break.

44 (BREAK)

45 EDDIE MOORE: Everyone will come back and
46 have your seats. Okay. We now go to Item 9 on the
47 agenda. The first reading. Ordinance authorizing the
48 execution and delivery of Anderson County, South
49 Carolina Amendment to the Lease Agreement dated
50 December 2003 by and between Anderson County and Orian

1 Rugs to provide for additional investment for Orian
2 Rugs. Mr. Burns.

3 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, with your
4 permission Ms. Rozakos is going to make that
5 presentation.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

7 SHAE ROZAKOS: Good evening, Mr. Moore,
8 Council members. Again I'm pleased to come before you
9 to discuss the expansion of one of our premier existing
10 industries in Anderson County, Orian Rugs who has been
11 in Anderson since 1979. They recently celebrated their
12 thirty year anniversary here. They have been unique in
13 the current economic climate in that even in 2009 they
14 have added more than thirty jobs at their Anderson
15 County facility. Their Anderson County facility is
16 their North American headquarters and they are a
17 company that is headquartered in Belgium. This
18 ordinance specifically pertains to new capital
19 investment of eighteen million dollars. It also
20 extends their investment period from the originally
21 agreed two thousand -- end of 2010 to the maximum
22 allowed, the end of 2013. Additionally it adds
23 McThree, their corporate parent, as a sponsor affiliate
24 to the agreement and grants them an additional SSRC for
25 a twelve year period at a twenty-five percent SSRC
26 rate. We are pleased to present this ordinance to you
27 and would ask for your support and the staff makes the
28 recommendation. Thank you.

29 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion on
31 the floor.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

33 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. And
34 now is there any discussion? Mr. Waldrep.

35 BOB WALDREP: I guess those of us who have
36 been around for a long time would recognize the value
37 of Orian Rugs to our community. As indicated by Ms.
38 Rozakos the company's been here for over thirty years I
39 believe. And I would like for some of their personnel
40 be able to may be communicate with some of the other
41 industries here on how to add jobs to our community
42 because it's really extraordinary while Orian Rugs has
43 done here. And so they've -- I view them as somewhat
44 of an economic treasure to our community of providing
45 jobs and of course service. And they make a very nice
46 rug in case your interested.

47 SHAE ROZAKOS: They do. They're beautiful
48 rugs.

49 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Now vote. Everyone in favor

1 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Now go to
2 Item 10 on the agenda. Resolution honoring John Leslie
3 Griffin for his outstanding example of servant
4 leadership and his successful efforts to make Anderson
5 County a better place to live, work and play. Ms.
6 Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8 I'd like to read this into our minutes if I may.
9 Whereas, the Anderson County Council desires to
10 recognize and honor those residents who give
11 unselfishly of their time and talents to enrich the
12 lives of their fellow man and make Anderson County a
13 better place to live, work and play; and

14 Whereas, John Leslie 'Les' Griffin, a long
15 time resident of Honea Path, has labored to secure
16 generous funding aimed at providing and improving
17 infrastructure, beautification and revitalization
18 projects through his service on the Honea Path Planning
19 Commission and the Anderson County Transportation
20 Committee; and

21 Whereas, Les Griffin in addition to his tenure
22 on Anderson County boards and commissions has held
23 various positions of leadership in the Civitan Club on
24 the local district zone and national levels and is
25 presently a member of the Honea Path Civitan Club; and

26 Whereas, he -- in appreciative recognition of
27 his unselfish efforts Les Griffin has twice been named
28 Civitan of the Year by his local club and has been
29 awarded one of four international Civitan honor keys;
30 and

31 Whereas, through his many and various offices
32 with the Civitans Les Griffin has succeeded in
33 assisting those in need, providing scholarships to
34 deserving students and supporting community
35 organizations and activities that promote the welfare
36 of the citizens of Anderson County; and

37 Whereas, Les Griffin is an outstanding example
38 of dedicated service to his community and embodies the
39 qualities of servant leadership; and

40 Whereas, the administration, residents and the
41 County Council of Anderson County are pleased to honor
42 Les Griffin for his contributions to the Civitans and
43 the legacy he has imparted to the town of Honea Path in
44 Anderson County.

45 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
46 Anderson County Council, the Anderson County Council
47 recognizes that the key to success in a community is
48 its people. Especially those who demonstrate qualities
49 of dedication, servant leadership and unselfish love
50 for other residents. Anderson County is fortunate to

1 have men and women of vision and commitment that step
2 forward to lead, guide, direct, and energize our
3 community often at considerable sacrifice. John Leslie
4 Griffin the Anderson County Council is appreciative of
5 your endeavors and salutes your accomplishments. Your
6 dedication to this community is greatly appreciated.

7 This resolution shall take effect and be in
8 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in meeting
9 duly assembled this 7th day of July, 2009. And this is
10 in the form of a motion.

11 EDDIE MOORE: I'll be happy to second
12 that. Any discussion? All in favor of the resolution
13 raise your right hand. Unanimous. I would like to
14 make one quick announcement. For those of you, our
15 Clerk, Linda's father-in-law passed away early this
16 morning and I would appreciate it if all of you would
17 keep her in your thoughts and prayers. The family.
18 That's the reason she's not here tonight. Y'all be
19 sure and keep her in your thoughts and prayers. The
20 family. We now go to Item 11 on the agenda. Committee
21 reports. Committee reports. We'll start with Mr.
22 Waldrep.

23 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
24 I wanted to report that the committee has received
25 probably around thirty applications at this particular
26 time with regard to the administrator -- applications
27 for the county administrator. And that I have been
28 conferring with Mr. Joe Newton of the Appalachian
29 Council of Governments for the purpose of discussing
30 the best techniques that we could use in order to
31 receive the best applications that we could within our
32 area. Mr. Newton has been kind of counseling me on
33 that and we have -- are proposing of course to take
34 some advice from Mr. Newton and use some of that, I
35 guess you might say some of that money that we spend
36 with the Appalachian Council of Governments for the
37 purpose of getting some consulting information from Mr.
38 Newton and he suggested using some web sites with the
39 association of counties as well as the web sites with
40 the municipal association. So I just wanted to report
41 that that is an ongoing process and we should be able
42 to give you some kind of report probably within the
43 next thirty days.

44 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to remind everyone
45 out in the audience too, make sure that your cell
46 phones are off in here. That includes any electronic
47 devices. You'll notice we put plugs on the outside
48 walls. We did that for a reason. We don't want to be
49 responsible for any kind of electrocution of anything
50 or anyone, so we would appreciate it if no one used the

1 outside power on the walls in here too. I would
2 appreciate it. And that's -- okay.

3 BOB WALDREP: That's all I have.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I would like to
6 respectfully request that we go into executive session
7 to discuss personnel matters at that time.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd is
9 recommending to go into executive session to discuss
10 personnel matters. Do I have a second?

11 TOM ALLEN: Second.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen seconded. All in
13 favor of going into executive session raise your right
14 hand. All opposed. We'll not be going into executive
15 session.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sure as I have, you have
19 been reading the newspapers about things that are going
20 on here in Anderson County concerning our personnel
21 matters. Now you guys may know what go -- what's going
22 on. And I would not be surprised if you do. But I
23 don't. I don't. The only thing I'm hearing is a lot
24 of gossip, a lot of innuendos and a lot of this trash
25 that comes off that radio station. I need to -- I
26 would like to have some ---

27 EDDIE MOORE: Everyone hold it down
28 please.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to have -- I
30 have some questions. I would like to get my answers
31 through the council as I am a seated council member.
32 But I have been told nothing. And this is what I would
33 like to discuss.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order, Ms. Floyd.
35 Right now we are on Item 11 which is reference to the
36 committee reports which is Mr. Waldrep's and what
37 you're talking about is not relevant to Item 11 on the
38 agenda.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I think that Mr. ---

40 EDDIE MOORE: So we will now go on to Item
41 ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: I think Mr. Waldrep
43 completed his report.

44 EDDIE MOORE: -- 12 on the agenda which
45 will be -- Item 12 which will be appointments to
46 various boards and commissions. All districts. We now
47 go -- Mr. Allen, do you have any appointments.

48 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I have no appointments at

1 this time. But I am again asking for information. Mr.
2 Burns?

3 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: I am asking for information
5 concerning our position of economic development. I am
6 a council member and ---

7 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order, Ms. Floyd.
8 We're not at that point yet. When we get to ---

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Well I'm at that point.

10 EDDIE MOORE: -- when we get it, when we
11 get to the administrator's report you're welcome to ask
12 Mr. Burns anything. But right now we're going to go
13 with the agenda. The agenda we're on right now is the
14 appointments. We're going to stay with the agenda. So
15 now you don't -- do you have any appointments?

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I appoint Mr. Rusty Burns
17 to get me that information that I need. Thank you.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Mr.
19 Dunn. Do you have any appointments?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman,
21 thank you. I've got two appointments. I want to
22 reappoint to the museum advisory committee Ms. Norris
23 and Mr. Hillhouse. Those are reappointments.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn has a motion
25 on the floor for appointments. Do we have a second?

26 TOM ALLEN: Second.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
28 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay.

29 TOMMY DUNN: That's all, Mr. Chairman.
30 Thank you.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

32 BOB WALDREP: No appointments.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson. I have one.
34 It is a clarification more than anything. I would like
35 to make sure that it's written up right in the minutes
36 and that was the appointment of David Bannister and
37 that would be on the sports and recreation advisory
38 board at the civic center. That's the board I want --
39 I'm trying to get him on and I think I might have said
40 the wrong thing last week, so I just wanted to make
41 sure I clarify that. So that's in the form of a -- do
42 we have a second?

43 TOMMY DUNN: I second.

44 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
45 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
46 Unanimous. We now go to Item 13 on the agenda,
47 requests by council members. Mr. Allen.

48 TOM ALLEN: Excuse me. Yes sir. I
49 have a couple. On Wednesday, August 5th, this year
50 2009, Anderson County is going to host a shred day and

1 that will be held -- they'll be held at several places
2 - Wren High School, Mount Lebanon Elementary School and
3 the Belton Square. And I'd like to donate a hundred
4 dollars to that out of the rec account.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I second it. All in
6 favor raise your right hand. Okay.
7 TOM ALLEN: I have a couple more I'd
8 like to do too.
9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
10 TOM ALLEN: There's also coming up a, a
11 program called the Tour La France, not Tour de France,
12 but Tour La France, which is a bike ride from La France
13 area down to the Great Escapes and this is going to be
14 for a very good cause and I'd like to donate a hundred
15 dollars to that also.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
17 TOM ALLEN: Out of rec funds.
18 CINDY WILSON: Second.
19 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
20 discussion?
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. If I may to
22 keep from us doing this maybe ever how many times. I'd
23 like to tack on to Mr. Allen too that hundred dollars.
24 To keep from having to do this. If I can amend that I
25 want to give a hundred dollars to that too if that's,
26 if that's all right.
27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Well while we're
28 doing it I'll just amend from mine too and that'll be
29 on Shred Day and ---
30 TOMMY DUNN: Mine too on Shred Day and
31 the Tour La France.
32 CINDY WILSON: District Seven too.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson. Mr. Waldrep.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: District Two for the bike
35 race.
36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. All in
37 favor of the amendment raise your right hand. Okay.
38 Unanimous on amendment. Now any discussion? Any more
39 appropriations?
40 TOM ALLEN: I do have one other
41 appropriation and this one is different. This is for
42 the Pendleton Recreation Department. I'd like to
43 donate five thousand dollars out of recreation funds
44 for them.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Let us go ahead and
46 vote on this other one since we amended it.
47 TOM ALLEN: Oh. Okay.
48 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
49 right hand. Unanimous. Now go ahead, Mr. Allen.
50 TOM ALLEN: All right. Five thousand

1 dollars to Pendleton Recreation Department.
2 CINDY WILSON: Second.
3 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
4 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
5 Unanimous. Okay. Any more, Mr. Allen?
6 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to appropriate
9 one thousand two hundred dollars to the Susan Park
10 Street Park renovation. This is in the form of a
11 motion to come from the District Two's rec fund.
12 CINDY WILSON: Second.
13 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
14 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
15 Unanimous. Any more, Ms. Floyd?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
18 TOMMY DUNN: I have none. Thank you.
19 That took care of mine.
20 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep.
21 BOB WALDREP: From the recreation fund for
22 District One I would like to ask for an appropriation
23 of twenty-five hundred dollars to GAMAC and we've
24 already noted the Tour de La France I guess. And I
25 wanted to donate five hundred dollars to the Fusion
26 Warehouse. And there's one more here. And five
27 hundred dollars to the Golden Harvest food bank.
28 That's all I have.
29 EDDIE MOORE: I'll second it. Any
30 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
31 Unanimous. Okay. Is that all, Mr. Waldrep?
32 BOB WALDREP: That's all.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
34 CINDY WILSON: District Seven would like to
35 appropriate from the District Seven recreation account
36 two hundred and fifty dollars to the Fusion Warehouse.
37 I'll just give you a list and -- okay. And two hundred
38 and fifty dollars to the Golden Harvest food bank. And
39 then under the PARD matching grants out of the
40 recreation account three thousand dollars for the
41 Cheddar Youth Center ball park project. And three
42 thousand for the town of Pelzer ball park project. And
43 two thousand three hundred and fifty-two dollars and
44 eighty-two cents for the Friendship Fire Department
45 park project. And that's in the form of a motion.
46 This -- these final three are matching grants.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
48 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
49 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
50 Unanimous. Okay. Any more, Ms. Wilson? Mr. Burns,

1 did you get that list for me on that to ---

2 RUSTY BURNS: I believe that you have
3 taken care of the one hundred dollars for the Tour de
4 La France. I believe that you need to do the Shred Day
5 for one hundred dollars and then for the Starr
6 Championship Baseball team that will be going to
7 Percellville, Virginia to compete in the league's
8 regional champion. They're already the state champion.
9 Two thousand dollars there.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. That'll be in the
11 form of a motion there.

12 CINDY WILSON: Second.

13 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. All
14 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay.
15 Anyone else? We now go to Item 14 and this would be in
16 reference to canceling the regular meeting on August
17 the 4th. I'd like to put that in the form of a motion
18 since we're going to be down at Hilton Head and we
19 won't get back and will not have time to prepare an
20 agenda and our clerk will be there also.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I second that.

22 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
23 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
24 Unanimous.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Moore, who's going to
26 Hilton Head this year, please?

27 EDDIE MOORE: I will be going. I think
28 you will be going. Ms. Eddleman will be going. And
29 Mr. Waldrep will be going. I think that's it.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh.

31 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not sure about Mr.
32 Wilson.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: You're not sure about Ms.
34 Floyd either.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

37 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We now go to
38 Item 15, administrator's report.

39 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I just have
40 one item. That item concerns the lease requested by
41 the Sheriff. It comes before you because it is a
42 recurring expense. The rent on this property will be
43 two thousand one hundred dollars per month for a twelve
44 month lease with the option to renew for one year on
45 the same terms. This property was selected by the
46 Anderson County Sheriff's Office after reviewing
47 several properties. The rent is within market rates
48 and there is no connection between the Sheriff's office
49 and the lessor of this property. And we would request
50 council approval for this item.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
2 motion.
3 CINDY WILSON: Second.
4 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
5 discussion?
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. What property -- what
7 are you talking about here?
8 RUSTY BURNS: The Sheriff, Ms. Floyd.
9 What we discussed earlier.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. Excuse me. I thank
11 you.
12 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: The error is mine.
14 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
15 right hand. Unanimous. Okay.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: While we're talking about
17 properties I have, I have a question please.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: I read in the paper -- I get
20 most of my news from the paper. Mike Ellis, you're
21 doing a good job if you're still here. But I read in
22 the paper where one council member has told somebody
23 else that speaking for the council that they could have
24 a certain piece of property here in Anderson County
25 without cost. I didn't vote on anything like that.
26 Nothing was discussed like that. I have not missed a
27 meeting. I stay to the end of every meeting except ---
28 EDDIE MOORE: Everybody hold it down
29 please.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: You folks are something
31 else. But I stay until the end of the meetings until
32 we get to the criticizing Gracie Floyd part. I usually
33 get up and leave. But I have not voted for anything
34 like that. It was said that speaking on behalf of
35 council -- we have not voted for anyone to speak on
36 behalf of anything. I don't understand what happened
37 here. I'm wondering if that was an ethics violation to
38 say something like that publically, publically when
39 it's not true. I thank you.
40 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anything else, Mr.
41 Burns? Okay. We now go to Item 16, citizen's
42 comments.
43 MIKE PITTS: We have one gentleman that's
44 signed up. Mr. Mark Powell.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
46 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District
47 Seven. It's sad that it is true that it is bash
48 District Two. How dare someone sit and complain over
49 and over again that they've not gotten something in
50 order to read it. We're changing from five hundred

1 dollars to five hundred and one cent. From a thousand
2 to two thousand. From five thousand to five thousand
3 and one cent. Yet on November the 18th you and your
4 cronies passed a 1.14 million dollar buyout when nobody
5 but the five and supposedly nobody including you other
6 than Ron Wilson had the foggiest that a 1.14 million
7 dollar contract. And then Mr. Moore -- not Moore --
8 Mr. Greer presents how to pay for it. With nobody
9 knowing. How dare you whip out a contract to hire an
10 administrator when these two council members had no
11 clue but yet you sit and complain that you don't have
12 information on our purchasing program. That -- that's
13 just pathetic. And as I said earlier, if you guys say
14 it's a good ordinance we trust you, the new council.
15 We don't trust the past. Thank you.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Remarks from councilmen.
17 Mr. Allen?

18 TOM ALLEN: I have nothing at this
19 time.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Nothing at this time.

22 Enjoyed a good short meeting for a change.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

24 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Moore, Mr. Chairman, I
25 just wanted to alert the council that -- to be thinking
26 about the meetings that we're having with the city of
27 Anderson. The areas that were of common interest to
28 us. And that the administrator, Mr. Burns and John
29 Moore of the city, have been meeting together and
30 putting together an agenda in the format of some areas
31 that we feel like we can work together. And I wanted
32 to say this too that a lot of people don't realize that
33 there are many, many things that the city of Anderson
34 and Anderson County work on together. And I think that
35 we've had a very good cooperative way of working
36 together so I just wanted y'all -- to let everybody
37 know that that's an ongoing process and that it is
38 working out well. So having said that, I look forward
39 to more conversation and more agreement. Thank you.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. At this time I
42 just have a couple or three items.

43 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

44 CINDY WILSON: ... And I just wanted to
45 make a few quick comments about the National Guard
46 Armory here in Anderson. Public money is public money
47 whether it is local, state or federal and it's very
48 interesting that a building that would have appraised
49 for around five million maybe two or three years ago at
50 the height of our market is now being reappraised and

1 reappraised. And there's an effort to purchase that
2 building out of I believe federal and possibly state
3 funds for somewhere between eight and eleven million
4 dollars. And that's, that's of concern. Because money
5 is money. And when it comes to public money that's
6 where we certainly want to be aware and express concern
7 when necessary. The National Guard unit that is here
8 in Anderson is an incredible unit and of course we do
9 want to, to keep them here. They're very vital to our
10 national security and also an employer locally. And I
11 certainly did not mean for anyone to think that there
12 had been meetings or any type of agreement, but as the
13 National Guard unit had left the airport where they
14 leased property some years ago and then they leased
15 this other building for eight hundred and sixty-one
16 thousand dollars, I thought it would be really nice for
17 them to consider going back out there. And we do have
18 ample property that's not restricted and my comment
19 meant to reflect that I didn't really think that there
20 would be members of council who would be opposed to
21 welcoming them back to the airport. If I said anything
22 in error I certainly want to clarify that. And I'm not
23 trying to put words in your mouths, but I read the
24 article in the paper that morning and it was an
25 opportunity to go speak to our treasurer and make him
26 welcome to Anderson and make sure that he knew that
27 there's -- there were other possibilities that might be
28 more cost effective. And the airport is an incredible
29 facility. It's our premier strategic location for such
30 as this. But I just wanted to make sure that anything
31 that I said or did was clear and not improper. And if
32 anyone has any questions or if I've done anything in
33 error, please scold me. But anyway, thank you and I
34 appreciate all our folks coming to our meeting tonight.
35 Thank you.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. Mr. Burns, you
37 wanted to say something?

38 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I
39 apologize, but it's very sad about Ms. Eddleman's
40 family situation tonight. But Celia was kind enough to
41 step in and help us as our clerk to council tonight and
42 she had to give up working in her bible school tonight.
43 We offered to send Holt Hopkins but she turned that
44 down. And we also have a very special guest in the
45 audience tonight. It's the noted journalist and
46 columnist Ms. Samantha Harris and she has brought her
47 class from Forrest College. And if we could take a
48 second and ask them to stand up and be recognized.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Please get up. Yeah.
50 Fantastic. Please come back to some more meetings. Do

1 I have a motion to adjourn? Motion to adjourn. All in
2 , favor raise your right hand. We're adjourned.
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4 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Workshop for Procurement Ordinance (2009-006)

July 24, 2009 – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Mike Pitts – County Attorney

ABSENT:

Ron Wilson – District #6
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 24, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:
EDDIE MOORE
TOM ALLEN
BOB WALDREP
GRACIE FLOYD
TOMMY DUNN
CINDY WILSON

1 EDDIE MOORE: Now called to order. We'll
2 now stand and Mr. Dunn will do the invocation and
3 Pledge of Allegiance.

4 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOMMY DUNN

5 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 3 on our
6 agenda today on the purchasing ordinance review. I
7 think everybody should have a new copy of -- just want
8 to make sure that everybody has it. We have -- the
9 comments are highlighted in there red. There's items
10 that'll be deleted. There's a couple of typos in there
11 that, that were in red and they should have been in
12 blue or whatnot. I think Mr. Allen caught a couple of
13 errors. But what this does is gives everybody one and
14 we're doing it today for a couple of reasons. To make
15 sure that everybody has a fresh one before the next
16 meeting which will be a few weeks away. And also Mr.
17 Pitts has some illnesses in his family also and we just
18 want to look out for him and you're in our thoughts and
19 prayers and that's another reason we're doing this
20 today too.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of
22 order please.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, I'm still
24 talking. I still have the floor. I'll -- we'll go
25 into it in just a little bit. But we -- everybody if
26 they would look at their copy of the ordinance that we
27 have today and if you have any comments we can discuss
28 them today and then red line them up and over the next
29 few weeks you'll have an opportunity to read them and
30 look it over. And then bring them back to you for the
31 third reading and we can cover it at that point. Now
32 we'll go into discussion. And Ms. Floyd.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: This is a point of order.
34 I'm -- seem -- I can't find my glasses. May I ask that
35 this -- that the person in the back, do you have a pair
36 I could use? Thank you. I must have dropped them when
37 I got out of the car because they was on my head.
38 Thank you so much. I'll have to do this. Oh, this is
39 fine. I thank you.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. May I suggest
42 if it suits y'all -- you and the rest of the council
43 members can we sort of go over this? It takes but a
44 few minutes. Page by page. And discuss the changes
45 and --

46 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Maybe hit that if that's
48 agreeable for everybody.

49 EDDIE MOORE: That's fine. Mr. Pitts,
50 since you did pretty much the editing on this.

1 MIKE PITTS: Sure. Sure. I'll be
2 happy to walk y'all through it. Starting first with --
3 and this is -- these are changes to article five of the
4 purchasing code only or the procurement code. This was
5 very minor modifications to 2-601. I believe some
6 commas that were inserted just to make it more
7 grammatically correct. The first change of any
8 substance is to Section 2-606.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pitts, excuse me. If
10 you would on the very first one that's minor. You're
11 just I believe deleting the word means. Is that the
12 only -- how's that sentence going to read?

13 MIKE PITTS: The means is in there.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I got you. I got
15 you.

16 MIKE PITTS: That was just the way the
17 word processor works. If you accidentally delete it
18 and then type it back in and it shows it like it's an
19 addition.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts.

22 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: If I were to put this one,
24 the one we received the last time, with this one, would
25 it practically read the same except for the exceptions
26 of the red line and the blue line.

27 MIKE PITTS: It'll track -- well the
28 ordinance -- the formal ordinance contains just the
29 changes only. Well yeah, it would track it. It tracks
30 it the same. Yes, ma'am.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

32 MIKE PITTS: This reflects all of the
33 changes that were made at the last meeting.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Well I understand that but
35 I wanted maybe to put the two together.

36 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. They should.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm hoping that this one
38 will help me understand this one.

39 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. It should.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Both changes.

41 Thank you.

42 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. So the first
43 change of any real substance is to 2-606 and that
44 basically -- the basic change there is that when county
45 property is sold or disposed of, administrator approval
46 is obtained and the council is notified by way of the
47 administrator's regular report to the council at the
48 regularly scheduled meetings. And I'll just keep
49 walking you through it if that's okay. If anybody has
50 any questions of course just stop me.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I've got -- Mr. Chairman,
2 I've got -- just, just back back up to the second page.
3 I -- this is just a -- I think down -- it's in here
4 several different times but like under the petty cash.
5 MIKE PITTS: Uh-huh.
6 TOMMY DUNN: It's got funds may be
7 administered by the finance director or his designee.
8 That ought to be his or her designee; shouldn't it. I
9 mean just to be correct. Maybe on -- that's in there,
10 that's in there several times. Just to keep things up.
11 MIKE PITTS: Yes. That's a good thought.
12 We -- I'll go through this thing and make all those
13 changes.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. And while we're on
15 that I think we -- correct me if I'm incorrect. But
16 the petty cash has been updated too. It was -- wasn't
17 it twenty-five dollars and was up graded to fifty
18 dollars?
19 MIKE PITTS: Let me check.
20 TOMMY DUNN: I think that's correct, Mr.
21 Pitts. I just wanted, I just wanted to -- that is
22 right. I just wanted -- you ain't got to do that. I
23 just wanted to check that.
24 MIKE PITTS: All right.
25 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Pitts, I just needed to
28 ask you about Section 2-606 with regard to sale of
29 county property. That's real and personal property
30 that ---
31 MIKE PITTS: It doesn't distinguish but
32 it just says property so I would -- that would include
33 both. Yes, sir.
34 BOB WALDREP: What I'm more concerned
35 about there might be another section in here. But I
36 always understood that county council could have the
37 approval of the purchase and the sale of any real
38 estate. I don't -- I'm not all that concerned about
39 personal property but real estate. And is that -- Mr.
40 Carroll is shaking his head or nodding his head at this
41 point, which indicates that there might be another
42 section in here that would cover that.
43 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe there's
44 another section in these changes that covers real
45 property by itself.
46 BOB WALDREP: But in the code -- well I
47 think that's a significant issue that we need to
48 address with regard to -- I'm thinking about large land
49 purchases, large land sales and apparently ---
50 MIKE PITTS: Right. Right. The only

1 thing that comes to the top of my head I -- I'd want to
2 go back and study it. But I believe there is a -- in
3 the section that deals generally with Mr. Carroll's
4 office, the duties and responsibilities, one of the
5 items speaks to representing the county in real estate
6 matters, you know, at council's direction. And of
7 course whenever the county sells its real property that
8 requires council action. It requires an ordinance, a
9 public hearing and council action I believe.

10 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well fine. I just
11 want to be covered on that.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep, are you making
13 a suggestion to put on notification there and put
14 approval on that situation in?

15 BOB WALDREP: Well ---

16 EDDIE MOORE: I think that should be
17 there, approval on that one.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr Chairman, if I may.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

20 TOMMY DUNN: And I'm sorry. For some
21 reason I've left off a couple of pages, but I think it
22 ought to be. We don't have nothing that I've seen.
23 There ought to be a couple of classifications. I agree
24 with Mr. Waldrep. It ought to go into a little bit
25 more detail and the city's got a good example of that
26 and I think we need to look at that as far as about
27 disposing of real property and whatnot. Might need to
28 do some work done on that.

29 BOB WALDREP: And, and purchase.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Define a little bit and
31 purchase.

32 BOB WALDREP: Yes.

33 MIKE PITTS: So, so you would -- you'd
34 like to see maybe an additional section that addresses
35 real property specifically.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I think so.

37 MIKE PITTS: Okay.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

39 MIKE PITTS: We'll get on it.

40 TOMMY DUNN: We've got -- I've got an
41 example I'll give y'all to let you look at it.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Okay.

43 MIKE PITTS: All right.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

45 MIKE PITTS: Turning next to Section
46 2-608, that involves just kind of the general
47 stockpiling of your normal everyday supplies. Of
48 course the purchasing director has the ability to do
49 that on his own. There is a change here that provides
50 that, you know, items stocked. And it's talking about

1 office furniture, office supplies, gasoline. Things
2 like that are done with the approval of the
3 administrator and notification to county council. And
4 there also is a change there on the inventory. There's
5 a periodic inventory that the purchasing department
6 does and this change just basically provides that any
7 records of that inventory be supplied to the council.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now that was one of
9 the big issues as far as gasoline. Now we're still
10 going to be bidding out the gasoline. Is that right --
11 is that correct, Mr. Carroll? On the gasoline? That's
12 big ticket item so ...

13 ROBERT CARROLL: In this particular section
14 it's basically just talking about the stocking or
15 inventory of it. Is where it like we do -- we have had
16 a central office stores in the past. We do not
17 currently stock certain office supplies for the
18 departments to get. We used to stock paper in place
19 and basically we don't any more. We stock gasoline
20 because we have underground storage tanks that we buy
21 bulk. That's where that saying -- in this section
22 that's what that's referring to. This has, this has
23 nothing to do with how we purchase it. It's just
24 saying these are items that we stock or inventory in
25 this particular section.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. ---

27 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, but the
28 question still is, we do have bidding process on
29 gasoline that we purchase. Do we?

30 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. But there's ---

31 EDDIE MOORE: I, I would like that
32 gasoline taken out of it. Really I'd like that to be
33 taken out of that. I understand you're going to
34 stockpile and you're going to understand. But we need
35 to make sure -- that's a big ticket item on fuel oil
36 and gas. You're talking about thousands of dollars.
37 And I think we need to make sure that that is bid and I
38 would like that taken out of it -- of that.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

41 TOMMY DUNN: We say bid. Now if I get
42 something -- to make sure we're all on the same page.
43 Are we talking about bid process or, or as far as the
44 lock box situation, going through all that.

45 EDDIE MOORE: This is just in this section
46 right here.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

48 EDDIE MOORE: You know, basically the way
49 this reads it gives him authority just to stockpile it
50 and it looks like to me that would be an exception on

1 our bidding procedure. And I just want to make sure
2 there's some clarification on that. Maybe Mr. Pitts
3 can make sure that that is not the case.
4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
6 CINDY WILSON: Will that also include on
7 road and off road diesel and like any of the fuels that
8 are used to ---
9 EDDIE MOORE: Right.
10 CINDY WILSON: -- heat or cool -- I mean
11 heat buildings? I don't know if they cook with gas at
12 the detention center or not.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: At present -- Mr. Carroll.
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Presently as far as the
19 gasoline is concerned how do we do this -- do it at
20 this time?
21 ROBERT CARROLL: As far as the stocking
22 inventory of it?
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. That's what we're
24 talking about, yes.
25 ROBERT CARROLL: We buy it bulk, a tanker
26 load, eighty-six hundred gallons at a time.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we, do we bid it out?
28 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. We do ---
29 GRACIE FLOYD: We bid it out now; right?
30 ROBERT CARROLL: We do verbal and/or written
31 bids on it. We get a call this morning from either the
32 Sheriff's office or fleet services that says they're
33 down to thirty percent in a particular tank. They need
34 delivery tomorrow morning. We get delivery for them
35 tomorrow morning.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. From your stockpile?
37 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am, to our stockpile.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
39 ROBERT CARROLL: The stock is there's ---
40 GRACIE FLOYD: After you have bid on it;
41 right?
42 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: You do a separate bid on it
44 and then put it in the ---
45 ROBERT CARROLL: They deliver, they deliver
46 it to the different tanks either at the Sheriff's
47 location or at road maintenance location. We have
48 unleaded fuel and then we have I think three tanks, I
49 think I'm right, and then we have one diesel tank
50 underground out at road maintenance.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well you've answered
2 the question. The question was are we presently
3 bidding on it now? And your answer was yes.

4 ROBERT CARROLL Yes, we get verbal bids on
5 it now.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. Also Mr.
7 Carroll, the office furniture. Now we're not talking
8 one desk, two desk here. We're talking about a
9 warehouse full of stock. We're not? Okay. What are
10 we talking about please?

11 ROBERT CARROLL: Most of this section we
12 might could just do away with. Like I said, we used to
13 have a office supply store so to speak that was in our
14 vault within purchasing, that we had small office
15 supplies that the different offices could get. We used
16 to have paper. We have pretty much done away with that
17 because it was a -- it just got to be an issue for the
18 tracking of that. For me to have a person to keep up
19 with that all the time was taking away from their
20 duties, what they needed to do. So far as truly
21 inventory or stockpiling of any thing we don't have any
22 office supplies, paper, any more. We -- I still think
23 stockpiling gasoline is still what we do because we buy
24 it in bulk. We do have it in, you know, underground
25 tanks. So I mean that's all this section's talking
26 about. Just what do we inventory. Not how we go
27 about. I mean that's addressed in other sections is
28 what I'm trying to get at.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: So you're saying that,
31 that in your opinion this section here central supplies
32 and services could be eliminated? Is that what you
33 just said?

34 ROBERT CARROLL: Well, it can, it can
35 stay in there but what I'm saying is I can't just say,
36 okay, I want to start stocking computers. I can't do
37 that without going to the administrator and then coming
38 to you to get that approval. So I think we leave it in
39 there but if we want to add particular items if there's
40 a need comes up along the way. Now one item that we
41 may be able to start back adding is since we now have a
42 warehouse area at the court house annex in the back,
43 maybe we can look into buying bulk paper again where we
44 can buy twelve skids at a time. Save a little bit
45 there. We can stock it there. But then the
46 departments will have to check it out from there. So
47 that's something we can look at. But before we just
48 didn't have the space to stockpile stuff.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

50 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, just right

1 quick. The only reason that I'm a little bit concerned
2 about this is the area of transportation that we have
3 that obviously we do stockpile out there. Do we not?
4 Different parts. And so there's nothing wrong with
5 leaving that language in there at this particular time.
6 If you use it, fine. If you don't use it, fine. But
7 ---

8 ROBERT CARROLL: But I'm not going to add
9 anything to it without permission.

10 BOB WALDREP: Right. Right. Okay.
11 That's, that's the only comment I had. Thank you.

12 MIKE PITTS: Okay.

13 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

15 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just very quickly. I
16 know I was in Mr. Carroll's office the other day
17 regarding the bidding on, on gasoline and he was kind
18 enough to show me the documentation. It is written.
19 It is bid out. And the price is per gallon for gas and
20 so on. So there, there is definitely a bid process for
21 that. And it seemed to be working well from what I
22 saw.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

25 TOMMY DUNN: I just want us to keep in
26 mind this section again is nothing to do with
27 purchasing. It's just allowing them to stock. And
28 also if you read this and let Mr. Pitts interpret if he
29 would, but it don't lock yourself into nothing. It
30 says such as. Just examples. It don't mean it's got
31 to be this. It can be added to or it don't have to be.
32 It just gives a leeway and I think it's fine like it
33 is. It can't do -- has nothing to do with purchasing.
34 Just setting examples.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. Continue
36 on.

37 MIKE PITTS: All right.

38 TOM ALLEN: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

39 Just very quickly a question.

40 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.

41 TOM ALLEN: That in red is being
42 deleted. Is that correct? Is that what's been
43 deleted?

44 MIKE PITTS: No that's, that's been
45 inserted.

46 TOM ALLEN: It's been inserted?

47 MIKE PITTS: Correct.

48 TOM ALLEN: What's, what's the blue
49 then?

50 MIKE PITTS: The blue was the -- this

1 has kind of been a work in progress if you will. So
2 the first time changes were made to it in blue.
3 TOM ALLEN: Oh okay.
4 MIKE PITTS: Then the second -- when I
5 went in the second time to reflect the changes that
6 were made the other night they showed up in red.
7 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Cause I thought the
8 red was deleted and the blue was added. But it's not.
9 MIKE PITTS: No. The stuff that was
10 deleted ---
11 TOM ALLEN: If it's in color it's
12 being added then.
13 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. The way this -- the
14 word processing program works, when -- if something
15 deleted there'll be some comments out there on the
16 right hand side of the page to tell you it was deleted
17 and what was deleted.
18 TOM ALLEN: Oh okay. Okay.
19 MIKE PITTS: Okay. The next change of
20 any substance is to 2-631 addressing in general the
21 policy or the county's policy for competitive bidding.
22 It used to be a formal competitive sealed bid process.
23 The threshold used to be ten thousand dollars. That
24 has been lowered and right now it's set -- it's been
25 lowered to seventy-five hundred. At one point I
26 believe in consulting with Mr. Carroll in his office a
27 fifteen thousand dollar threshold was suggested. But
28 as the ordinance currently reads it's, it's actually
29 been lowered from ten thousand to seventy-five hundred.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Can we please, please,
33 Mr. Chairman, go back to Section 2 6-11 capital
34 expenditures?
35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
36 TOMMY DUNN: I want to touch on this and
37 Mr. Hopkins if he's here might have to help me out on
38 this. I just want to make sure. Mr. Carroll you might
39 be able to help us or whatnot. Back in December when
40 me and Mr. Moore and Mr. Allen went around to the
41 departments and talking -- especially the
42 transportation department and road department. And I
43 want to -- what we need to do -- you know, they
44 mentioned to us about there's a certain period there
45 that, that -- make sure the county government's not
46 stopped because we -- we're closing our books and
47 shutting down. There's got to be a procedure put in
48 place, if we need to correct something -- you know, I
49 talked with a couple of them this morning. But if
50 there's something we need to correct, we need to do. I

1 just -- you know, April through October and maybe even
2 November is prime construction time. We don't need to
3 be shutting it down, you know, two months during the
4 summer. Because by the time you shut it down and get
5 it started back up. I just want to make sure we look
6 at that and talk, talk -- maybe talk to the people, our
7 county people, employees, department heads, and make
8 sure we ain't having this trouble. I mean I talked to
9 one this morning and it seems like we could tighten
10 that up. You know, maybe get with Mr. Daniels and get
11 a -- think how we can do it a little bit on that. I'd
12 just like to see that.

13 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

14 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

15 CINDY WILSON: Was that possibly a method
16 of addressing a budget in all the county departments
17 where there would have been money left over and then
18 there would be a rush to spend it before the end of the
19 budget year. And maybe, maybe we could write it so
20 that it affected that but without constraining the
21 work.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Carroll's
23 got something to add I believe.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Carroll.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

26 ROBERT CARROLL: What I was just going to
27 say, we've got that date in there. That's capital
28 expenditures. In other words that gives us time.
29 We've got to go through a bid process and get it in
30 before the end of the year. Get the paperwork in. Now
31 we cut off -- you've got at some point say, okay, stop,
32 requisitions. We've got -- our office has got to
33 finish those up. We've got to close out the year. We
34 do have some down time. The first week to ten days of
35 July. Best we can do. You know, we, we cut off the
36 system. They can't order. They can't place any orders
37 in the -- we have an automated requisition system. It
38 comes from the departments to us. That's a down time
39 that we're closing out the old year. Getting that
40 cleared out. We've got to clear out the system.
41 That's part of purchasing, finance and the MIS
42 department, all involved together. We do that as
43 quickly as we can so that we can get the departments
44 back up and operating. But they know this every year
45 we're going to go through this same process. Now if
46 the Sheriff calls me and he needs gas. Am I going to
47 tell him no for ten days? No, sir. We're going to get
48 him gas. We can do that. Things that's required. But
49 if somebody calls and says, I need some office
50 supplies. I'm going to say, go borrow some. Okay.

1 Until we open up. So there is a down time. But as far
2 as this is concerned, this is talking about capital
3 expenditures. We have a deadline. We've got to have
4 time to process it. We have pretty much gone to item
5 by item basis for capital expenditure that unless it's
6 been approved by the administrator, we're not ordering
7 any capital expenditures as of this point. But we're
8 still in a hold on capital expenditures.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'm kind of in the
12 dark here. First of all I don't understand what Mr.
13 Dunn is talking about. I couldn't understand what,
14 what he was saying. Number two, your example of if the
15 Chair needed some gas you would give him some. I hope
16 that was just a hypothetical --

17 ROBERT CARROLL: I said the Sheriff.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, excuse me. Because I
19 thought you said the Chair and I was wondering why
20 would the Chair need some gas here. But Mr. Pitts,
21 would you please explain to me what Mr. Dunn is
22 referring to. Thank you.

23 MIKE PITTS: I -- it might be best to
24 let Mr. Dunn explain since he's the one who said it.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: I prefer you do it, Mr.
26 Pitts.

27 MIKE PITTS: But my understanding is he
28 had a concern in that these, these calendar deadlines
29 would some how create a problem where things couldn't
30 be purchased if there not, if there not during these,
31 during these time periods and he just wanted to make
32 sure there wasn't any ambiguity there that the county
33 could keep on functioning and operating despite these
34 ---

35 TOMMY DUNN: I don't, I don't want to
36 see that especially with ---

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So he ---

38 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to chime in on
39 this a little bit if you don't mind. I would like to
40 chime in.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I have, I have the floor.

42 EDDIE MOORE: No, ma'am. You relinquished
43 to Mr. Pitt and he has just relinquished it and I'm
44 going to make a point here.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. -- but ---

46 EDDIE MOORE: Because you're -- you said
47 something about Mr. Dunn and he and I were in some of
48 these conversations with the paving department. The
49 issue is we don't want to do anything that would slow
50 down the paving in the prime time of the year. And

1 that was the issue that Mr. Dunn was talking about and
2 that we had talked about when we had some of the
3 meetings with some of the department heads. We need to
4 make sure in the prime time of paving, which is the hot
5 of summer, we do not have -- need down time on
6 equipment. We need to be paving. And if we need to
7 shift that date around some so that we can pave in the
8 prime time of the year it saves the county thousands of
9 dollars. And we had talked with Mr. Hopkins about that
10 and also Mr. Carroll and that's -- I'm going to
11 interject into that because that was the issue that Mr.
12 Dunn was talking about. And now, Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Going back to you, Mr.
14 Pitts. So the time that he was, he was referring to
15 was May 15, May 15 to June the 30th; right? But Mr.
16 Carroll, you explained that there's a reason for it
17 being like this. Am I correct?

18 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

20 ROBERT CARROLL: This, this section's
21 talking about capital expenditures.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

23 ROBERT CARROLL: For a deadline. Now far as
24 purchases, yes. You've got road maintenance. You've
25 got solid waste. You've got waste water. You've got
26 building and grounds. A lot of these other non-office
27 functions. They can't stop no matter what day of the
28 year it is. They've got to keep being able to operate
29 them. I think for the most part we attempt to keep
30 them operating. The Sheriff is another one in example.
31 They're three hundred sixty five days a year. But
32 office, offices such as my own, we could plan a little
33 bit ahead. If I know I'm going to need some paper I
34 need to order that paper and don't wait until the last
35 two or three weeks of June to try to do it. But this
36 particular section is talking about capital
37 expenditures, which capital with the county is any
38 item, equipment, that type of thing, over a thousand
39 dollars, is considered a capital expenditure.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Carroll, I thank
41 you. It may be well that our Chairman and his
42 committee members did the work on this and it may be
43 well that they talked to the people involved on the
44 district. But it's up to all of us to understand
45 what's happening here. And I thank you and I retain
46 the right to call you back again if I need you. Thank
47 you, Mr. Chairman.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

49 MIKE PITTS: All right. So again moving
50 forward 26 -- 2-631 changes the threshold for the

1 formal sealed bids. It lowers it from ten thousand to
2 seventy-five hundred where it currently sits. The next
3 ---
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Question.
5 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Over here on the copy that
7 we received at the meeting, section 631, the entire
8 section was crossed out at the meeting last Tuesday
9 night when we received this paper.
10 MIKE PITTS: In the form that it was
11 received that was, that was x'd through but that was
12 not one of the amendments.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: That what?
14 MIKE PITTS: That was not one of the
15 amendments that was made.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: I know. But still it's in
17 the document, okay. But the entire thing is crossed
18 out.
19 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Now what replaced this if
21 anything?
22 MIKE PITTS: Nothing has replaced it. If
23 the -- the original amount that was set in the
24 ordinance was ten thousand and Mr. Carroll's office in
25 conferring with him, he had suggested fifteen --
26 actually raising it to fifteen thousand dollars. But
27 again it's been lowered to seventy-five hundred.
28 That's all that's changed is the numbers moved. It's
29 been a moving target.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I don't know if that
31 answers my question. Maybe the paper that I received
32 at the council meeting last Tuesday night indicated
33 that the entire section 631 was scratched out. All
34 right. The entire section was scratched out. I found
35 nothing in the one that I received Tuesday night that
36 explained anything. But today on this one it talks
37 about 631 competitive bidding policy. Do you
38 understand what I mean?
39 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now it
41 was crossed out here but it was included here.
42 MIKE PITTS: Because there would -- if it
43 was going -- if the number was going to stay at ten
44 there would be no reason to change -- make any changes
45 to it. But as I understand it currently the way the
46 ordinance reads it's at seventy-five hundred dollars.
47 So there's -- there would have been -- if it was going
48 to stay at ten there would be no reason to make any
49 changes to it. All that's happened is the number -- as
50 a practical matter is the number has gone from ten to

1 seventy-five hundred dollars.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that. I
3 understand that explicitly. But I don't -- I just
4 can't understand why it was scratched out. It -- you
5 have seventy -- seven thousand five hundred dollars
6 down here now in the old one.

7 MIKE PITTS: Well what was ---

8 GRACIE FLOYD: But it was scratched
9 through. The whole thing is scratched through and
10 there's nothing here to -- there's nothing in the old
11 one to explain ...

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13 GRACIE FLOYD: ... 631. There's no scratch
14 outs on the other one. Mr. Pitts, this one is not
15 going to be solved here. I think this is going to call
16 for a one on one so we can move on with the thing.

17 MIKE PITTS: That'll be fine.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Maybe I can you know
19 meet with you afterwards and you can -- I can show you
20 what I'm talking about. And you can explain it to me,
21 okay. That's it. Thank you.

22 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

24 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Just a question. This
25 is down to seventy-five hundred. Do you have examples?
26 What does the city for instanced have or other counties
27 have as a cut-off for bids?

28 ROBERT CARROLL: I contacted seven or
29 eight other counties. You've got a wide range. Some
30 have ten. Some have fifteen. Some have twenty. There
31 was one county actually had up to thirty thousand. I
32 believe that one -- I don't want to say for sure -- I
33 think it was Greenville before. Which I think is way
34 too high. I'm not, I'm not looking for that.

35 TOM ALLEN: Are, are there others at
36 seventy-five or below?

37 ROBERT CARROLL: It varies. I'm sure there
38 are. I didn't call all forty-six counties. I called I
39 think about eight.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: I understand.

42 EDDIE MOORE: If I may interject a little
43 bit. Where that number come from I pulled -- when I
44 was at the ACOG meeting I got requested to get copies
45 -- I got Pickens County, Oconee County, Spartanburg,
46 Greenville and I think it was like seven different
47 counties from the upstate. And I kind of looked
48 through all of them and kind of averaged it out and
49 kind of put a middle of the road. There were some that
50 were lower. There were a lot, you know, a lot was

1 higher. Some of them were the same. But that's just
2 kind of a middle of the road number. But -- and that
3 numbers float able. Whatever y'all would -- the
4 majority of council would like to do.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

7 TOMMY DUNN: I would just like to ask Mr.
8 Carroll, what would that do to the county operations
9 cutting it back instead of -- I mean is it going to
10 slow anything down? Going to hurt anything? Going to
11 put more work on it instead of just leaving it like it
12 is?

13 ROBERT CARROLL: That's probably better
14 answered by some of the departments. I don't know if
15 ---

16 TOMMY DUNN: If Mr. Holt Hopkins can
17 come up. I mean Holt Hopkins can come up if he would,
18 Mr. Chairman, and answer this.

19 ROBERT CARROLL: I mean I didn't even ask.
20 We would do the process, whatever's there. But it
21 might create more work in one respect.

22 EDDIE MOORE: I remind you, cell phones
23 are supposed to be off if you're in the council
24 chambers, anyone. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, if you would,
26 before you, before you sit down. You're talking,
27 you're talking about more work for your staff and you
28 -- if it's going to create more work for your staff and
29 you a little bit as far as power-wise or staff-wise,
30 you'll -- are you -- what's your level now? Are you at
31 the same level you was? Are you down?

32 ROBERT CARROLL: No. We gave up a buyer
33 position for this year.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Well I'm just trying to
35 get it my head so if your down one it puts more work
36 ---

37 ROBERT CARROLL: We're down, we're down
38 one -- excuse me. Let me rephrase that. We have the
39 position. We gave up the money for this year for that
40 position. So we're, we're down one person.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you.

42 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Where'd Mr. Hopkins -- Mr.
44 Holt Hopkins, if he would address maybe what would that
45 do -- Holt, you've been around. In your department
46 what would it do if we -- if you cut it back? I mean
47 is that going to hinder us?

48 HOLT HOPKINS: Well a formal bid process
49 normally takes us six weeks. I mean you can -- I mean
50 by the time you put the paperwork together, get it out

1 on the street, get them back, award it and all that
2 it's going to be a six week process. That, that takes
3 part of our summer away. I mean seventy-five hundred
4 dollars when you're building roads or doing
5 construction work is a ---

6 TOMMY DUNN: Well is it a problem what we
7 got now. What we got -- the limit now I think is ten
8 thousand dollars. Does that, does that seem to be
9 working?

10 HOLT HOPKINS: It's working. I mean it
11 would help a little bit if we could bump it up a little
12 bit, five, ten thousand dollars. But that's, that's
13 y'all's call. It would help -- I mean we're still
14 getting bids on everything by phone ---

15 TOMMY DUNN: I understand. I understand
16 that. I'd just like to determine ---

17 HOLT HOPKINS: The sealed bid process is
18 what is six weeks long.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. I understand. That's
20 what -- I just think we ought to at the very minimum my
21 suggestion would be at least leave it like it is now.
22 If not up it a couple thousand dollars. But at least
23 leave it at ten thousand dollars. I don't, I don't
24 want to -- I don't think we should go backwards. And
25 we can look at it and if there's any problem that comes
26 up, you know, monitoring this we can correct it. But
27 I'd had to split more work and slow something or the
28 other down. We're just talking about one thing if -- I
29 don't think the process has been showed where it's
30 being a problem now where it might could become one is
31 what I'm -- what my thought is. See what other council
32 members have to say.

33 EDDIE MOORE: And if you would just -- if
34 you would write that down and what we'll do at the next
35 council meeting we'll have a list of amendments and
36 we'll vote on each amendment just like we did at the
37 last council meeting. So that will be one that we'll
38 vote on because I personally disagree on that one. I
39 think it should be seventy-five. Anything we can do to
40 save money for the county we need to do it. And that's
41 the reason I really think we need to do a lot more
42 bidding. So just put it in the form of an amendment
43 and we'll put it on the agenda at the regular meeting
44 when we do the third reading and we'll vote it, you
45 know, either up or down.

46 TOMMY DUNN: I will. But just -- I want
47 to make one thing clear where there ain't no
48 misunderstanding. Whether it's seventy-five hundred or
49 ten thousand or fifty thousand or five thousand it's
50 still bidden. It's just according -- we're talking

1 about the process at which it's bidden. Either lock
2 box which is taking more time, but it'll still be
3 bidden regardless. I'm all for bidding and price
4 control too. And if it's all right, Mr. Chairman, I
5 believe Mr. Carroll's about to come out of his seat
6 there. He's want to -- he done out of his seat. He's
7 wanting to say something.

8 ROBERT CARROLL: Just in a nut shell, what
9 we have right now five hundred dollars less if the
10 price is fair and reasonable does not require
11 competition. Between five thousand -- excuse me,
12 between five hundred and five thousand requires a
13 minimum of three verbal bids. Okay. Telephone bills
14 -- bids. Can be more. Between five thousand and ten
15 thousand is required solicitation of five written
16 faxed. Normally the process is the department sends us
17 the information with the specs. We fax it to five and
18 we keep the documentation where we fax it to five
19 vendors and attempt to get five responses. Now one of
20 those five, two of those five may not respond back. We
21 can't make any vendor respond back just like we can't
22 make any vendor respond back on a formal sealed bid.
23 But so we still get competition. Discussion about the
24 fuel, there's competition. It's just how we get it.
25 And then again, the way it is now, over ten thousand
26 formal sealed bid, advertised locally in the paper,
27 posted on the bulletin board downstairs, put in SCO
28 which is South Carolina Business Opportunities which
29 comes out of the state Budget and Control Board and
30 that goes all across the country. It's on the
31 internet. So we advertise very well for those bids.
32 But you know, this section again like I say, talking
33 about whether it's ten thousand, seventy-five hundred,
34 fifteen thousand, whatever, the state just for
35 information -- the state procurement code which most
36 state agencies -- the bigger agencies operate under
37 their level right now for formal sealed bids is twenty-
38 five thousand. Not looking for that. Just -- that's
39 information. Thank you. Comparison.

40 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. Just one
41 last thought. You know in listening to everything
42 that's been said here it troubles me that one size
43 doesn't fit all in all these situations. There are
44 different scenarios and I guess I get back to the
45 paving situation where sometimes you need to act a lot
46 more quickly than six weeks. I think we're going to
47 have to give some latitude and some flexibility to this
48 system out there with the fact that we're going to have
49 to place some trust in the integrity of the system.
50 That those that are going to implement it are going to

1 implement it in the best interest of the county. And
2 so I just want to mention that I don't care how many
3 rules that we impose here if, if we don't have any kind
4 of trust in the way that the rules are going to be
5 administered it's not going to work. I think we could,
6 we could sit here and stack up a great deal of rules
7 and regulations. But I, I just wanted to say that as
8 an overall philosophical look at this particular
9 problem. So I think having said that maybe we can, we
10 can come back and deal with this. One thing that I
11 thought about was that whenever there's an emergency of
12 some kind we certainly -- whatever council is sitting
13 here, whether it be us or another one, they're going to
14 have to impose some trust in the administrator and the
15 way that the administrator's going to implement this
16 system because it's clearly a relation -- relationship
17 between the department heads and the administrator. So
18 I just don't want us to feel too constricted or bound
19 down here for future councils because we're not going
20 to always be here. Thank God. Thank you.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank God. Mr. Chair.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Waldrep,

26 Councilman for District One, I agree with you
27 wholeheartedly on this. It's been a long time, it's
28 been a long time. It's refreshing to hear that. You
29 asking or you calling for that at this particular time
30 of the year because it's not something that we have
31 practiced lately here in Anderson County and I commend
32 you for that. And I agree with you there for that.
33 Thank you.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn you had
37 something to say about on 612?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. If you'd look back on
39 that, Mr. Pitts, and you -- y'all tell me if it's
40 inappropriate on 612 annual capital (inaudible)
41 inventory and if you'd flip over on to the second part
42 of it down at the bottom it goes through, you know --
43 it's cut through the chase in a nutshell about if
44 something's not inventoried or ain't found or misplaced
45 or something or other about notifying the, the finance.
46 I think something would be appropriate for county
47 council -- some wording in there for county council's
48 notified.

49 MIKE PITTS: All right, sir. That, that
50 can easily be done.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
3 MIKE PITTS: Moving on to Section 2-633.
4 This is the section that gives Mr. Carroll and his
5 office the ability to make procedures and regulations.
6 The changes contemplate that, that the regulations if
7 they're changed or amended that they are submitted both
8 to the administrator and county council for approval.
9 And the other change is that to the extent there is any
10 conflict between the regulations and the county code,
11 the ordinance, the ordinance of course controls. And
12 then there's some additional language in here that
13 council be notified in the event someone were to claim
14 there was a conflict or inconsistency between the regs
15 and the county code.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, would you please
19 go back again and where you were saying at the
20 beginning. I was busy trying to get these things to
21 match up when you started talking before and I didn't
22 get ---
23 MIKE PITTS: Would you like for me to
24 repeat what I said?
25 GRACIE FLOYD: The first part about the --
26 giving the something to Anderson council as well as the
27 administrator maybe? What are we ...
28 MIKE PITTS: Mr., Mr. Carroll's office
29 has the ability to, to make policies and procedures.
30 And this provides that in the event there are any
31 amendments or changes to the policies and procedures
32 they be presented to both the administrator and the
33 county council for approval. Prior it was just to the
34 administrator for approval. This additional language
35 inserts the council into that process.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Was this one of
37 the amendments that was voted on last week?
38 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe so. This is
39 always -- that's -- this -- that was not one of the
40 amendments. I don't believe so. No, ma'am.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: You don't believe so. You
42 don't know.
43 ROBERT CARROLL: This has been the language
44 already -- this is the language that was in the current
45 code that we operate under.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.
47 MIKE PITTS: Next is the changes to 2-
48 634, there is section (a) it talks about that, that
49 number has changed. This is the formal sealed bid
50 process. Again the number dropping from ten thousand

1 to seventy-five hundred. The handwritten additions are
2 mine. That is just something that I just -- that
3 occurred to me as I was putting this redline version
4 together that we need some language in there that makes
5 it clear that unless it's otherwise exempted the sealed
6 bid process applies. An example would be if there was
7 an emergency or the state procurement policy was
8 provided. But in any event formal sealed bids now for
9 seventy-five hundred dollars instead of ten thousand.
10 There's a change to subsection (b)(4) that -- to
11 provide for advertising in the South Carolina Business
12 Opportunities circular and Mr. Carroll can address that
13 if you have any questions. Moving on to (c), this
14 involves a little bit of changing of the language to
15 the envelopes and how they are -- the bids are
16 submitted. They're submitted in a double sealed
17 envelope with a signature over the, over the seal and
18 they would be delivered to the county administrator
19 instead of to the purchasing director. That's the
20 major change there in subsection (c). Subsection (d)
21 provides for the deposit of all sealed bids into this
22 -- into the bid box or safe which would be a secure
23 cabinet of some sort. There would be two locks. The
24 administrator would have either a lock or combination
25 and the administrator would have one key or one combo
26 and then the, the chairman or the vice chairman would
27 have a separate unique key or combination. Subsection
28 (g) provides that bids be open -- originally it was the
29 Friday following the regularly scheduled meetings.
30 There was an amendment the other night that changed
31 that to every Friday except on holidays. So the bids
32 are opened publically on every Friday. The chairman's
33 present and the administrator's present and the bids
34 are opened in public.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts.

38 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, the thing that we
40 voted on last meeting, the first thing under Section
41 634 -- 2-634 that we voted on in the last meeting was
42 under Section 238. Am I corrected? Am I correct here?
43 This is all so confusing. Okay. I'm going to have to
44 start from the, from the -- Mr. Carroll, what has
45 changed here?

46 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: What do we do now that's
48 being changed? Please tell me that.

49 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. Currently bid
50 requests over ten thousand dollars, the process is the

1 department sends us the -- their request. We ask them
2 for the specifications. I put together the bid package
3 myself with the specifications. We mail it out from
4 our office to a minimum of five or more and with a due
5 date and time that those bids are to receive -- be
6 received back in our office. We also advertise them
7 like I mentioned a while ago. Those are advertised
8 appropriately. The bids when they come back in,
9 whether it's hand delivered, U.S. Mail, overnight
10 express mail, they're delivered to our office. They
11 are time stamped in on the outside of the envelope.
12 They are not opened. They are put into a file cabinet,
13 locked. We open them at that date and time specified.
14 Now that is a public bid opening. It -- anybody,
15 whether it's just the vendors or the public, can come
16 to that. We open those ---

17 GRACIE FLOYD: But that's not changing in
18 this new thing; is it? We're going to do that the same
19 way.

20 ROBERT CARROLL: No. The proposed is
21 different.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

23 ROBERT CARROLL: I was answering what we do
24 now. I thought ---

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh. You were. You
26 were. And, and -- yeah. But now what's going to be
27 different about it? Describe to me what's going to be
28 different.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: Instead of the bids coming
30 into our office they'll come into the administrator's
31 office. Instead of being opened by me and a member of
32 my staff. We always have two people open. It's never
33 just me. It will be opened by the administrator and
34 the chairman and/or vice chairman of council. I'm not
35 involved. That's the difference.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Have there been problems in
37 the past about opening up bids that would warrant a
38 change of this magnitude of who's going to open what
39 and who's going to hold keys to what?

40 ROBERT CARROLL: Not that I'm aware of. But
41 I'll say this. I've been here eleven and a half years.
42 We've had one out of I don't want to exaggerate but I
43 would say conservatively eight hundred plus bids,
44 formal bids, we've had one that we've had a protest on.
45 A formal protest, so ... And that wasn't over that.
46 That was over the spec.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I maintain the
48 right to hold the floor and I have a question for you,
49 Mr. Pitts, and when you finish answering my question,
50 Mr. Chair, I would like to have the floor back. Mr.

1 Pitts, why was this thing added about having the chair
2 having the key, whomever the chair is at that time, and
3 the administrator having the key? I mean why was that
4 necessary?

5 MIKE PITTS: I crafted some language
6 that was a -- as the result of a meeting with Mr.
7 Carroll. I believe he had met with Mr. Moore and that
8 was, that was something that, that was requested. This
9 -- the creation of this bid box.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. All right.

11 MIKE PITTS: So I put the language
12 together.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What would happen --
14 help me fashion a scenario as to what would happen if
15 we had someone here -- how would that improve -- if
16 this is a trust factor here how would that improve the
17 trust? That the -- that the bids are being properly --
18 the procedure of the bid is being properly followed?
19 How would that, you know, how would that give us more
20 confidence that is being done now? Because like I'm
21 not comfortable with that at all. Because, you know,
22 like one year you just may have a bad chairman. And
23 you don't want that chairman dabbling in stuff and you
24 don't feel like that chairman should be dabbling in
25 things like that if we get a bad chair. Now the
26 administrator I see because we hire him. The
27 procurement director I see because we hire him. But I
28 just don't understand that. I mean what gives the
29 chairman the authority? Why not me? Why not any other
30 councilman? Why not the councilman of District Seven?
31 Why not all of us at one time having keys?

32 MIKE PITTS: That's certainly something
33 y'all can -- if that's how you want it to read I'll,
34 I'll draft it up any way y'all tell me to.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Well no, I wasn't asking you
36 to do that. I was just trying to see ---

37 MIKE PITTS: I mean ---

38 GRACIE FLOYD: To give me some legal advice
39 or some legal jargon or whatever, but I relinquish the
40 floor.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Any one else?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

44 TOMMY DUNN: I wonder if it might be
45 appropriate, I know a lot of places are putting in bids
46 and when we sent out the bids invitations put the place
47 we're going to put the bids up at, the location.

48 EDDIE MOORE: That probably needs to be
49 added to it.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Do you already do that,

1 Holt?
2 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Well I was just saying, you
4 know, that might make it simple if we put it, put it in
5 the ordinance too, you know.
6 HOLT HOPKINS: Oh okay.
7 TOMMY DUNN: What I'm saying is ---
8 HOLT HOPKINS: Well I believe it ---
9 TOMMY DUNN: I didn't see it in here
10 nowhere.
11 HOLT HOPKINS: Okay. It may just say
12 opened by the purchasing director. It doesn't say
13 where.
14 TOMMY DUNN: It says on Friday. It don't
15 say. And I mean the location could change. I mean it
16 has before. I'm not trying to lock in the location.
17 I'm trying to say you know to let them know where it's
18 going to be at when you put the bids up.
19 ROBERT CARROLL: And we do, you know, bids
20 received in our office and it has that on the
21 advertisement and it has that in the bid document a
22 couple of places.
23 TOMMY DUNN: And Mr. Chairman, I also
24 have a question about the Freedom of Information thing
25 but I'm going, I'm going to wait and talk to Mr. Pitts
26 about it in private. And Mr. Carroll, do we have a
27 process -- you might -- it might be in one of your
28 procedures but I didn't see it in this document here in
29 case of bids are cancelled? Anything in place anything
30 about bids cancelled or ...
31 ROBERT CARROLL: If the bids -- yeah, if
32 there's --
33 TOMMY DUNN: For instance if to say if
34 you take ---
35 ROBERT CARROLL: We don't ---
36 TOMMY DUNN: What I'm saying is we -- if
37 we put out bids for something, whatever it is, and for
38 some reason whatever we decided to cancel that we're
39 not going to take bids, we can't afford what -- before
40 we ever open them up, is there a process in place how
41 those bids are handled?
42 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. We would, we
43 would send out a cancellation saying ---
44 TOMMY DUNN: Have you got a procedure
45 written, written down saying is, is what I'm asking. I
46 didn't see it in this document but you've got one?
47 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. And that rarely
48 -- I don't want to say never but rarely happens.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. I understand that.
50 ROBERT CARROLL: Most of the time bids are

1 open we may not award the bid for budget reasons or ---
2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes that's another ---
3 ROBERT CARROLL: -- or that type.
4 TOMMY DUNN: That's a whole different
5 thing than what I'm talking about. I know it's very
6 rare that it could happen but if it does we need to
7 have, especially this day and time, to have all our i's
8 dotted and all the t's crossed. I just want to make
9 sure we do have a procedure in place for that.

10 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

11 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

12 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. Over
13 the eight years I've been on council I've had a number
14 of complaints from either heavy equipment vendors or
15 landscaping people or construction people, just all
16 manner of services and goods for the county that they
17 didn't feel like we had a proper bid procedure and
18 that's no reflection on our purchasing department. But
19 it seems that something along the proposed lines here
20 would make it a beyond reproach process and it takes
21 the pressure off of any one person or employee for the
22 county. And I would certainly support a process where
23 it's so clear and so open and so well formulated
24 publically and so forth that it takes the pressure off
25 of us on council. It takes the pressure off of our
26 employees, our administrator, etcetera. And I think
27 this is where we need to continue moving along. Thank
28 you.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

30 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to have my
31 time now we've gone around to all the council members
32 and then I will come back to you, Ms. Floyd. But I
33 would like to make one comment on this. When we first
34 started reviewing this document, the existing document,
35 we had numerous meetings with Mr. Carroll who I would
36 like to praise on this because he has done an
37 outstanding job helping us with -- through this process
38 and -- but looking at procurement codes throughout the
39 state it's fairly common in the majority of the ones in
40 the state that they have lock boxes and most of the
41 time if it's a city, municipality or a county it's
42 pretty much customary that there would be someone off
43 of council, whether it be the chairman or vice chairman
44 that would be there at the time of the opening of the
45 bids. It's fairly common practice throughout the state
46 and really the whole southeast on the ones -- I guess I
47 have looked at probably over a hundred procurement and
48 bidding procedures in the last few months. This has
49 been going on really since last summer and -- with me.
50 It's been kind of a personal thing on my note and I've

1 got involved with it a lot and it's a combination of a
2 lot of different -- that I have read. And I think ours
3 is probably very minimum for some of the municipalities
4 and county procedures that they have. Ours is really
5 not that strict. I think it's a good one. I think
6 it's an honorable way to do it and everything is out in
7 front where people can see what's going on and I don't
8 see anything wrong with it. Now Ms. Floyd.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I take exception
10 to the fact that this thing is happening all over this
11 state because after my ten years on council I've never
12 even heard of the key part. Now the lock -- the lock
13 box part is true. This is a procedure used throughout
14 this state for holding bids. But for the, for the
15 chair to have a key. The chair? The chair to have a
16 key and the administrator to have the key and not the
17 procurement office -- officer, there's something --
18 it's something about that. I don't believe that that
19 will protect anyone from being beyond the suspicious
20 because their going to put the suspicion on the
21 chairman. The administrator should have the key and
22 the, the procurement officer should have the key. And
23 it should be that the council chair or his vice chair,
24 whomever that is at the time, should be present and
25 anybody else who would like to be there, should be
26 present at the opening of these boxes. But to give the
27 council chair a key, I'm wondering why that's
28 necessary. And I would like to put that in the form of
29 a motion please. I would like to amend this particular
30 session to include that the chairman or county council
31 or the vice chairman shall be present during the time
32 of the opening of the locked boxes with the keys being
33 trusted in the care of the administrator, the person
34 with whom we hire and -- the person we hire and the
35 procurement officer, the person that the administrator
36 hire. And that's in the form of a motion.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion on
38 the floor.

39 BOB WALDREP: Point of order. Point of
40 order. I was going to say that I understood this to be
41 a work session and it's not to keep anybody from making
42 that motion at a later time when we vote on this matter
43 and it will be debated, but I think it will be well
44 considered. I appreciate the thoughts of the lady from
45 District Two but I just think we need to move along.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Your point of order is well
48 taken. That this is a work session ---

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

50 EDDIE MOORE: And I think it would be

1 better if we just voted on this is a full council
2 meeting.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I
4 accept that. The gentleman from District One is
5 correct. This is a work session and I accept that.
6 But I don't accept the part of moving along. Because
7 we are in a work session. This is why we're here.
8 Thank you.

9 EDDIE MOORE: One more comment about the
10 key. There seems be some misconception from
11 councilwoman from District Two, but just because the
12 chairman or vice chairman has a key. That's only one
13 lock. There are different locks and the box cannot be
14 opened unless all three opens their lock. So I -- the
15 chairman or vice chairman could open his lock but
16 there's still another lock on the box that is a
17 different key that we have no control over. And once
18 the box is open all of us will be at that procedure
19 opening it up. And also any other council member that
20 would like to be there can come any Friday because it
21 will be an open date for anyone that wants to come and
22 view that process. And that includes anyone from the
23 public that would like to come. When we all ran last
24 year we ran on open ...

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26 GRACIE FLOYD: ... the work -- we have the
27 administrative form of government which carries out the
28 duties of the council and the policies that the council
29 has enacted. It's up to the administrator and the
30 people that he hire to do the actual bidding and the
31 actual work and the actual procedure of running the
32 county. As far as open honest government is concerned
33 I understand that you all did vote on that, vote on
34 that. But it appears as if you are selecting the kind
35 of open honest government that you're running. I read
36 in the papers this morning that one of your people here
37 had been promoted last April. Last April. And open
38 honesty didn't come in till this morning. So you know,
39 when you use open honest government you have to do the
40 whole thing or you have to tell us which ones you're
41 going to do. Thank you.

42 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chair.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Carroll. Mr. Carroll
44 had asked.

45 ROBERT CARROLL: Just to clarify a couple of
46 things on that. We've always had open public bids at
47 -- just so everybody understands. When they're
48 advertised in the paper it states the time. The
49 bidders always know. But some bids, depending on what
50 it is, we may not have anyone show up. Other type bids

1 such as construction, I promise you they're showing up
2 in force because they want to know soon. The second
3 point, the three keys versus two, Mr. Moore had
4 originally asked me -- talked to me about some -- doing
5 three with the chairman and/or vice chairman, the
6 administrator and myself. I -- when this was put in I
7 took myself out of that mix so that's where that change
8 came down to two. Just to clarify that. That's
9 something that when, when Mike and I put that first
10 draft together I -- we changed it then to the two. So
11 I took myself out of that mix. I'll be ---

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Mike who? Mike who?

13 ROBERT CARROLL: Pitts.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh.

15 ROBERT CARROLL: I'll be glad to be added
16 back. Don't have to be. The last point, if you go
17 through with this with the chairman and/or vice
18 chairman and the county administrator, I would
19 recommend that you give the county administrator an
20 option to say or deputy administrator just in case Mr.
21 Burns is out of the office or something comes up.
22 There ---

23 EDDIE MOORE: Designee in there.

24 ROBERT CARROLL: There needs to be a designee
25 or designee. I would suggest that change.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, just a quick
27 clarification. Under South Carolina home rule we have
28 the council administrator form of government and we
29 have very specific responsibilities and necessary
30 charges under that rule and that law in addition to
31 what was previously stated. Thank you.

32 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

34 TOM ALLEN: Just a comment. Mr. Waldrep
35 touched on the word trust a while ago, and I quote
36 Ronald Regan here I guess but he was always saying
37 trust but verify. And I trust Mr. Carroll and what
38 he's doing but I will verify what he does. As I did
39 the other day in his office looking at gasoline
40 purchases. I also trust there have probably been
41 complaints about the bidding process. I want to verify
42 that. So Mr. Ellis, Independent Mail over there, if
43 you'd like to put my name, phone number, address in the
44 newspaper. I will be glad to take any letters, phone
45 calls. This is me speaking personally. If there is a
46 problem. I want to know. I want to see some evidence
47 and some proof. Thank you.

48 ROBERT CARROLL: On that point, like I've
49 said, we've had one formal protest. Do we get
50 complaints about either the specification or the time

1 frame? Yes. We discuss those. I've had numerous
2 phone calls. Do some vendors feel like they're not
3 done right? I'm sure they are. Are there many more
4 others that felt it was fair. I'm sure there are. But
5 I would have love to have gotten those past phone
6 calls. If I had an issue if I was a vendor and wasn't
7 satisfied I'd be on the phone and let somebody know.
8 And whether it's me, the administrator, the attorney,
9 the council, whoever, I wouldn't just stand out there
10 in the background saying, you know, we've been done
11 wrong and stop at that so ...

12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: To one councilman.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Hopkins.

15 HOLT HOPKINS: Well I was just going to ask
16 Robert to say this. But we get complaints about the
17 complexity of our bidding process as well. Insurance
18 requirements, bid bonds, all that. You know, most of
19 the time it's when we put out a bid for a specific type
20 vehicle or something. We've had people say well we
21 ain't bidding it. So I mean it's -- I just wanted to
22 throw that in.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right.

24 MIKE PITTS: All right. Moving on, the
25 administrator has the ability with -- on the advice and
26 the recommendation of the purchasing director to refuse
27 bids. Has a lot of latitude there. There's some
28 additional language that's been inserted that the
29 county council be notified if bids are refused and
30 given the reasons for any bids being refused. There's
31 also some new -- the language added that provides that
32 on each project bid out that the purchasing director
33 will compile a list or will provide a list with the
34 winning bid and the two runner-ups. Provide that to
35 the administrator and then the administrator will in
36 turn notify county council at each regularly scheduled
37 meeting as part of the administrator's report. There's
38 also been a slight change in the language -- I don't
39 know if slight's the right word or not, but in any
40 event the council did not approve the expenditure of
41 the funds if the budget -- if the items or if the money
42 was already was line item budgeted. There is a change
43 here to where the, where the council would approve the
44 expenditure of all the funds of any, of any project,
45 goods or services bought over seventy-five hundred
46 dollars. And last, the ordinance required council
47 approval for change orders on a project that exceeded
48 fifty thousand. That number's been dropped quite a bit
49 down to five thousand. So that's the change there. In
50 subsection (i) there's the procedure for, you know,

1 what do you do when there's identical bids. There's
2 some language in here that just basically provides that
3 council will be notified in -- if and when that
4 happens. There's also some language in here that makes
5 it clear that we -- if you have to rebid something then
6 the procedures still apply. You kind of go back and
7 start all over again including but not limited to the
8 lock box. Bids may also be rejected, again with the
9 approval of the administrator and notification to
10 county council. That's some new language there.

11 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chair. I just wanted to
12 kind of track the thinking of the chairman on the
13 change order situation. My, my understanding is that
14 if there is an abuse of the system that it will take
15 place in the change order field. That that's a
16 traditional way of getting around that, so that was the
17 reason I think that you reduced that to five thousand
18 dollars for consideration.

19 EDDIE MOORE: That's correct.

20 BOB WALDREP: And I wanted to mention
21 this. Throughout the new ordinance there's the term
22 with notification to council. I just wondered what
23 form of notification that would take. Would that be
24 just something in our packet every, every week or how
25 would that be? You know in the, in the Navy we had an
26 old saying that ten percent of people never get the
27 word. You know, and I've found out that in -- on this
28 council that some of us have always felt like maybe we
29 did or did not get the word. So I want to -- how do we
30 get the word?

31 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Moore and I have talked
32 about this along with Mr. Pitts and one suggestion has
33 been to change notification in the agenda packet, in
34 the administrator's report. I mean that's one
35 suggestion. I would rather not get into having to
36 provide a report every day to the administrator or
37 council.

38 BOB WALDREP: Of course.

39 ROBERT CARROLL: But you know, we would -- I
40 think we could work with without any doubt, you know,
41 every two weeks what's happened from the last meeting
42 to that one. Where, wherever it applies in here
43 notification would be through that means of ---

44 BOB WALDREP: That, that seems like
45 that would be a very practical way is to just put it in
46 our packet every, every two weeks rather than you
47 having to, you know, make it some kind of special
48 notice. That was just a thought on this.

49 EDDIE MOORE: I think that would be a good
50 idea just on the administrator report would be ---

1 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. One thing we could do
2 is add a section that says wherever notification to
3 council is required it would in the -- it would be via
4 the administrator's report. That would kind of take
5 care of that.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

9 TOMMY DUNN: On the -- something to
10 think about on the change order thing. If, if it's --
11 you know, if we bid something out and it goes over the
12 bid process I think whether it's five thousand or
13 two thousand dollars we should have to approve it.
14 Because you're, you're exceeding what we -- what the
15 contract we awarded.

16 EDDIE MOORE: You're deviating. That's
17 right.

18 TOMMY DUNN: On the other thing.
19 Something just to think about. I want everybody to
20 think about maybe Mr. Carroll and Mr. Hopkins pointed
21 out that, you know, change orders are a big money
22 ticket item in the construction business. But I don't
23 want to see us lock something down if we can think
24 about it. Like the McCants, McCants School down here
25 projects going on. If we're going to do a change order
26 and have to wait two weeks and cost us something. What
27 I'm saying is, you know, I think fifty thousand is too
28 much but maybe, maybe ten thousand on a change order
29 might be what -- I mean we've still got to be notified
30 and if we don't like it we can do something about it at
31 that thing. But I don't want to see the project have
32 to come to a halt. You know, if something comes up --
33 you know how construction -- not in new -- it ain't so
34 much new construction but when you get into these old
35 buildings and stuff doing something or another there's
36 just some unforeseen things there. Just something
37 council I wish would think about on that. And Mr.
38 Carroll, while I got it, I asked you if somebody
39 protests -- I know you said you ain't had but one in a,
40 in a -- in the I think eleven years you said you'd been
41 here. But if somebody does protest do they have to put
42 up any kind of bond? I think that's something we might
43 ought to look at. I know it might not happen but the
44 city of Anderson does. I think that's a pretty good a
45 -- you know, they could tie up a project. Might think
46 you know some kind of way on that right there.

47 ROBERT CARROLL: Well there's on over here --
48 well I'm not sure if any of that's addressed in
49 changes, but I mean there's a specific section that
50 shows the process.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I've seen, I've seen one
2 about protests.
3 ROBERT CARROLL: But there's not anything
4 about bonds. But it does say, and I yield to Mike
5 about -- unless fraudulent it doesn't stay. So in
6 other words ---
7 MIKE PITTS: That's right.
8 ROBERT CARROLL: -- we keep proceeding on.
9 We don't stop unless it says fraudulent in there. I
10 think Mike can address that better.
11 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. That's if you -- it
12 would be in Section 2-634.
13 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be fine. Just do it
14 when we get there. Ain't no use to jumping around.
15 We'll get people confused sure enough. So that -- I
16 understand, I understand where it's coming through
17 might be a thing. And I'll talk with Mr. Carroll
18 and get with you and him about it -- about the section
19 on that'll be fine.
20 MIKE PITTS: I'm sorry. It's actually
21 (k)(6). But yeah, there's language in there that says
22 that a protest doesn't hold up -- doesn't hold things
23 up. It goes forward.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Okay.
25 ROBERT CARROLL: But on the change order
26 themselves. Well first of all the -- somebody mentioned
27 the award. You know, if there's not money in that line
28 item budget we can't proceed on unless there's
29 approval. I'm not going to proceed on. Anything over
30 ten thousand dollars, first of all just for
31 information, goes up to Mr. Burns for approval.
32 TOMMY DUNN: We, we understand that.
33 But council -- if we appropriate -- basically on one
34 council person, if we appropriate a million dollars for
35 a project and it goes over we ought to -- before we --
36 we ought to be notified why and approve anymore -- that
37 money for going over it if it's a change over.
38 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.
39 TOMMY DUNN: I ain't talking about
40 something -- you know, if you do a change order for ten
41 thousand or five thousand as long as it stays in that
42 budget that's approved that's a different story.
43 ROBERT CARROLL: In budget. Yes, sir.
44 That's what I'm speaking of. If it's within budget
45 that's why I think we need some language there, if, if
46 you have a five thousand dollar change order on a
47 bridge project -- and I'll let Holt speak to that.
48 HOLT HOPKINS: Nobody's perfect. There's
49 going to be a little tweaking on a bridge project or a
50 building project or something. And sometimes you could

1 shut down the whole job if, if you can't make a
2 decision. And most of the time it's a group decision.
3 But we, we don't go over if -- if we don't have it in
4 the budget we don't go over it. We will shut a job
5 down then. But typically we try to build a five
6 percent contingency in there knowing that there's going
7 to be some tweaking during the project. And so we --
8 I'd suggest maybe taking another look at that and maybe
9 a percentage as -- but it also has to stay under budget
10 but anything above that we already have to come back to
11 you because we're out of money if we're exceeding the
12 project.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Supposed to, yeah. Supposed
14 to.

15 HOLT HOPKINS: Well we're supposed to.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, point of
17 order.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, a few minutes
20 ago we were discussing -- I made an amendment and we
21 were told we were in a work session. But Mr. Pitts,
22 again I'm going to need to call on you. The agenda
23 reads special called meeting. A called meeting is
24 different from a work session. A special called
25 meeting means that county council is in session. A
26 work -- being a work session means that we're here to
27 do -- are working on different things. But this says
28 -- that's what mine says. Special called meeting. We
29 are in a county council meeting here. Am I, am I
30 mistaken on that or can you give me some, some
31 clarification, please sir?

32 MIKE PITTS: You're, you're correct
33 that's what the agenda says. I don't believe that the
34 ordinance is before you on a third reading or any
35 reading where an amendment would, would be appropriate.
36 But I'll be honest with you, I don't know for sure the
37 answer to that question.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, Mr. Pitts?

39 MIKE PITTS: I'll be ---

40 GRACIE FLOYD: If we wanted to do a third
41 reading today we could because we are in a council
42 meeting since you are the only legal authority we have
43 here that we have hired to keep us, you know, straight
44 with our legal thing. But, but you know, we need to
45 know where -- what -- where are we? It says special
46 called meeting. Someone has called a county council
47 meeting. It does not say work session here. But I'm
48 willing to wait until the next meeting. But you know,
49 I want to go on record as notifying this. We need to
50 know what are we doing here. Is this a county council

1 meeting? Or is it a work session?
2 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
4 TOM ALLEN: I was -- I don't know if --
5 it's a good point. But if appropriate would, would it
6 be necessary to make a motion to hold all amendments
7 until the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
8 Because there seems to be a number of questions that we
9 need to look over anyway.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I would ---
12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I think that's good.
14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen, are you through?
15 TOM ALLEN: I'm through.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: But wasn't that a motion?
17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
18 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say, you
19 know, when this thing first started people brought up
20 and I pulled a motion off because -- just to speed
21 things up. Like I said I think, you know, I think Mr.
22 Pitts made a valuable, valuable point too, this ain't
23 third reading. I don't think it's appropriate now to
24 be making motions and we'll get them all together like
25 that right there. But if anybody wants to do what they
26 want to do, but I think that's just the way it is. And
27 I pulled one off a while ago. A motion. I think it's,
28 you know --
29 GRACIE FLOYD: We could do a third reading
30 if we are in ---
31 TOMMY DUNN: If somebody wanted to make
32 a motion I guess they could, and get a second.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: But anyway, would you --
34 are you going to put that ---
35 TOM ALLEN: I'll make that as a motion
36 that we hold all amendments until the next regularly
37 scheduled council meeting.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: A regularly scheduled
39 council ---
40 TOM ALLEN: Regularly scheduled.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: And I second that.
42 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and a
43 second to hold the amendments until the third reading
44 at the regular meeting.
45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
46 EDDIE MOORE: We'll have now -- we'll
47 have discussion.
48 CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. There
49 will obviously be more discussion and so forth and so
50 maybe we need to consider at the next regularly

1 scheduled meeting to have further discussion before we
2 do a third reading possibly at the following meeting.
3 It seems like we have a lot of areas of concern. But
4 that's just an observation. Thank you.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
7 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think Mr. Allen's
8 motion is going to affect what we do at the next
9 regular council meeting or the one after it. It just
10 says that any amendments be done at a regular council
11 meeting. So, so it'll be fine whatever we decide we
12 would call it.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now vote. All in
14 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. If
15 everybody will get their amendments. I think I had
16 said that at the first of the meeting, so if everybody
17 will have their amendments ready and we'll vote on them
18 at the regular council meeting. Okay.
19 MIKE PITTS: All right, sir. There's
20 some language in there that in the event there is a
21 protest council will be notified of the protest.
22 There's also new language where the purchasing director
23 and the administrator have the ability to informally
24 resolve a protest. And this language requires council
25 to be notified if there is a resolution. And then
26 there's also if a formal protest goes forward there has
27 to be a decision made by the purchasing director and
28 this new language requires that council be notified of
29 that decision.
30 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
32 BOB WALDREP: Very quickly. Is -- if
33 there's a protest then there's an appeal process. It
34 goes to the administrator. And is there an appeal that
35 goes beyond the administrator? Is there a panel --
36 isn't there a panel set up some place ---
37 MIKE PITTS: Yes.
38 BOB WALDREP: -- that listens to this and
39 they try to resolve it and if it's not resolved there
40 where does it end up? Over in court?
41 ROBERT CARROLL: Over in court I think,
42 yeah.
43 MIKE PITTS: Yes.
44 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well I, I just
45 thought that was -- I wasn't sure.
46 ROBERT CARROLL: Now on that point if I could
47 put a plug in, if you haven't appointed your person to
48 the purchase and review panel I would like for you to
49 do that. Or to reappoint.
50 BOB WALDREP: How many people are on

1 that panel?

2 ROBERT CARROLL: Each of you have one.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: The last time we checked.

4 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank goodness. It's been

5 awhile. Eight years. And that's one of those I think

6 Mr. Allen's brought up about committees not meeting.

7 That's one honestly I hope doesn't ever meet but maybe

8 it needs to meet. The first meeting that everyone's

9 appointed of the year to hire -- to nominate a

10 chairman. They normally nominate a chairman who kind

11 of conducts the meeting.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

14 TOMMY DUNN: I, I think that's an

15 excellent point. They need to get together just to

16 explain what might be coming up. Instead of having

17 what you call it, you know, and validate them. I think

18 we ought to get them all appointed and the one's that

19 haven't and let -- let's have a meeting and let them

20 sit down and go ahead and talk about things and

21 whatnot.

22 EDDIE MOORE: And maybe all the council

23 members if y'all will make sure that you have your

24 purchasing committee ---

25 BOB WALDREP: I, I was just interested

26 to note that we've never -- we hadn't had an appeal in

27 how long has it been since we've ---

28 MIKE PITTS: About eight years.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: When did we build the

30 Sheriff's Office? What year? 2000?

31 BOB WALDREP: It would be kind of like the

32 Maytag repairman.

33 ROBERT CARROLL: We, we had, we had a

34 protest over the furniture for the new Sheriff's office

35 at that time.

36 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

37 ROBERT CARROLL: And I won't get into the

38 details. I'll talk to you privately about it.

39 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. We've, we've

41 had that committee for a long time. My appointee has

42 been there for a long time. But when he was first

43 appointed somebody met with him.

44 ROBERT CARROLL: I've talked with several of

45 the ---

46 GRACIE FLOYD: From some department and

47 explained to him what the purpose was and what they

48 were to do if they ever had a reason to convene. So

49 that was done. That has been done.

50 ROBERT CARROLL: Yeah. I've talked with

1 several of the members in years past. Now like I said
2 we haven't met in several years and there's a few of
3 the members that I see time to time just in passing.
4 But you know, I don't know, I don't know how many of
5 you have current appointees or not. And Mr. Chairman,
6 if I could ask, I believe the Sheriff had a comment
7 about this section. If I -- if he could speak about
8 you were talking about approval of bids -- all formal
9 bids coming before council.

10 JOHN SKIPPER: I just had a question. I
11 think Mr. Pitts is the one to ask the question to to
12 just clarify because I'm reading through this. And
13 it's under the 634 formal contract bids. And, and
14 don't get me wrong. I'm all for throwing it out there
15 and letting everybody see what we're doing except for
16 criminal investigations obviously. And narcotics
17 stuff. Mr. Pitts in the (i) -- no, (h) I guess it
18 says, where it says, awarded of contract. And it goes
19 into the normal language and then when it gets into the
20 red writing and it says that all sealed bids and all
21 and then it says, it says, shall be subject to review
22 and approval by the administrator. And then the next
23 thing it says, the county council shall publically
24 approve each successful bid or quote and solely for the
25 purpose of approving expenditure of funds. I guess I'm
26 trying to get a clarification of that. And I guess
27 what I'm looking at this is that if we have a piece of
28 equipment in our forensics lab or something like this
29 that's a fifteen, twenty thousand dollar thing and we
30 put it out on bid. I'm going to give you an example.
31 Say the bid was open and awarded yesterday. Y'all are
32 not going to have a council meeting -- I'm sorry,
33 opened. And we know who we're going to buy this from
34 but does this -- is this interpreted that we have to do
35 it at the next council meeting. Give you an example.
36 Y'all are not having one on August the 4th and the next
37 one's going to be the second -- the third week in
38 August. That's four weeks from now which means -- I
39 guess I'm asking, does this language mean that that
40 bids going to have to be presented before the council
41 and y'all vote on it. So that's four weeks out before
42 we can actually order or get it going, even talk about
43 it. Is that what this means? I'm just asking.

44 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. I, I don't
45 think that's what that means at all. I think all it
46 means is we're to be notified of what's going on but we
47 -- we're not in the approval process.

48 SHERIFF: Well the, the wording --
49 that's what I'm saying. The wording says, the county
50 council shall publically approve each successful bid or

1 quote.

2 BOB WALDREP: I understand that to mean
3 that when the notification comes to us -- maybe that
4 ---

5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. And I'm --
6 y'all correct me, the Sheriff -- the way I interpret
7 it, you know, anything in that lock box we've got to
8 vote on it next council meeting. Unless -- and you
9 know, if that ain't y'all's intention, you'll let us
10 know. Mr. Pitts, I mean that's the way I -- what the
11 Sheriff said would be exactly right.

12 MIKE PITTS: I think the Sheriff's, I
13 think the Sheriff's reading of it would certainly be a
14 reasonable interpretation.

15 JOHN SKIPPER: Yeah.

16 TOMMY DUNN: That's the way I
17 interpret it.

18 MIKE PITTS: That's something, that's
19 something y'all might want to address because that --

20 JOHN SKIPPER: And I bring it to your
21 attention because I don't think that's your intention
22 either. But that's what the words say.

23 BOB WALDREP: Yes. That's our intention
24 okay. Well, you know about the road to hell.

25 JOHN SKIPPER: Well I understand. And
26 I'll jump on the back of Mr. Hopkins here is, is that
27 in particular our two agencies, we're day to day
28 sometimes. Things happen. Things happen and things
29 happen quickly sometime and we just ---

30 BOB WALDREP: We, we need to address
31 that.

32 JOHN SKIPPER: Yes. Thank you.

33 MIKE PITTS: All right. Moving on to
34 Section 2-638. This is the provision that is the five
35 written quotes that Mr. Carroll referred to a moment
36 ago. The thresholds used to be anything between ten
37 thousand and five thousand dollars and a penny would be
38 done through these five written quotes. This language
39 here changes that, lowers that threshold where it's now
40 all purchases between seventy-five hundred dollars and
41 two thousand dollars and a penny are done by the five
42 written quotes. And there's some additional language
43 here that says that y'all will be notified of any
44 purchases exceeding five thousand dollars made under
45 that section. The next change is to 2-639.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. If
47 I may.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Go back next page if you
50 would. There's a change there I believe that says

1 delete something. I just wanted to make myself clear.
2 What, what was that deleted on that?

3 MIKE PITTS: That was an old type in the
4 ordinance that said offerers and I just fixed the
5 spelling.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I just wanted, I
7 just wanted to make sure. Okay. Thank you.

8 MIKE PITTS: The spelling was wrong.
9 2-639. That is the three verbal quotes process. The
10 old ordinance allowed for that for purchases between
11 five thousand dollars and five hundred dollars and a
12 penny. These changes lower those limits to purchases
13 between two thousand dollars and a thousand dollars and
14 a penny on three verbal quotes. I also want to point
15 out to y'all that there is a -- in the original
16 ordinance that we're discussing today, there was
17 originally some, some proposed additional language that
18 council be notified of all purchases made under this
19 section and then that was taken out by way of an
20 amendment. And I think that makes sense. I don't
21 think y'all want to be knowing about every pencil and
22 paperclip that gets bought.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Down, down in the -- I
26 believe, I believe I'm in the right place here. In
27 emergency purchases it's got a, a by the director in
28 case of emergency, yada yada yada, certain things.
29 Shouldn't that have in there too -- brought up awhile
30 ago about the administrator having a designee.
31 Shouldn't the -- if an emergency comes up and Mr.
32 Carroll happens to be out of town shouldn't he have a
33 designee too or do you have a process -- a place in
34 process Mr. Carroll where if something were to come up
35 like that? At least say or -- at least say the
36 language goes straight to the administrator or some
37 kind of way.

38 ROBERT CARROLL: The administrator won't give
39 me a day off so I'm always here. No, I'm kidding.
40 Yeah, it probably needs to be designee. I have an
41 assistant purchasing manager and that's normally the
42 case. If a true emergency comes up we're going, we're
43 going to take care of it.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Well I just wanted to make
45 sure. You know, somebody come back and say we didn't
46 follow procedure. You know, we -- sometimes people got
47 a misunderstanding and you can get sued. Make sure
48 we're just on the same page. And I think it's a good
49 idea that you -- if we're going to have that, you have
50 you a policy in it. And also at the bottom -- the

1 bottom paragraph in Section 2-643. If y'all will read
2 that or read it to yourself, Mr. Pitts. Is that --
3 don't that -- the two things, don't it say the same
4 thing? Or contradict itself in a way?
5 MIKE PITTS: Well it says council
6 approval twice in there so one of those could come out.
7 Sure.
8 TOMMY DUNN: You, you don't need them
9 both and it's only going to do ---
10 MIKE PITTS: You don't.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Whatever you -- whatever
12 it's -- whatever the bottom line we decide one's going
13 to work. You don't need them both in there; do you?
14 MIKE PITTS: Yeah.
15 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
17 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, if I understood Mr.
18 Dunn correctly, back on 2-642 you're saying or his
19 designee.
20 TOMMY DUNN: I think, I think ---
21 TOM ALLEN: In the second line it does
22 say the administrator or his designee.
23 TOMMY DUNN: It says administrator but
24 not the director. Now I would think -- if I ain't
25 mistaken. I believe the process is to go through the
26 purchasing -- you know, he -- go, go to him first.
27 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So how would you
28 word it? What would you say?
29 TOMMY DUNN: I mean if, if -- I'm just
30 saying if Mr. Carroll's gone he should be able to have
31 -- it should be his designee or either go straight to
32 the administrator, is what I'm saying.
33 TOM ALLEN: Okay. You're talking about
34 Mr. Carroll. Okay. Got you.
35 EDDIE MOORE: I think that also covers
36 the Sheriff too because it, you know, says in there any
37 department head and Sheriff definitely would fit in
38 there. It says any actual emergency. So if you had a
39 procurement item that you had to purchase, you know, I
40 think you're covered there.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Well the, the only thing
42 on that would be, Mr. Chairman, I believe would be is
43 Mr. Carroll might can speak of this, if what I call an
44 emergency and what Mr. Carroll calls an emergency and
45 what the Sheriff calls an emergency could be -- I mean
46 Mr. Carroll -- I guess Mr. Carroll's going to be
47 ultimate one to say what he got -- what he rules --
48 because I think me and you have had this conversation
49 before. A lot of times department heads might come to
50 you and think it's an emergency and you don't quite

1 think it is an emergency.

2 ROBERT CARROLL: The old lack of planning
3 on your part doesn't constitute an emergency on my
4 part.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

6 ROBERT CARROLL: And we run into that.
7 And a lot of times, yeah, it's my call, judgment call.
8 I mean I listen to reason all day long, but if it's
9 just -- you know, you send me back up explaining and I
10 get back up and you know I see faxes attached to it
11 that are three months old. I doubt if it's -- you
12 know, if it was an emergency it should have been taken
13 care of three months ago and not now. So -- but yeah,
14 then those type things, ultimately I'm going to the
15 administrator with and, and get some direction there.
16 I'm not going to -- you know, if it's an emergency. So
17 that's the way we handle it.

18 TOMMY DUNN: And also, Mr. Chairman, over
19 on the next page and this -- it starts on that other
20 page too about it lists as examples of whatnot about
21 things. Mr. Carroll, have you got a procedure like --
22 number one would be like -- one of things would be like
23 under item two bids are received but prices are
24 unreasonable. You mentioned that a while ago. You
25 know we, we might bid a project out and we might think
26 it's worth having fifty thousand dollars to spend and
27 it may come in at seventy-five thousand dollars. Have
28 we got a procedure -- do you have a procedure in place
29 where you can negotiate with those bidders, the ones
30 that bid to try to get the price down?

31 ROBERT CARROLL: I guess it depends on what
32 kind of project we're talking about. Or say if we put
33 out strictly a request for bids versus a request for
34 proposals where say the proposal we ask for price in
35 there but we also ask for other factors. Give us your
36 experience with this and so forth. There's a means of
37 negotiating with them in that fashion. I normally
38 don't like -- if it's a bid and we're asking for a
39 price, I don't like to actually get into negotiations
40 there where -- you know, if it's just one source out
41 there. There's a means for some ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Though what I'm
43 talking about -- excuse me, Mr. Carroll. Is there
44 really not a -- maybe a property or nothing, it would
45 be like maybe on a construction thing or something.
46 Just say you come in there and our bid was, you know,
47 we projected fifty thousand dollars and our lowest bid
48 was seventy-five thousand dollars. Well we can't
49 afford the other twenty-five thousand dollars. We've
50 got to get the price down some kind of way. I mean are

1 there anything -- are there any kind of provisions
2 where you can come in and say. Not -- no, that's what
3 I'm asking cause you got to let -- you've got to give
4 all -- there's five bidders. You've got to give all
5 five of them an equal chance to do it but is there a
6 place -- do you have a procedure in place that enables
7 to do that?

8 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir, we've got ---

9 TOMMY DUNN: Or do we have to start it
10 all back over again where we know what the result's
11 going to be is what I'm getting at.

12 ROBERT CARROLL: If, if we put something
13 out for bid and when we start if we need to negotiate
14 for the price we do not change the specs. If we change
15 the requirements automatically that's where you're
16 talking about a rebid because just because this one
17 provided a price for five thousand or let's say fifty
18 thousand dollars. If I start negotiating and tweaking
19 the spec a little bit then the other vendor who didn't
20 bid could say, well if I'd known you was going to
21 accept that I could have bid. I'm not going to do
22 that. So we do not negotiate that way. But if it's
23 just a budget thing and we just get one response and if
24 they'll negotiate with us and we can get under budget.
25 Yes.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

27 ??: Can I make a comment? I
28 think of kind of where you're going for it. And I, I
29 worked with Mr. Carroll for a long. As you know I was
30 here and, you know, we didn't fall off the banana truck
31 yesterday either. If I've got a piece of equipment I
32 already know about what it's going to cost. So I think
33 what you're looking at and I think we're all conscious
34 of this. And there are plenty of crooks out there in
35 this world. Trust me. I know. Because there are -- I
36 perceive a process where if you've got three people in
37 our local area or across the state, they could glue
38 together to jack up the price. And I think that's what
39 you're looking at. But if, if I know I want something
40 and it's around fifty thousand dollars and we throw it
41 out to three bidders and they all get together and say
42 look this month I'm going to bid seventy-five and you
43 bid a hundred and you bid a hundred and twenty-five and
44 I get it for seventy-five then the next time it'll be
45 your turn. So if the bid comes in and seventy-five
46 thousand is the low bid. I'll look at him and he'll
47 look at me and say something ain't right here and I'm
48 not going to pay that. We need to redo it again or --
49 I think that's what you're looking at.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Well no, I'm more or less

1 talking about -- I mean when you're look at like you
2 say equipment. That's easy to say, the budget. I mean
3 that should be fairly easy not no -- it's a no brainer.
4 When you start talking construction projects it's very
5 easy to come in here, you know, an architect can come
6 in here and whoever's going to put this proposal
7 together and come in here and say, well this project's
8 going to cost a million dollars. Then when you
9 actually go out here and get bids and gets ready, you
10 know, you could have a price increase and way up
11 materials and things that would happen. But whatever
12 happens and it comes in at 1.2 million dollars. Well
13 you know, do we really need this wall over here in this
14 area. That's the kind of stuff I'm talking about going
15 back. Instead of, instead of having to open it all the
16 way back up for bids. I mean the city has a place -- I
17 keep going back to the city. They've got a pretty good
18 code. They've got a place in -- a procedure in place
19 where they can handle a situation like that.

20 ROBERT CARROLL: Allows negotiations.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Right. Allows negotiations.

22 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes. That type. Yes.

23 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm talking
24 about. Not going back here and bidding automobiles or
25 nothing like -- that's pretty a no brainer. You can
26 get an idea what they're going to cost. You know top
27 end of it. And then back in. But I'm just talking
28 about like on construction projects. I know Mr. Moore
29 I'm sure has run into that before in his line.
30 Something like that. So I'm just looking at that. And
31 I'll -- we'll move on.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right.

33 MIKE PITTS: Next is Section 2-640. This
34 is the old ordinance that gave the purchasing
35 administrator, or excuse me the purchasing director,
36 the authority to buy anything up to five hundred bucks.
37 That limit's actually been raised to a thousand dollars
38 under the proposed or under the amendment. There is a
39 -- I want to point out to y'all there is a typo in the
40 language in the actual paragraph. It says a hundred
41 dollars or less. That needs to be changed. Need to
42 add a zero there. The Sheriff was kind enough to point
43 that out to me. There was also on the ordinance that
44 was before y'all last meeting there was some language
45 in there that asked or that required notification to
46 county council of any purchase made. That's been
47 removed by way of amendment again. I think that makes
48 good sense because I don't know y'all want to be
49 notified of every, every small purchase. 2-641 is the
50 local preference. There was originally a two percent

1 local preference to local businesses and that's been
2 raised to five percent. That's the change there.

3 HOLT HOPKINS: I would like just for
4 your information to know on state contracts on some of
5 the C fund projects we have to do, they do not allow us
6 to do any kind of preference.

7 MIKE PITTS: So we'll probably need to
8 put some -- well I'll get with Mr. Hopkins then. We'll
9 probably need to put some language in there to cut
10 that.

11 TOMMY DUNN: I think, Mr. Chairman, on a
12 lot of this and you might already have in on the thing.
13 I don't see it -- is anything -- a lot of times you're
14 messing with grant federal money they've got a certain
15 ways you have to do stuff and the language has to read
16 that to start with. And that would be sort of what Mr.
17 Hopkins is talking about. I was going to touch on that
18 a little bit later on and ---

19 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, it's covered. Down if
20 you read ---

21 MIKE PITTS: I'm sorry. There's language
22 already in there that covers that. I'm sorry.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Yes. It's there. It says
24 provided however there are procurements made pursuant
25 to state or federal guidelines which prohibit ...
26 That's in there.

27 MIKE PITTS: Yes. So I think we're
28 covered with that.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: And that's just a number
30 that I threw out. Okay. That five percent. So it
31 varies among different counties. Some do none. Some
32 -- we've, we've had two in there for at least thirteen
33 years or more. Mr. Waldrep may know if it goes back
34 even further than '96. I'm not sure.

35 BOB WALDREP: No. 1800s is where I've
36 been going back to.

37 ROBERT CARROLL: I knew the way I said that
38 that didn't sound right. I apologize.

39 BOB WALDREP: But anyway on that note,
40 the rationale for that of course is to give some kind
41 of consideration to the people that work in this
42 county, do business in this county and pay taxes in
43 this county and we feel like that they need to have a
44 little bit of consideration. So that's ---

45 ROBERT CARROLL: And we do have a cap on that
46 at fifty thousand because you get to a certain point
47 where money versus local comes into play.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I agree again with the

1 council person from District One. We need to make sure
2 that our folks who live in this area, work in this area
3 and spend their money in this area do have a slight
4 advantage as -- over everybody else and the -- as well
5 as the illegal immigrants. But Mr. Holt Hopkins, I
6 want to ask you, the C fund you said will not adhere to
7 this particular thing; right?

8 HOLT HOPKINS: Right.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Who sets the rules and the
10 guidelines for the C fund?

11 HOLT HOPKINS: That's the legislators.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Legislator. Okay. All
13 right. Well fellow council members in this economic
14 crunch, in this time that we're going in now, maybe we
15 need to talk to our legislator about giving us the
16 opportunity to give people in our area a break so that
17 they can earn the -- a -- the little money that's out
18 there now. We need to remove all barriers that they
19 are having. But I thank you.

20 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

22 BOB WALDREP: Since we're getting along so
23 well today I was just going to ask the council woman
24 from District Two what's she doing for lunch? Thank
25 you.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair. Mr. Council
27 member for District One, don't blow it.

28 BOB WALDREP: I knew I was pushing it.

29 MIKE PITTS: Okay. All right. 26 --

30 2-642 is the emergency purchases. There's just some
31 language in there that requires council to be notified
32 when emergency purchases are made and the reasons
33 therefore. 2-643 deals with the state purchasing.
34 We've already talked about that. although I do want to
35 point out a change. The old ordinance required council
36 approval of any purchase in excess of fifteen thousand
37 dollars. That's been lowered to ten thousand in the
38 version currently before you.

39 ROBERT CARROLL: This is talking on state
40 urchases. Okay. I want to make sure I understand. So
41 any purchase that's on state contract, before I can cut
42 the purchase order that's one of those that's going to
43 come before council at a council meeting for approval
44 on anything on state contract over ten thousand
45 dollars. Is that unit price? Is that combined? Like
46 we may buy five computers on state contract. Unit
47 price is under ten thousand. Five of them may be over
48 ten thousand, so I just want to make sure I understand.

49 MIKE PITTS: That's a good point, Robert.
50 And it's not -- it's not specific about that. The old

1 I believe it was fifteen thousand and it's been lowered
2 to ten but there's not been any specifics. That's
3 something that we may need to look at. That's a good
4 point.

5 ROBERT CARROLL: My point with that being
6 ten was I was trying to keep consistent where it
7 wouldn't get confusing for us. Okay. What has to go
8 to council. This way whatever limit y'all set that at
9 whether it's on state contract or not if it's over x
10 number of dollars it's going to come through the
11 administrator and come to you for approval. That's
12 what I'd like to see. Whatever limit we set, whether
13 it's ten for sealed bids that come before you or
14 fifteen for sealed bids that come before you that the
15 state -- anything over x number of dollars on state
16 purchasing comes to you also at that same level, if we
17 could, just to keep the confusion down.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

19 ROBERT CARROLL: That's where I'm coming
20 from. But again, we need to clarify unit or not. So
21 any -- what this -- say one prime example, we need to
22 buy a Sheriff's car. That's going to come before --
23 since it's over ten thousand dollars, it's on state
24 contract, Vic Bailey Ford. We need to come before you
25 to get that approval before I award it. If I'm
26 understanding the way it reads.

27 TOMMY DUNN: The way, the way -- that's
28 the way I understand it too, the way it's written now.
29 I mean and it's like the computer thing too would be --
30 it would have to come too because it would be -- you're
31 writing one check. It ain't -- you ain't going to be
32 writing five different checks and you plainly got a
33 thing here that says no, no stacking or subdividing to
34 get around that thing. So that's -- the point's well
35 taken and we'll, we'll look at that. But as it's
36 written now you're exactly right and computer things
37 wouldn't get -- apply neither.

38 MIKE PITTS: Okay. All right. 2-645 are
39 certain exceptions. There has been and still is in
40 place a prohibition against subdividing purchase orders
41 to get around the rules and we've just included the
42 word stacked which I think is a more common term. And
43 also there are certain circumstances where a contract
44 can be awarded to someone other than the low bidder.
45 But that -- the new, new language requires that council
46 be notified if and when that happens. Same thing for
47 -- contracts can be canceled under certain
48 circumstances. There's new language where council will
49 be notified if and when that happens. 2-646 the
50 purchase of surplus equipment. Additional language

1 just providing that the administrator approve the
2 purchase of surplus equipment and that council be
3 notified. And then last but not least there was the
4 exceptions. There was 2-651 that had certain
5 exemptions in place. That was something that Mr.
6 Carroll had requested to give him some flexibility that
7 he needed but that right now as it stands came out as
8 of the last meeting. And that's it.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

10 JOHN SKIPPER: Mr. Carroll, to help me a
11 little bit here. And I think I, I wasn't at the
12 council meeting Tuesday night. We were out walking
13 through the woods in my suit and everything. But
14 anyway. And I'm not an expert on this at the jail but
15 the food issue at the jail where we do large purchases
16 where we can stockpile certain things such as the non-
17 perishables. But then we have this process where we
18 have the day to day things. And we think ...

19 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE

20 ROBERT CARROLL: ... eggs, I think they're
21 been purchased through Cathey's Egg Farm here locally
22 for years. This is in line -- where I got this
23 information from, this is in line with what the state
24 Budget and Control Board has approved.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, point of order. I
26 can't hear him. Okay. Go ahead now.

27 ROBERT CARROLL: What I was saying, some
28 of these exemptions I pulled out, and this is not near
29 the list, I got this ~~from~~ ^{from} the state Budget and Control
30 Board. There's a list of about a hundred and fifty
31 items, last time I checked, of exemptions from the
32 code, their code. I took that and went down and see
33 what type of things apply in Anderson County. And like
34 I say, I may have missed some things. I probably did.
35 Maybe I've got some things in here. But just like, you
36 know, the copyrighted information, whether it's
37 training materials or whatever that they need or road
38 maintenance needs, you can't get competition on those.
39 With the way it reads now, I don't really have a way to
40 get those. It's very black and white what I can and
41 can't do. That's my sole purpose in these exemptions,
42 for that reason. And also to -- that the chair spoke
43 about, the fuel, time comes in to be a factor.

44 BOB WALDREP: Well, I guess my point
45 was that we had some debate in council sometime back
46 about fresh vegetables. And that just -- so I guess
47 what we're saying is that it's not practical to get
48 into fresh vegetables, you know, at that point. Okay.
49 That's all.

50 JOHN SKIPPER: And whatever we buy we have

1 no problem in letting you see the paperwork, see the
2 process, see where it came from and who got it. I
3 don't have a problem with that.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn, you had asked

6 ---

7 GRACIE FLOYD: I asked for the chair.

8 EDDIE MOORE: No, he had already asked
9 for it. He had raised his hand.

10 TOMMY DUNN: I just -- on the fresh
11 fruit thing brought up about the eggs. That would only
12 come in effect; wouldn't it, if it was over a dollar
13 amount; wouldn't it? Like ten thousand dollars. Y'all
14 buying ten thousand dollars worth of eggs?

15 JOHN SKIPPER: No, I'm gonna give you --
16 yeah, I don't know exactly too. I was hoping to have
17 Captain Bryant here, but he had some other meetings he
18 had to attend today, because he is the expert on that.
19 I'm gonna give you an example. I talked to him on the
20 phone this morning. He had heard that the dollar
21 amount was going to be reduced down to like two hundred
22 and fifty dollars on certain things. I didn't see that
23 in here. But he gave me an example, at any given time
24 we'll go to Lowe's -- if it were to be under two
25 hundred and fifty dollars, we couldn't buy light bulbs.
26 Because we buy enough light bulbs ---

27 TOMMY DUNN: The thing I think is ten
28 thousand. I'm just trying to get in my mind here, you
29 know, and I do agree there's got to be some exemptions.
30 But I'm just trying to get on the thing, you know, ---

31 JOHN SKIPPER: And I'll be glad to give
32 you -- I'll get him to do a list, come Monday, of all
33 the figures and the pricing that applies to that.

34 TOMMY DUNN: We don't want to, you
35 know, hinder you, just like, you know, on gas or the
36 county operations at all.

37 JOHN SKIPPER: And I know that. I know
38 that.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The fresh
41 fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, milk and eggs, for
42 the day to day thing, the only problem I have with that
43 is that for you -- example, you mentioned Cathey's Egg
44 Farm, you've been getting -- no, you mentioned that --
45 you've been getting your eggs from Cathey's Egg Farm
46 for year -- for years. And I have too. I have too. I
47 have no problem with that. But if we're going there,
48 what about the farmer down the street? How will he or
49 she become involved in the process?

50 JOHN SKIPPER: And I actually thing we

1 have had that process as we generally have -- I don't
2 know if you call it in the technical words of a bid
3 process, but we get prices from the people we use.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So the farmer down
5 the street will also have the opportunity to send you -
6 - you would check with the farmer down the street ---

7 JOHN SKIPPER: As I understand it, yes.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: -- when you compare the
9 two prices? That's what you ---

10 ROBERT CARROLL: And yes, ma'am, having
11 said that, if there's someone, I guess local or not,
12 that could provide as quickly as he needs and in the
13 volume that he may need, sure, we would entertain
14 others. And that's where we get into with -- again, I
15 keep going back to the gas. He needs it when he needs
16 it and ---

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I understand that.

18 ROBERT CARROLL: We call as many as we
19 know to call. But the same thing, if there's other
20 food suppliers, this just give me a way that ---

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that.

22 ROBERT CARROLL: -- under X number of
23 dollars we can handle it one way over -- we can still
24 ---

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Sheriff, do you
26 incorporate the farmer's market with your fresh
27 products during the summer months? Do you get it from
28 there sometimes?

29 JOHN SKIPPER: Specifically the farmer's
30 market, I don't know that we do that, but I can find
31 out.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: If we don't do that, that
33 may be something we want to look into as one way of
34 supporting our farmers here in the county. Okay. But
35 my next question is, Mr. Carroll, I don't have a
36 problem with the day to day purchasing of food. But I
37 just want to make sure that it's a fair process. But
38 on this thing here it listed -- the first time it
39 listed an exemption of just fresh fruit, vegetables,
40 meats, blah, blah, blah. If we had a, if we had a
41 certain amount of two dollars exemption on fresh fruit,
42 dah, dah, day, I could swallow that better. Also, I
43 had a problem with this advertising time on -- or space
44 on radio or television. I know in the past there was a
45 concern that there was only one radio station getting
46 the announcements that were going out for the council.
47 And see, I have a concern about that, because people
48 listen to different kinds of radio stations. So I just
49 definitely think that advertising time ought to be,
50 ought to be bidded out. The other, the other things

1 you have in here, the educational material, and all of
2 that thing -- all of those things, I think you should
3 be given some discretion in handling that. And I'll go
4 back and reiterate, I think if we could come up with a
5 dollar amount that could be used for the purchases of
6 fresh fruit and vegetables under the discretion of the
7 sheriff's office, I would not have any problem with
8 that. But I don't like the blanket, the blanket thing.

9 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

11 TOM ALLEN: I just wondered if possibly
12 -- this is very quick -- if you could use the wording
13 in there, if you put exemptions in, just say perishable
14 food supplies for detainees or something. Because the
15 way it has it listed right now, I might want cheese
16 some day or some avocados or yams or something. And
17 you say, oh, pooh, that's not listed in there. So I
18 think just perishable food supplies. And if a dollar
19 amount is attached to it, that's fine.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: You don't get that in jail,
21 Mr. Allen.

22 TOM ALLEN: If we do, I'm going over for
23 lunch.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, the last section
27 of the page, I know we didn't make no changes, but I
28 believe me and you and Mr. Allen had some discussions
29 about section 2-647, performance bonds.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Does that need to be, need to
32 be changed?

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

34 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, what's your point
35 of order?

36 GRACIE FLOYD: We were discussing the 2-651,
37 we were discussing that one, because he had gotten to
38 that point. And some suggestions were made. Did we
39 complete that already? Did we just ---

40 EDDIE MOORE: He pretty much run through
41 them all. So we're in discussion. If he wants to talk
42 about anything in this ordinance, it's fine with me.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, that's fine with me
44 too. But I would like to finish the 651 on the
45 previous 6. -- 2.651 first. I make the suggestion that
46 maybe we could look at putting a limit there for him
47 and Mr. Allen said something. So what do we do now?
48 Do we -- go ahead, Mr. Carroll.

49 ROBERT CARROLL: Any exemptions that we
50 can get still get competition. But depending on the

1 dollar amount the total order is going to be, that's
2 what I'm looking for. If something's fifteen thousand
3 dollars, black and white right now says, I have to get
4 formal sealed bids. We gotta wait two weeks and
5 sometimes that doesn't work. I need an exemption, and
6 Mr. Pitts and I talked about this this morning, that I
7 need help with him -- this language it says where --
8 from previous sections it's exempted from. But where
9 we can still get competition we will on these items.
10 But there's sometimes where certain things you just
11 can't get competition on. And that's what I tried to
12 include. And again, I took this list from a much
13 bigger list at the state. And there may be some things
14 that I've left out that Holt and other folks out in the
15 departments may say, well, wait a minute, we've had
16 this issue come up before. And so I'm hoping between
17 now and third reading if there's some other issues out
18 there, that that can be brought to be added also. But
19 we just don't want, again like Mr. Dunn said, shut down
20 a certain area from being able to operate.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: To follow up. Mr. Carroll, I
24 understand your position on this. May I ask that you
25 please work with Mr. Pitts and write it up again.
26 Resubmitted it -- resubmit it, rather, at the next
27 council meeting in a form that takes in account all the
28 negative aspects that was brought up about it. Okay.
29 And see if we could do it that way. Because I can
30 understand the sheriff's office -- I mean the sheriff's
31 department needing fresh turnip greens for dinner. But
32 I can also -- and you need the leeway to that, the
33 flexibility to do that. But Sheriff, I can also meet
34 you at the farmer's market to help you pick it out.
35 Okay.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Now can we
38 get back to my thing. I think we said we wasn't going
39 to do no motions or nothing today. I hope we'll get
40 together and come up with some amendments and ratify
41 this problem, I'm looking forward to, by the third
42 reading. But I'm just asking about the bonds, Mr.
43 Carroll, is that efficient enough? Do we need to do
44 some tweaking on it? I know I've gotten some ideas on
45 that and I think it needs to be -- the way it's written
46 now it seems like it's a little big ambiguous, includes
47 too much stuff, it looks like to me. It ought to be --
48 it should be, I would think, to be considered
49 construction stuff, projects and whatnot, and get that
50 ---

1 ROBERT CARROLL: You're right, Mr. Dunn,
2 and that's something I did overlook when I went through
3 these changes originally. We do need to tweak that
4 language and I'll be glad to get together with whoever
5 and Mr. Pitts. That really the way it's written now,
6 anything we buy over a certain number of dollars that
7 requires certain bonds, it really should stay more in
8 where there's labor, construction type field and ---

9 TOMMY DUNN: The city's got a pretty good
10 one. And I had to go back -- and I'll be glad,
11 hopefully next week me and you and Mr. Pitts and
12 whoever else wants to sit down and go over some of this
13 stuff and try to clean up some stuff. Thank you, Mr.
14 Chairman.

15 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

16 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

18 BOB WALDREP: On the performance bond, I
19 just wondered as a matter of experience, have you had
20 much problem with having to implement that? It appears
21 that if you have a performance bond you're going to
22 have someone of, you know, competence and substance to
23 be able to go through with the contract. Have you had
24 much problem with that? Ever had to go on ---

25 ROBERT CARROLL: We've had a few situations
26 that come into play. I'll let Holt ...

27 HOLT HOPKINS: A great example is equipment
28 or rolling stock. I mean, if one guy can't deliver we
29 can go right down the street and get -- it might be a
30 slightly higher price, but it ain't -- it's not going
31 to be that much difference. But a more practical thing
32 on our side is some construction materials such as
33 pipe, concrete pipe, gravel, asphalt. You know, we'll
34 put out a price or we'll get prices from various folks
35 for gravel, but we only have two quarries in the
36 county. So if one is out of that material we can just
37 run up the street to the next one and still get the
38 gravel. So I'm not sure -- it's costing us more money
39 when we require a bid bond or a performance bond in
40 that type situation because there's enough competition
41 to where we just change locations and we still get what
42 we need. Asphalt is one of those situations. Our
43 bridge -- I mean our culvert contracts. It's a lot of
44 labor to put that out and -- but we have heard back
45 from the vendors saying, I'm not bidding it because I'm
46 not putting a bond on it. I've heard that several
47 times.

48 ROBERT CARROLL: And there's been issues,
49 like I say, where bonds come into play. For
50 information kind of tied into this but not speaking --

1 one thing we need to look at adding, too, Mr. Pitts,
2 possibly is how we can handle whether it's listed as
3 exemption, and again that's just exemption from being
4 over ten thousand dollars and still getting competition
5 but maybe just getting verbal or written versus a
6 formal. Prime example Holt just mentioned is asphalt,
7 rock. Now, this isn't the paving contract. We bid
8 that out every time. But their day to day work orders
9 where there's four or five asphalt plants in the county
10 where we get prices from them per ton -- I think it's
11 per ton.

12 HOLT HOPKINS: Per ton price.

13 ROBERT CARROLL: That they hold for us.

14 But we try to use some common sense where if we're
15 working up in Powdersville and even though we got a
16 quarter savings at the plant down the lower part of the
17 county, the trucking comes involved, so we really need
18 something written more into the code that helps me
19 there. That's another area that just came to mind.

20 BOB WALDREP: Well, I was just trying
21 to think about the practical application about how
22 y'all work with all this, you know. It just occurs to
23 me that sometimes you need some flexibility in there to
24 be able to use a little judgment and common sense so
25 that you don't get tied down to something of that
26 particular nature. The last thing I wanted to say was,
27 Holt, I was just absolutely astounded at the cost of
28 some of these items. For example, the concrete pipe
29 that we looked at a year or so ago, I just -- it just
30 blows me away that a piece of concrete can cost as much
31 -- we're talking, you know, nine hundred thousand
32 dollars, you know, for a piece of concrete that goes
33 ---

34 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, it's not -- that
35 particular price wasn't just one concrete pipe. It was
36 several, plus the labor to put it in. But I mean, just
37 the typical box culvert that you can walk in and stand
38 up in, just one is at least fifty thousand. And that's
39 ---

40 BOB WALDREP: All right. Well, I just
41 had to get that in. But anyway, thank you. And Mr.
42 Pitts, if you can kind of work with him to give them
43 some kind of common sense flexibility in this, I think
44 it would help them out. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Just more thing as we
48 finish this up. I think something goes hand in hand to
49 this, and ask the administrator how far along are on
50 the credit card policy? Because I think this goes hand

1 in hand -- and also with the policy -- I know we've got
2 one and I'd like to see it -- or tighten it up and let
3 the council look at it if they haven't, is the petty
4 cash thing. We want to make sure we've got good
5 policies in place and they're being followed.

6 RUSTY BURNS: We will probably have
7 that in place next week. As a matter of fact, Mr.
8 Daniel and our current auditing firm are both
9 participating in that endeavor. So that should be
10 ready next week.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, are we at
15 the end of this thing now? Are we through with it now?

16 MIKE PITTS: (Inaudible).

17 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. Mr.

18 Chair, I would like to personally, on behalf of
19 District Two, thank Mr. Allen for making it possible
20 for us to do this. I know that we had a committee. I
21 think Mr. Dunn was on that committee and do you know
22 who else was on that committee? You and who?

23 EDDIE MOORE: I'm on it also.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: And isn't there a third
25 person?

26 EDDIE MOORE: Which one are you ---

27 GRACIE FLOYD: The purchasing
28 committee, the committee that did the work on this.

29 EDDIE MOORE: (Inaudible).

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I know that you
31 all had a committee where you got together and you
32 hashed through the work and you hashed through the
33 thing. But after you did that, the only thing you did
34 was just pass us papers, papers, papers. But the work
35 session was a good one thanks to Mr. Allen here we were
36 able to do it. It should have been done right after
37 your committee finished its research so we could go
38 through it item by item the way we did. But I believe
39 in giving credit where credit is due. And, and I just
40 feel like without that recommendation or suggestions we
41 would not be here today. And he's been very, very,
42 very productive and helpful.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. With that, before
44 we move on on the agenda, we're gonna take a five
45 minute break.

46 BREAK

47 HOLT HOPKINS: In that area around the
48 airport, it would -- it should, it should help our
49 taxes. Yes. It depends on what the uses that the
50 National Guard would be.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Burns.
3 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Did the National Guard
5 come to us and ask, and ask us for property?
6 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am, I have not
7 been contacted by the National Guard.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Did they ever approach
9 Anderson County and say that we would like to have some
10 property out at the airport?
11 RUSTY BURNS: In the past they had
12 some property at the airport. No. But I think the
13 reasoning or the motivation behind this request ---
14 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Okay. I
15 understand that. But my question is, did they come to
16 us?
17 RUSTY BURNS: No.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: They never came to us
19 to ask. Okay. Number two, where was the National
20 Guard planning on putting the new facility?
21 RUSTY BURNS: I think in their
22 existing location.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Over there on Martin
24 Luther King Boulevard?
25 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: That's where they were
27 planning on doing it?
28 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Why is it
30 that they would change their minds from going over
31 there to coming out to the airport?
32 RUSTY BURNS: The best that I can
33 tell, Ms. Floyd, is that they may be having some
34 problem agreeing on a purchase price. I'm ---
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
36 RUSTY BURNS: -- not ---
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Agreeing with who on
38 the purchase price?
39 RUSTY BURNS: The people who own the
40 building.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: And who owned the
42 building?
43 RUSTY BURNS: I'm not exactly sure
44 who owns the building.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. If,
46 if they -- if we -- the only information I had is what
47 I read in the paper. And I know you can't always base
48 all of your opinions on what you read in the papers. I
49 don't do that. But that's all I have to go on. I'm
50 asking for some corrections here or some guidance here.

1 If, if we give them -- now, what benefit would it be
2 for us, Anderson County, to give them the property when
3 they have the money to buy property?

4 RUSTY BURNS: In my humble opinion,
5 Ms. Floyd, and I'm not in charge of anything. I'm the
6 administrator. I think what the intent, at least what
7 I can gather, is if they reach an impact, this would
8 allow us to give them an alternative to stay in
9 Anderson County, because we would not like to lose that
10 unit.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we in danger or
12 have we ever been in danger of losing them?

13 RUSTY BURNS: I don't know.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Have you been told that
15 we were in danger -- have you sat down to discuss --
16 okay. But that would be the only thing by us losing
17 it; right? We could lose it; right? Okay. Now, I'm
18 hoping you're gonna know the answer to this one because
19 this one is important to me. Okay. If we give this
20 property away, what would we -- how much -- first of
21 all, how much is that property worth?

22 RUSTY BURNS: I can't remember how
23 much the county paid for it. That's public
24 information.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I need to know
26 that. Holt, I need to know how much is this ---

27 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I have the
28 answer.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: We paid about a million
30 seventy thousand dollars for it. It was fourteen
31 thousand and fifty-seven dollars an acre.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. How -- when was
33 this?

34 ROBERT CARROLL: I believe it was closed
35 out in May or June of 2008.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's about ---

37 ROBERT CARROLL: A little over a year
38 ago.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: A little over a year
40 ago. It has -- what we paid a million dollars for,
41 let's just say a million dollars right now, it's just
42 been a year, but property has increased. But has it
43 increased substantially, especially at the airport,
44 since the time of purchase?

45 ROBERT CARROLL: The appraised value?

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

47 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm not sure. We
48 haven't had it appraised again. We had the appraisal
49 done probably a year to a year and half before we
50 purchased it because there ---

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, okay, now ---
2 ROBERT CARROLL: -- was a lot of things
3 that went through. But we had it appraised when we
4 closed the ---
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm gonna fuss a little
6 bit on this one now, because this has been in the news.
7 Everybody knew this. Y'all should know these answers.
8 You should know the appraised value of a property we've
9 been -- that's all over -- that we're gonna give away.
10 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. I didn't
11 understand your answer to that part. The purchase
12 price that was negotiated with the owner who was --
13 with Dr. Hugh McCord, was the land owner ---
14 GRACIE FLOYD: That's who we bought it
15 from?
16 ROBERT CARROLL: Dr. Hugh McCord.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
18 ROBERT CARROLL: And we purchased it
19 from him for I believe a million and seventy something
20 thousand.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We don't ---
22 ROBERT CARROLL: It was appraised -- it
23 was ---
24 GRACIE FLOYD: If we give it away
25 we're giving away a million and something dollars;
26 right?
27 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am.
28 EDDIE MOORE: No, ma'am.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: What was the intent of
30 purchasing this piece of property?
31 HOLT HOPKINS: Just to extent the
32 business and industrial park.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: It was for the
34 industrial park; right? When Sergeant Meadow --
35 they're in that park now; right?
36 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins, how much
38 did Sergeant Meadows pay the county to be in that
39 industrial park?
40 HOLT HOPKINS: That was a while back.
41 Fifteen. Thirteen.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: How much?
43 HOLT HOPKINS: I'm not sure. It was
44 many years ago, but it ---
45 GRACIE FLOYD: I was on council then.
46 It was about, what, nine years ago?
47 ROBERT CARROLL: I can go back and pull
48 that and get you an exact number. I don't have that
49 information on Sergeant Metal (phonics). I didn't know
50 we were going to be discussing that.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Who's the
2 latest person to come to that park, the latest
3 business? It was that boat place?
4 ROBERT CARROLL: Famous Craft.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. How much did
6 they pay to come out there?
7 HOLT HOPKINS: Sixteen? And I'm
8 rounding off.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's fine.
10 Sixteen thousand?
11 HOLT HOPKINS: I think it was around
12 sixteen per acre.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: And how many acres
14 did they get? Now, when I asked what the property was
15 purchased for, there was some sniggering. You know
16 what sniggering is? Is it sniggering or snigg -- well,
17 anyway, there was some sniggering. Is the property no
18 good? Is it ---
19 HOLT HOPKINS: It's good property.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: It's good property.
21 HOLT HOPKINS: It's pasture land.
22 And there are some issues with wetlands in certain
23 areas of it, but it's still useable property.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: It's useable
25 property and it's useable for -- in our industrial park
26 that we put out there to attract businesses coming in
27 and coming out, all that kind of stuff. All right.
28 Now, the newspaper said that we, us, everybody up here,
29 gave consent for one of the council members to initiate
30 the idea. I think I said this before. I don't
31 remember being told about this, called about it, or
32 voted on anything like this. So this is just from one
33 county person. I read in the papers today that the
34 same county person has said that he/she thinks that the
35 county would -- that the council members would vote on
36 this. I was not even asked about that. So what I'm
37 going to do is, I'm a council member, I'm gonna contact
38 the National Guard and I'm going to tell them that we
39 would love to have them at the airport but only at the
40 fair market price.
41 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I might
42 add, the National Guard will not consider the property
43 at the airport unless it is at no cost.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Unless it's what?
45 RUSTY BURNS: At no cost.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Well then I will have to
47 tell the -- I will contact the people and tell them as
48 much as we would like to have them out there right now,
49 in this crunch economical time, Anderson County cannot
50 afford to give away over a million dollars when that

1 money could be put -- if we can't, if we can't have it
2 then it could be put back into the system.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, you would be
4 overstepping your bounds as a county councilman. I
5 remind you, that's the administrator's job.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I understand that.
7 But one council member did it. Why can't I do it?

8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns.

9 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I might
10 point out, to the best of my recollection, I believe
11 that that purchase is seventy-five acre -- seventy-
12 seven acres, I'm sorry, I'm off by two, and it would be
13 a portion of that land with the National Guard
14 restriction that it would be received at no cost. From
15 what we understand with imperfect information that this
16 approximately eleven million dollars that go towards
17 that project. And I know that they have presented that
18 project to the state at least on one occasion and maybe
19 another occasion and I think that the -- at least what
20 I'm hearing, and I haven't had private conversations,
21 but the intent is, if a deal cannot be reached then we
22 would be happy to consider making an offer for you to
23 come to our airport on land that is unrestricted, would
24 not interfere with height limitations or anything like
25 that, just to provide a failsafe mechanism so that we
26 do not even create the possibility that they would look
27 elsewhere. And eleven million dollars would build a
28 fabulous new building. And I think it would add, and
29 I'm just talking, it would add critical mass to the
30 property at the airport because I think it would create
31 activity and a hub and critical mass is important when
32 you're trying to attract other things.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now why the
34 airport? Don't we have other properties throughout
35 Anderson County that we could offer them? Will they
36 buy -- will they be open to that? They're just not
37 going to buy from us, is that the understanding I'm
38 getting? They're just not going to buy from the
39 county? They want the county to give it.

40 RUSTY BURNS: That's my understanding.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: But they will buy, but
42 they will buy from someone else; right?

43 RUSTY BURNS: It looks like they're
44 attempting to. Yes, ma'am.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. It doesn't
46 make any sense. But I will contact them. Because if
47 one council member -- I have the same right and
48 privileges of everybody up here. The chair is only a
49 person who's supposed to guide us through these
50 meetings. Ceremonial position. He has no control over

1 me. All right. But I will -- if one person can do it,
2 the precedent has been set. If one person can do it,
3 then I can do it too. All right. I don't think this
4 is the right thing to do. This is a free business -- a
5 country we're living in. I think that we are blocking
6 the free market here when we try to take business away
7 from business people and give it away free, give it
8 away free. I look at this audience here. I don't know
9 you. The only person I know out there is that lady and
10 that man in the back. But if he had a business, if he
11 had a paint store, and somebody was coming to him to
12 buy a bunch of paint and I told them, oh, don't worry
13 about it, the county will give you the paint -- all the
14 paint you need, he would be hollering like crazy and
15 everybody else in here would too. You know it's not
16 fair. It's not fair. The industrial park should stay
17 what it was intended to be, the industrial park. And I
18 have said that. I only have one -- I'm not through. I
19 only have one vote, but I know if the people of
20 Anderson County will sit back and let this go down, let
21 this go through, as badly as we need this, this money
22 here in this county, then ... Thank for you listening.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

25 TOMMY DUNN: I don't know what all this
26 ranting and raving is about. We haven't even had a
27 motion on the floor.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, it's not ranting and
29 raving. I was ---

30 TOMMY DUNN: We haven't even had a
31 motion on the floor.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, you're out of
33 order. Mr. Dunn has the floor.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: But I was not ranting and
35 raving.

36 TOMMY DUNN: We haven't even had a
37 motion on the floor yet of nothing but discussion. If
38 we would I'd like to yield a few minutes to Mr.
39 Carroll. He's went and got some information and I
40 believe he's wanting to say something another. But I
41 do want to say this right quick, with the paper, I hope
42 they get this part straight, if there's anything given,
43 we ain't nowhere talking about giving away a million
44 dollars. I think that was the whole seventy-seven
45 acres and I ain't even heard about giving nothing or
46 selling nothing, nothing yet about what we can do. But
47 definitely if you go out to the airport and look at how
48 many businesses we've got out there, I think we could
49 use some help out there. And if we could influx and
50 keep somebody from losing a business such as the Air

1 National Guard, we need to do everything we can to do
2 it. I know past, not since I've been on council, I
3 have seen council give a lot more money than that away
4 trying to attract businesses here and not for near as
5 many jobs as that place creates. Mr. Carroll, if you
6 would please.

7 EDDIE MOORE: The only issue here really
8 today is, in the paper, they have voted -- the budget
9 and control board had voted down on this one time
10 already. If they vote down on this we may lose this
11 facility. What we're doing it making an offer to them
12 that if their deal falls through and they're going to
13 move it out of Anderson County, we're gonna give them
14 an option that they could possibly take up, and that
15 option would be to locate it out at our airport. And
16 some of the options that we can tell them what we think
17 would be, you know, advantageous to them would be it
18 would be at an airport in case of a national emergency.
19 We have our command center for the EMS and the sheriff
20 can probably relate to that. It's -- the command
21 center is right there within a hundred yards of it.
22 You're at the airport. If they have to bring in the
23 Air National Guard or whatever in case of a national
24 emergency, it is logically the best location that they
25 could possibly have in the upstate of South Carolina
26 with the airport nearby. That's the only thing that
27 we're doing is to give them another option so that
28 Anderson County does not lose this facility. We do not
29 want our National Guard to leave Anderson County. We
30 want it to be here. And this is only an option that
31 they would have to locate if the deal falls through
32 here. And it has been voted down one time. And we
33 just want to make sure that Anderson County doesn't
34 lose our National Guard unit. That is the only issue
35 here today. And that is for Mr. Burns to pursue and
36 let them know that they do have other options in order
37 that we can keep this National Guard unit here. That
38 is the only reason we're here today. Mr. Carroll, you
39 had something to say.

40 ROBERT CARROLL: I was just gonna respond
41 to the two questions Ms. Floyd asked me. And I gave an
42 approximate and I was just gonna give you the amount.
43 If you want it I'll be glad to pass it on to you
44 because I've got the documentation in front of me.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Maybe if you would get a
46 copy if it and put it in her box so she would have
47 that, because we want to make sure that she has all the
48 information she needs. And Mr. Burns, did you have
49 something else you wanted to add to it?

50 RUSTY BURNS: I might also add that it

1 requires three readings of county council to dispose of
2 county property.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: When I attended that
7 walk-through with our treasurer, there was a power
8 points presentation and I brought it back and gave that
9 to our administrator. And there was a page in there
10 that revealed the number of jobs affected and families
11 and so forth and I think that would be real appropriate
12 to share with all of our council members and members of
13 our press. I think that there were somewhere around
14 seventy-five jobs directly attributed to that specific
15 facility and somewhere around like five hundred and
16 twenty-one National Guard members that use the facility
17 and so forth. I was really impressed by the caliber of
18 operation they had there. It is very vital to our
19 national defense. That particular facility was
20 formerly located at the airport. And there were
21 comments made during the presentation about how
22 important they were -- the airport was to their
23 particular business for the county. So I hope I was
24 not out of line in welcoming Mr. Chellus (phonics) to
25 Anderson County and making sure they were aware that
26 there were other options. And I'm sure there may even
27 be other private properties, but I didn't want this one
28 to slip away. And it does require a vote of all of us.

29 EDDIE MOORE: And I would, before we
30 say anything else, I would like to put in the form of a
31 motion that a letter be drafted up to the National
32 Guard giving them this option so that they understand
33 that they do have other options besides leaving the
34 county and going somewhere else. So maybe if you could
35 get a letter up, I would love to sign it, and I would
36 like to put this in the form of a motion that the
37 administrator does prepare a letter to the National
38 Guard and give them this option that we would have.
39 And I would like to ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I second
41 that.

42 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second on
43 that. Now we'll be in discussion. Mr. Allen.

44 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I just wanted to
45 make a couple of points on this. I've flown into a
46 number of airport around the country and other places.
47 And any time you fly into an airport, many, many times
48 you're going to see a National Guard unit, a Reserve
49 unit, something like that, stationed near the airport.
50 That's just the logical place to put it for

1 mobilization purposes. And now also, sticking up for
2 the city of Anderson in this case, if that old Lowe's
3 property is sold to the government, they're going to
4 lose a chunk of tax dollars. So they would have a
5 vested interest too, in keeping that building as it is.
6 For us to donate that land at the airport, if we're
7 only talking ten or eleven acres, that's not going to
8 be nearly a million dollars. That's only a very small
9 portion, maybe a hundred and fifty thousand. So I know
10 there are a lot of people here in this area too that
11 for instance can go over and get military ID cards at
12 the Reserve unit. It seems like a simple thing, but
13 other than that you're going to end up going to
14 Greenville to get one. I think it is something that we
15 do need to keep here in the area. We do certainly need
16 to make that option available to the state. Whether
17 they take it or not, that's up to them. But I agree
18 with Mr. Moore, I think we need to get a letter out and
19 make that offer.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

22 TOMMY DUNN: I would also just like to
23 clear up one other mis -- I don't know of many parts of
24 land around Anderson County in these economic times
25 that has increased in value over this past year. It's
26 done lucky to hold its own. And with that said, I
27 yield the flood.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

29 BOB WALDREP: Well, I think everything
30 has been pretty well covered. I don't have any
31 descending opinion on anything that's been said that
32 all of us that are here. But I'm just wondering as a
33 practical communication not only with the National
34 Guard, but wouldn't there be a communication with those
35 who are also making the decision about where the money
36 is coming from in this case? I just kind of ask that
37 as an open question, because the money is coming
38 through the state, through the federal government, I
39 understand. So the decision is now being made in the
40 budget and control board by five people, as I
41 understand it, and they are the ultimate arbiters of
42 whether or not they're going to fund this. However, it
43 kind of kicks back as to the -- Mr. Spears who is the
44 Adjutant General and besides Mr. Spears and the budget
45 and control board I wonder are there any other entities
46 that are involved in this process, Mr. Burns, that
47 you're aware of?

48 RUSTY BURNS: There are two state
49 agencies that are involved, that are involved in the
50 process. And as you stated, the money is federal

1 money. It comes down to the state. And I would image
2 that there's an extreme interest, as I know it is among
3 our local delegation, at least several members of our
4 local delegation, about us possibly providing this
5 failsafe mechanism. Certainly not to interfere in
6 private business. But again it's a failsafe mechanism
7 to try to preserve what we had and possibly achieve
8 some spillover results. We have given land away in the
9 county before. All these many years ago we gave the
10 land for what at that time was White Consolidated
11 Industries, that we all know now is the refrigerator
12 plant. We gave that land away for a million dollars.
13 Although they do pay taxes. It's been a pretty good
14 return on our investment.

15 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, the last
16 thing. You know, in making this offer I look at this
17 plat here and I think of in terms of how it's going to
18 be kind of cut off. And I know we don't have a survey
19 of exactly how much. I presume that the National Guard
20 needs approximately eleven acres. They might need
21 less. I don't know. I just happen to know that the
22 other facility covers about that much. So it seems
23 like to keep communications straight we need to also
24 copy the delegation so that they would know. Copy the
25 -- certainly the Adjutant General and, let's see, I
26 guess budget and control.

27 EDDIE MOORE: I think that's a very
28 good point, Mr. Waldrep.

29 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

30 EDDIE MOORE: The thing about it too,
31 comments was made about a million dollars. We're not
32 giving away a million dollars. We're only giving away
33 maybe eleven acres of the property. So do your math.
34 You're not talking about a million dollars. You're
35 talking about eleven acres, which is a small portion of
36 that seventy-seven acres.

37 TOMMY DUNN: And keeping jobs here.

38 EDDIE MOORE: And keeping jobs here in
39 Anderson County. That's the big thing. There's a lot
40 of people that's related to that. And it would also
41 give more industrial development in that area possibly
42 too. You pulled in the guard unit out there, the more
43 businesses that we can pull into near that airport the
44 better off we would be. It would be more productive
45 for our county also. Did anyone else have anything?

46 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, just one
47 other quick comment. I spoke to an individual who
48 knows that operation over there intimately. And that
49 building is a good bit larger than what they really
50 need. And also they're not the type of unit that

1 requires a lot of heavy equipment. They're like -- not
2 like an armored unit that's gonna have to park three
3 hundred tanks out there somewhere. They're -- normally
4 it's people. They're involved with people and radar
5 units and computers. And they're sent out to various
6 places to do their job. So what I'm getting at by
7 saying that is, they're not gonna need seventy-five or
8 a hundred acres for what they do. I would think ten
9 would certainly be more than sufficient for what they
10 need. That was all I had.

11 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We have a
12 second on it. And now we'll vote on it. No more
13 discussion. Everyone raise your right hand. All
14 opposed.

15 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'm gonna
16 have to abstain at this time from voting because
17 there's a question that has come up, and I didn't
18 really want to participate in this other than to get
19 the word out as to what's going on with council. And I
20 had had a telephone call which may seem to be some kind
21 of issue of compromise of me being involved and making
22 a decision on this matter. So I prefer at this time to
23 abstain until I get some kind of ruling on this issue
24 because there could be some kind of ethical issue and I
25 didn't want to be a part of any ---

26 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Let ---

27 BOB WALDREP: -- further lawsuit or
28 investigation.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Let the record show that
30 Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Wilson voted yes
31 to prepare the letter. Mr. Waldrep abstained. So it
32 carries. And Mr. Burns will be preparing that letter.
33 And we will all sign it.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Before we adjourn, I'd
37 just like to recognize -- I think we've got several
38 board members from the farmer's market come into the
39 back of the building back there. Glad to see them
40 here. If we don't have nothing else, I make the motion
41 -- well, he's got something else. Okay.

42 TOM ALLEN: Second.

43 RUSTY BURNS: With council's
44 indulgence, could we make one change to the agenda.
45 It's an emergency situation and it will only take a
46 second. It would concern a vehicle for the animal
47 shelter. And because we won't meet again for some time
48 I'd like to get this resolved.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
50 motion we amend the agenda to discuss a vehicle for the

1 animal shelter.

2 CINDY WILSON: Second.

3 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
4 discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.

5 TOM ALLEN: What is this vehicle,
6 just real quick?

7 TOMMY DUNN: We're just discussing it,
8 Tom.

9 RUSTY BURNS: It's a van for the animal
10 shelter, Mr. Allen.

11 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor, raise your
12 right hand. Okay. It's on the agenda now. We'll go
13 to that item. And now Mr. Burns can fill us in and
14 we'll talk about it.

15 RUSTY BURNS: And basically what it is,
16 the van that we have at the animal shelter is dead. We
17 have taken it to our shop. They say it's dead. We
18 would request that we be allowed to purchase this van
19 out of our capital purchase account which every member
20 of council knows that we have been holding and not
21 spending. We would be purchasing this -- let me make
22 sure I have -- I have the information right here. We
23 would be purchasing it at Benson Ford who has the state
24 contract. It's a twelve passenger van. And the
25 purchase price is twenty thousand nine hundred and
26 forty-three dollars. We use this van to haul workers
27 and our inmate labor and other people associated with
28 the animal shelter.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
30 motion we approve this. We've got the money in capital
31 things and we don't want to hinder the animal shelter.
32 We want to keep it going.

33 EDDIE MOORE: I second it. Any
34 discussion? Okay. All in favor raise your right hand.
35 Unanimous.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, can I now
37 entertain a motion we adjourn?

38 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to
39 adjourn. I have a second. All in favor, raise your
40 right hand. We're adjourned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:18 P.M.

Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting – August 18, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Mike Pitts – County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: ... 18th meeting is now
2 called to order. We'll now have the Invocation and
3 Pledge of Allegiance by the Young Marines. Come
4 forward.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, please. It's
6 my turn to say the prayer and you told me that we had
7 to say it ourselves. So we have already set this up if
8 you don't mind following the procedure that we, we
9 have.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Go ahead.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Please stand for the
12 prayer and please remain standing until the Young
13 Marines has presented the colors. Please go with me
14 now to your God as I go to mine. Thank you. Thank
15 you, Father God. Thank you. The Young Marines will
16 now present the colors.

17 PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
18 BY YOUNG MARINES

19 MALE: (Inaudible.)

20 MALE: I would like to thank
21 everyone on council at this, at this time. Young
22 Marines program is sponsored by the Marine Corp and by
23 the Marine Corp B. It is a program for kids eight to
24 eighteen. What we do is a drug reduction program to
25 try to keep the kids informed on what -- how to stay
26 out of trouble. Leadership. Our future is standing
27 here with us. If we don't support them now they will
28 be out on the streets in gangs. What we try to do is
29 give them a structured program. We have a lot of
30 things that -- to offer them. We offer them trips. We
31 offer base academy, aviation ground school, and other
32 things they come into when they -- as they progress
33 through the program. A lot of these kids have been in
34 it a year. Some a little bit less. We're already
35 having rank in our fitness. Like Perry said, we just
36 got back from Parris Island where these kids learned a
37 lot about respect and how to work as a team. It was a
38 frightening thing for them when they first got there.
39 After a couple of hours with the drill instructor, who
40 was a real drill instructor who has a platoon going on
41 at this time. They also got to go down a forty-seven
42 foot fall rapelling. I'm sure they were scared when
43 they started, but all of them went down at least twice.
44 That's an encouragement. Not very many people ever get
45 to go down that wall. These kids have already
46 accomplished that. They're on their way now to being
47 leaders in our community. And all we ask, you know, is
48 to sponsor them. And we are fixing to have a new boot
49 camp starting September the 15th. I'm sorry September
50 the 5th. We're also going to have the exercising and

1 introduction to the program the 29th of August at the
2 Guard's Meeting Place. If you need any information on
3 it see one these, one of these folks in the yellow tee
4 shirts or one of the Young Marines and we'll get you
5 there. Anyone have any questions? I thank you again.
6 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
8 BOB WALDREP: I would move to recuse
9 myself from voting on Items 7(a) and 7(b) in the
10 Resolutions.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Waldrep. I
12 also intend on recusing myself on 7(a) and (b) also.
13 With that said we will go to Item 3, the approval of
14 minutes. Item (a) July 21st minutes. Do we have any
15 revisions or corrections to the minutes?
16 TOMMY DUNN: I make a motion we accept.
17 RON WILSON: Second.
18 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion and second.
19 Discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Yes. I have a
21 discussion concerning the minutes.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Did we do both
24 of them at the same time this time?
25 EDDIE MOORE: 21st. We're doing the 21st.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. There
27 were some errors in the -- typographical errors in July
28 21st regular meeting. Thank you.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Any other discussion? All
30 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to
31 (b) which will be July 24th, the work session. We have
32 a motion to approve. Do I have a ---
33 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
34 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
35 discussion?
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
37 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: On July 24th, 2009 it --
39 first of all there's a discrepancy on whether it was a
40 workshop as it said on the first page or whether it was
41 a special called meeting as it says on the second page.
42 The two are different things. Also information was
43 left out of the minutes. The conversation that you and
44 I had where you told me that I could not send a letter
45 down to the people in Columbia to the National Guard.
46 You said I couldn't do that. That was a job of the
47 administrator. That was left out. And when I told you
48 that Ms. Wilson -- that the council member from
49 District Seven did it and she was a -- just a council
50 person as I was and that if she could do it I had the

1 right to do it as well. All that was left out the
2 minutes. Thank you.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Any other? All in favor
4 raise your right hand. All opposed. Abstained. Let
5 it be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr.
6 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted for. Ms. Floyd
7 abstained. We now go to Item 4, citizen comments
8 agenda matters.

9 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have three
10 citizens signed up tonight. The first is Rick
11 Freemantle.

12 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman,
13 Council. I'll be brief. Basically I would just like
14 to stand in support of 2009-062. I think that's a
15 great investment. I'm kind of looking forward to
16 hearing about their results and hoping maybe they'll
17 get them back and soon we could name like October or
18 November Orange month. You know kind of give a special
19 interest to that color. I think a lot of folks are
20 going to look good in that color myself. 063. I also
21 want to throw my support behind this. I think it's
22 very sad and unfortunate that we had two council people
23 with a good moral background. Their concern and their
24 care for the citizens of this county that actually had
25 to go to court and fight a majority of council. People
26 who swore an oath to preserve, protect and defend the
27 constitution of this United States. Yet they were
28 blinded by an open and honest government. They didn't
29 want that to be anywhere around. They didn't want us
30 to know what was going on in this county because they
31 knew it meant their certain demise. They got it
32 anyways during the primaries last year and they're
33 still sitting around waiting to reap their rewards.
34 They can stir the water all they want but the train is
35 on the track. It's moving towards them and their pay
36 day is coming. So I'm all for Mr. Waldrep being
37 reimbursed and I hope that when we get that 1.14
38 million dollars back I would like to reiterate some
39 comments made in earlier meetings that Ms. Cindy Wilson
40 also be repaid. This woman has truly pledged her
41 honor, her fortune and her life to represent the people
42 of this county and she deserves our utmost respect.
43 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

44 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mark Powell.

45 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District
46 Seven. I too would like to say I appreciate the fact
47 that the council members in the last two years leading
48 up to this past seven months put their heads out on the
49 chopping block and literally had them chopped off
50 financially. And I appreciate the fact that you guys

1 are going back to try to retro act and fix that. I
2 would like to think that some day any one in this room
3 who wants to sit up there before you who asks for
4 information from this body. There again look at the
5 flow chart from Anderson County. It clearly shows us,
6 we the people in this room as being the boss. We're on
7 top. Under that all you guys. You're under us.
8 You're working for us. And while working for us, if
9 you're trying to ask for information on how our monies
10 were being spent you should have been allowed to get
11 it. Five other people shouldn't have been allowed to
12 say no. The majority of the council don't give a rip
13 on how our money is being spent. You two can just
14 stick it. Well you stuck it out for long enough and we
15 hope that this thing works out. Get reimbursed for all
16 the money that you spent on our behalf. Because there
17 again, we're your boss. You're working for us. We
18 appreciate it. Thank you.

19 MIKE PITTS: Last is Elizabeth Fant.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Not here? Okay.

21 MIKE PITTS: That's everyone that signed
22 up, Mr. Chairman.

23 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 5 on
24 the agenda. Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. What I'm going
26 to do now is what I do every year when I return home
27 from the meeting at Hilton, Hilton Head. It was a
28 very, very good meeting this year. All of them are
29 good, but this year was particularly helpful to us. I
30 learned some things that I want to bring back to
31 Anderson to make you aware of them. We did the, we did
32 the Mitchell Graham Award on Thursday. On Thursday.
33 There were a lot of good presentations made. There was
34 one in particular that I really liked and that was over
35 in Pickens County, I believe it is, where they are
36 turning used oil into fuel. They have said that they
37 have saved a lot of money. I talked with people about
38 that. They are the only one they say in the state
39 that, that's doing this. And it's a, it's a worthwhile
40 project for Anderson County to investigate to see if we
41 too can save some costs on the gas price. Also from
42 Pickens County came a program where they call it
43 derelict mobile home amnesty. This is where Pickens
44 County initiated a one year amnesty program to assist
45 county residents in the removal of rundown mobile
46 homes. The programs -- the program offers the, the
47 people free removal and mobile -- a mobile home as a
48 cost saving incentive. This is something that I think
49 that we ought to look into because it -- the Anderson
50 -- Pickens County said the owners may dispose of the

1 mobile home free of charge at the county landfill. Now
2 I'm sure that you know that we have mobile homes all
3 around us that, that are in habit -- uninhabited. They
4 are run down. The windows are broken and we wait and
5 we wait to have somebody come and move these, these
6 homes and it's not happening. So I think this would be
7 a good idea for Anderson County to also look into
8 taking a page out of Pickens County's book to see if we
9 could kind of do the same thing to straighten up our,
10 our area. Also while there I talked with a group of
11 representatives. We had a panel discussion and I stood
12 and asked a question of the illegal immigrants and how
13 will Anderson -- how will South Carolina control. That
14 we needed help from the state in controlling the people
15 who are coming in as far as being here illegally.
16 There were about eight or nine members up there and not
17 a one would answer the question. One man answered the
18 question that we were finished with. He went back and
19 answered another question. So it's all over the state.
20 We got no -- I got no answer at all. Afterwards we had
21 several people coming up wanting to know the same
22 answer to the same questions. And this is something
23 that they have vowed that they would be working on in
24 their area as well. Also I talked to several people
25 there about something that's coming up this year that
26 we, Anderson County, will need to be a part of and
27 that's the census. I'm going to talk about that later
28 on in the meeting. But we have to get ourselves ready
29 for the census. I talked to some folks about economic
30 development. About coming to Anderson to get some
31 things going on here. And believe it or not I have two
32 maybe three that will be coming to look at what we have
33 to offer. Mr. Burns, we don't have an economic
34 development department or director anymore so until we
35 get one I'll do my thing. But anyway these people will
36 be coming to Anderson to take a look. Also I met with
37 some housing people there. And they too are interested
38 in coming. Well one is interested in coming back to
39 Anderson County to, to let's look at some more housing
40 that we can do. And that's a good thing. As well as
41 trying to get some of these tracts ready for, for
42 people who are interested in coming down here. Okay.
43 I, I talked to several house members because they were
44 loaded down there. They were everywhere down there.
45 This is the first year at the conference that we have
46 had so many people from the House and the Senate in --
47 at Hilton Head to talk to us. And we got a lot done. I
48 found out some information that I can use and I also
49 found out some information that we can use as far as
50 our organizations are concerned. It's called the South

1 Carolina survey. Maybe many of you don't know about it
2 but there is a survey that you can, can be a -- that
3 your organization can get to be a part of through South
4 Carolina. I brought the information back
5 with me. So if you're interested or if you have a need
6 to get information to help you with your grant writing
7 or to help you plan, then please see me because I do
8 have the information on how you can get in touch with
9 these people in Columbia through South Carolina that
10 will help us find these things. Okay. And I've had a
11 meeting in the hallway about the presidential report
12 here. This was a good piece of, of work done here as
13 well as the book here that I have here that show all of
14 the model practices in South Carolina that we may like
15 to look at. All in all it was a good meeting. I
16 arrived at -- I arrived on Tuesday late. Drove all the
17 way by myself. No, I had someone in the car with me,
18 but I drove. And I hit the ground running on Wednesday
19 morning because that was the first day of my class.
20 Wednesday morning. So -- and I went until even after
21 the rest of them had gone home, I was still working
22 because I had a meeting at ten o'clock. Other things
23 happen at the meeting. Things I just don't wish -- I
24 don't wish to just even, even discuss now because it
25 was so embarrassing for Anderson County. But all in
26 all it was a very, very good meeting. And Anderson
27 County, I thank you for allowing me to go. You're
28 welcome.

29 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll now go to
30 Item 6 on the agenda the second reading on Orion Rugs.
31 The public hearing. There'll be no time limit. The
32 public hearing is now open. Hearing none or seeing
33 none, the public hearing is now closed.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
35 motion we'll adopt this ordinance on second reading.

36 BOB WALDREP: Second.

37 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the floor
38 to adopt and I have a second. Any discussion? All in
39 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Item passes.
40 We now go to Item 7 on the agenda, the resolutions.
41 And I'm going to turn the chairmanship over to Mr.
42 Allen for the first -- for (a) and (b) and Mr. Waldrep
43 and myself will recuse ourselves for those two items.

44 TOM ALLEN: All right. Let's go ahead
45 with the first resolution. That would be Resolution
46 2009-62 and it reads as follows: A resolution
47 authorizing and ratifying the retention and payment of
48 both the Tallon Group, Incorporated and Palmetto
49 Investigative and Consulting Services, Incorporated,
50 and matters related thereto.

1 Whereas, Anderson County, Edwin E. Moore and
2 Robert E. Waldrep, Jr. are currently defendants in
3 lawsuit styled Jones versus Anderson County and others,
4 Number 2009-CP-04-2100;

5 Whereas, the law firm of Nexsen Pruet LLC
6 represents Anderson County Council as the special legal
7 and investigative counsel for Anderson County Council
8 in connection with an investigation into business and
9 financial affairs of Anderson County and also serves as
10 the county attorney for Anderson County;

11 Whereas, the Jones lawsuit challenges the
12 obtaining of investigative services by Nexsen Pruet LLC
13 in order to assist in the investigation;

14 Whereas, Anderson County Council in fact has
15 authorized Nexsen Pruet LLC to obtain such services in
16 connection with the investigation and otherwise the
17 Anderson County Council considers the obtaining of
18 these services to be within the scope of the
19 representation by Nexsen Pruet LLC of Anderson County
20 Council as the special legal and investigation counsel
21 for Anderson County Council and of Anderson County as
22 the county attorney for Anderson County;

23 Whereas, the County and Messrs. Waldrep and
24 Moore are confident in their legal position and are
25 defending the Jones lawsuit with vigor;

26 Whereas, in order to reaffirm its legal
27 position in the Jones case Anderson County Council
28 desires to approve and ratify, number one, the
29 retention of the Tallon Group, Incorporated and, number
30 two, the payment by the County for services rendered by
31 the Tallon Group, Incorporated to date;

32 Whereas, Anderson County Council further
33 desires to approve the retention of Palmetto
34 Investigative and Consulting Services, Incorporated by
35 Nexsen Pruet LLC as an additional consultant to assist
36 in the investigation currently being conducted;

37 Whereas, Anderson County Council further
38 desires to approve the payment by the county for all
39 services rendered by the Tallon Group, Incorporated and
40 Palmetto Investigative and Consulting Services,
41 Incorporated in connection with the aforementioned
42 investigation on a going forward basis; and

43 Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to
44 reaffirm that Nexsen Pruet LLC is authorized to obtain
45 investigative services to assist in the investigation.

46 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by
47 Anderson County Council that,

48 Anderson County Council hereby reaffirms that
49 the obtaining of investigative services by Nexsen
50 Pruet, LLC in connection with the investigation of

1 business and financial affairs of Anderson County is
2 within the scope of the representation of Anderson
3 County Council by Nexsen Pruet, LLC as special legal
4 and investigative counsel for Anderson County Council
5 and within the scope of the representation of Anderson
6 County by Nexsen Pruet LLC as county attorney.
7 Anderson County Council hereby approves and ratifies
8 the hiring of Nexsen Pruet, LLC of both the Tallon
9 Group, Incorporated and Palmetto Investigative and
10 Consulting Services, Incorporated as consultants to
11 assist in the investigation currently being conducted
12 by Nexsen Pruet, LLC as the request -- at the request
13 of Anderson County Council. Anderson County Council
14 hereby approves and ratifies the payment by Anderson
15 County of any fees incurred to date for services
16 rendered by the Tallon Group. Anderson County Council
17 hereby approves on a going forward basis the payment by
18 Anderson County of all fees incurred for services
19 rendered by both the Tallon Group, Incorporated and
20 Palmetto Investigative and Consulting Services,
21 Incorporated in connection with the investigation and
22 as directed by Nexsen Pruet, LLC. This resolution
23 shall take effect and be in force immediately upon
24 enactment.

25 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 18th
26 day of August, 2009.

27 Is there a motion to accept this resolution?

28 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

30 TOM ALLEN: Is there any discussion?

31 Yes, ma'am.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Allen, please clarify,
33 clarify for me who is the client of the investigators?

34 TOM ALLEN: For me that, that will be
35 easy to do because I'm going to defer that to Mr.
36 Pitts, our attorney, who can explain the legalese.

37 MIKE PITTS: That would be the County
38 Council retained Nexsen Pruet, my law firm, as the
39 special investigative counsel to do the investigation
40 that has been ongoing. And Nexsen Pruet in turn ...

41 RON WILSON: Is your mike on?

42 MIKE PITTS: Is that better? Thank you,
43 sir. Nexsen Pruet in turn retained both the Tallon
44 Group and Palmetto to serve in a consulting capacity to
45 assist with that investigation.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Some more
47 questions. Sir, if Nexsen Pruet obtained the Palmetto
48 Investigative group who -- to do some investigation why
49 is Anderson County paying them? Why not Nexsen Pruet?
50 That's your cost. Why, why are we going to have to pay

1 them?

2 MIKE PITTS: It's, it's certainly
3 customary in any kind of legal situation where if
4 outside expertise is required to assist the law firm
5 the law firm engages that expertise but the, the client
6 ultimately pays for it. And that's the -- that's no
7 different than the situation we have here.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The, the PI people,
9 Palmetto Investigative, they have been doing this for a
10 long time. They have been doing this investigation for
11 a long time without the consent, authority and the
12 written authority of Anderson County, just Nexsen
13 Pruet. Because we're just now doing this.

14 MIKE PITTS: Well I think it's -- it
15 certainly would be implicit in the retention by my law
16 firm to serve as the special investigative counsel that
17 we would be given whatever resources we needed to have
18 to do the investigation properly.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You said a whole lot
20 of beautiful words. Okay. But my question is still
21 this, if you hired them and you went out on your own
22 and you hired them without our, without our consent or
23 without a vote from County, from County Council, why
24 are we having to pay them? Now I can see us paying
25 them tomorrow morning if they vote on this, but I
26 cannot see us paying them from where they started all
27 the way to today because I didn't vote on this. I had
28 no voice in this and I am a sitting council member.

29 MIKE PITTS: Again ma'am, the only answer
30 I can give you is that their services were required in
31 connection with the investigation. We -- the, the law
32 firm was retained to do that investigation and made the
33 decision that additional resources and expertise were
34 required and went out and got that and that's not, that
35 is not an unusual situation in any sort of legal
36 retention.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: The Tallon Group and the
38 Palmetto Investigative Services have a contract with
39 whom?

40 MIKE PITTS: They were retained by Nexsen
41 Pruet.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: But they have their contract
43 with you.

44 MIKE PITTS: With my law firm.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Well with your law firm.

46 MIKE PITTS: Not me but the law firm.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We -- yeah, with your
48 law firm.

49 MIKE PITTS: Correct.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: So yet we still have to pay

1 them. Okay. And who do these people report to day to
2 day?

3 MIKE PITTS: They report to the law firm.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So you went out and
5 hired them. They report to you. You have a contract
6 with them because we hired you to do something under
7 contract with us. And you went out and hired some more
8 people to do something for you and the taxpayers got to
9 pay for it. Thank you.

10 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Is
11 there any further discussion?

12 RON WILSON: Yes, sir.

13 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Ron. Go ahead, Mr.
14 Wilson.

15 RON WILSON: Let me ask you, how have
16 they been paid up to now? Or have they been paid?

17 MIKE PITTS: I have no -- the Tallon
18 Group I know has been paid -- has submitted an invoice
19 that's been paid. I believe -- I don't know if any
20 additional invoices have been paid or not. I honestly
21 don't know the answer to that one.

22 RON WILSON: I mean how is this being
23 paid with taxpayer money when we haven't voted on it?

24 MIKE PITTS: Sir, again, I believe it's
25 in -- it certainly is part of and within the scope of
26 our retention as the, as the counsel for the
27 investigation -- running the investigation that if we
28 make the decision that additional outside help is
29 needed that we can -- that we have the power to go out
30 there and get that help.

31 RON WILSON: Well, ---

32 MIKE PITTS: And also it arguably falls
33 within the power that we have as the county attorney.

34 RON WILSON: The -- this council has paid
35 more attention to how money is spent than perhaps
36 others. So my question is how did we manage to get
37 this bill run up without any of us voting on it? And
38 why has it been paid?

39 MIKE PITTS: Well again, sir, the
40 county's position is that it was part and part -- it
41 was part of the investigation. It was a service that
42 we needed.

43 RON WILSON: If, if that's -- what you
44 say is true why are we required to do this now after
45 it's been done?

46 MIKE PITTS: Well I don't think we're
47 required to do it. I think that -- and obviously this
48 is the subject of a lawsuit that's pending in court
49 right now.

50 RON WILSON: What lawsuit is that?

1 MIKE PITTS: Jones lawsuit. So it's part
2 -- and that is the thrust of the lawsuit is that
3 council did not formally approve the retention or the
4 payment for these consulting services.

5 RON WILSON: So we're asked here to shut
6 the barn door after the horse, is out is that the deal?

7 MIKE PITTS: No, sir. I don't believe
8 so. I believe that the county, the county still is on
9 solid ground legally and this would just simply provide
10 it with additional grounds to use in defending the
11 lawsuit.

12 RON WILSON: Why do we need to do this if
13 what we've done is okay?

14 MIKE PITTS: Because it's, it's putting
15 the county in the best possible position it can be in
16 in defending the lawsuit.

17 RON WILSON: Why wasn't we asked to do
18 this earlier?

19 MIKE PITTS: Well the lawsuit was
20 recently -- was filed in late June. There was a motion
21 to dismiss that's pending before the court. I don't
22 know for sure when that will actually come up for a
23 hearing, but it could be any time now. And that was --
24 that is the basis for the resolution. It's -- again,
25 the purpose of it is to try to put the county in the
26 best possible legal position it can be in. We feel
27 confident in the, in the position that we have
28 currently. Lawyers with the Wyche law firm are
29 defending the county and this is simply just bolstering
30 what we already believe to be a strong defense.

31 RON WILSON: But we evidently feel we're
32 not as strong as we'd be without this being passed.

33 MIKE PITTS: I don't know why you
34 wouldn't ever try and be proactive and take steps to
35 strengthen a position even if it -- even if you're
36 already supremely confident in it. This is simply just
37 a step to further strengthen if the council is so
38 inclined to vote for it.

39 RON WILSON: Well we're into spending a
40 lot of money on a lot of things on this council and no
41 money on other things. Whatever suits this group. And
42 we don't have very many things we can do as a loyal
43 opposition to this. Except I'm about to do one of
44 them. I'm fixing to get up and leave this place. And
45 see if I can deny this body a quorum. Because what
46 we're doing here is wrong.

47 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a
48 question please?

49 APPLAUSE

50 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: I was wanting to ask a
2 question of the two folks who just left. I wondered
3 who gave the councilman permission to form an agreement
4 with a hired attorney without knowledge and without a
5 vote by council which is the subject of a great deal of
6 this investigation?

7 TOM ALLEN: I'm not sure I understood
8 exactly what --

9 CINDY WILSON: Well it goes back to
10 November 18th, the actions of that night ---

11 TOM ALLEN: Oh, okay. All right.

12 CINDY WILSON: -- taken by former members
13 of this body and current members of this body.

14 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you. Any
15 other comments? We're now in an interesting position.
16 Mr. Attorney, do you have any suggestions on ---

17 MIKE PITTS: If I could have a few
18 minutes. This is unique situation. I'll just need to
19 hit the books for a minute.

20 TOM ALLEN: All right.

21 MIKE PITTS: Thank you.

22 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Go ahead, Mr. Dunn.

23 TOMMY DUNN: I request us to take about
24 a five minute recess.

25 CINDY WILSON: Second.

26 TOM ALLEN: Approved. Five minute
27 recess.

28 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE

29 TOM ALLEN: We're now calling this
30 session of Anderson County Council back into session.
31 I'll defer to Mr. Pitts for a few minutes to explain
32 exactly what will be happening next.

33 MIKE PITTS: Thank you, sir. Under the
34 County Code it defines a quorum as those members -- it
35 requires a majority of the council members to be
36 present for there to be a quorum. And that does not
37 necessarily mean that if we were to take a vote on
38 this, on this resolution, Mr., Mr. Waldrep and Mr.
39 Moore could certainly still be present and simply
40 abstain from voting. So I think that we would have a
41 quorum of council at that point and then it would
42 require a majority of those members present and voting
43 for the establishment of the quorum.

44 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

46 TOM ALLEN: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. During the break I
48 was not told that there was going to be a meeting in
49 the back. You had a quorum in that meeting in the
50 back. I was not there. Were you there? Now we

1 weren't, we weren't told there was going -- a meeting
2 -- that y'all were going to meet in the back nor were
3 we a part of it.
4 TOM ALLEN: We didn't, we didn't have
5 a quorum.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman.
7 TOM ALLEN: Go ahead, Mr. Dunn.
8 TOMMY DUNN: I believe if Mr. Pitts will
9 check or something, time has got to have expired on
10 this matter. We need to vote and get on.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: No, we don't. We need to
12 discuss this because this is an important matter. It
13 concerns the dollars ---
14 TOMMY DUNN: Is the time, is the,
15 is the time expired, Mr. Pitts, or not?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: --- of the County.
17 MIKE PITTS: I'll be honest with you I
18 didn't start the stop watch but it -- we had fourteen
19 minutes allotted.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: So we don't know.
21 TOMMY DUNN: I'm -- I watched. It
22 started at twenty-two after is when we started on this,
23 so time has -- it -- we let it run over just a little
24 bit ago and so if a council member wants to make a
25 motion to extend the time that's up to them. But these
26 meetings are -- should be conducted and are conducted
27 by procedures. And that's Roberts Rules of Order. So
28 let's try to conduct ourselves that way. Go on about
29 it. Let's, let's don't just use it when it suits us.
30 So if somebody wants to extend the time there's a way
31 to do that. If not, let's vote.
32 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Dunn makes a good point.
33 Is there a motion to extend the time?
34 RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
35 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Could we -- let's have
36 a -- first of all will there be a motion to extend the
37 time?
38 RON WILSON: No, wait, wait a second.
39 My point is to that, my point is to that very issue.
40 At the time that you were adjourned the four -- the ten
41 minutes had not been used up.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Fourteen minutes.
43 RON WILSON: Fourteen. Well whatever.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, it had too.
45 RON WILSON: No, it hadn't.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: It had not.
47 RON WILSON: I mean there had only been
48 minor conversation about it.
49 TOMMY DUNN: No sir.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh huh.

1 RON WILSON: And he just said he hadn't
2 started his watch.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Back.
4 RON WILSON: Well.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: He said he didn't start the
6 watch period. And the official time keeper erred. He
7 did not start the time so we don't know what time it is
8 and if -- one council member can't just come up and say
9 well it was this time. Because I can do the same thing
10 and he can do the same thing.
11 TOM ALLEN: All right. Let's -- if I
12 may, let's go ahead and see, is there a motion to
13 extend the time?
14 GRACIE FLOYD: There is no time to extend.
15 TOM ALLEN: Would you like to start the
16 whole fourteen minutes over again?
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Well that's the only way I
18 can see the error, error can be corrected. Nobody had
19 a watch. Nobody wrote down any time. So in all
20 fairness.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
22 TOM ALLEN: Yes, sir.
23 TOMMY DUNN: I point to the legal -- to
24 the Clerk of Court. I mean Linda, t see if her or
25 Chase if any of them had any time. They got -- this is
26 recorded.
27 RON WILSON: We've been adjourned for
28 fifteen minutes. Well how can you have fourteen when
29 there's only thirty there?
30 TOM ALLEN: All right. Can I make a
31 decision on this as Chairman? Let's have five more
32 minutes. All right. Is there any discussion?
33 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
34 TOM ALLEN: Yes, ma'am.
35 CINDY WILSON: This is so confusing for a
36 lot of people who are present and then some who have
37 been here have a clear recognition of, of what's really
38 going on here. It all goes back to the meeting of the
39 evening of November 18th and council members who are
40 currently on that previous council and the previous
41 council members. There were actions taken that night
42 that have an appearance of conspiracy. There were
43 millions of dollars spent that night. Well over a
44 million. And I think that's the heart of the
45 investigation and probably a lot more. And the two
46 people who are fighting this resolution being on the
47 agenda tonight are two people who certainly have a lot
48 questions to answer. Thank you.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
50 TOM ALLEN: Yes, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I think that when
2 the two council members recused themselves and left the
3 room then that was their action. I don't think that
4 just to make a quorum that they should be allowed back
5 in after recusing themselves. A recusement is a
6 recusement. You don't, you don't --

7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

8 TOM ALLEN: Yes.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: You don't go, you don't
10 go back and say, well I'm going to do a do-over. I'm
11 going to come back in here. You don't do it that way.

12 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I go
13 quickly? It's really interesting that we were told
14 that there was a quorum in the back. The only time
15 there was a quorum in the back were when two people
16 recused themselves and two people left the meeting in
17 the back.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: We'll never know.

19 TOM ALLEN: All right. Okay. I think
20 during, during the recusal the individual doesn't
21 necessarily need to leave the room. They can still
22 stay. They just can't vote.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: I was told by the ethics
24 committee that a recusal means that the people should
25 get up and leave. This is how we have done it. This
26 is the, the direction that I received from the ethics
27 commission nine years ago when I had to recuse myself
28 on a vote. I was told then that you have to get up and
29 leave the room. At one meeting our chairman recused
30 himself then participated in the discussion.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: And that's -- I still
33 have the floor.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Point, point of order.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: And I still have the floor.

36 TOMMY DUNN: We've got to get some
37 time on this. We're going -- we could stay here all
38 night talking about. When's the time going to start
39 and stop and get on with this?

40 TOM ALLEN: We've got another minute.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: May I go on?

42 TOM ALLEN: One more minute.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

44 TOM ALLEN: We're going to vote.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. But anyway
46 your, your point is to get these people in here so
47 y'all could push this through. But I will be calling
48 the ethics committee about this. In fact I might even
49 take a trip down there because this foolishness has got
50 to stop.

1 TOM ALLEN: All right. Our five
2 minutes is up. Are we ready to vote? All those in
3 favor of Resolution 2009-62 signify by raising your
4 right hand. Let it be shown that Ms. Wilson, Mr. Dunn,
5 Mr. Allen voted in the affirmative. And Mr. Waldrep
6 and Mr. Moore recused themselves. Mr. Wilson and Ms.
7 Floyd abstaining?

8 GRACIE FLOYD: You haven't called for the
9 no vote yet.

10 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Is there a no vote?
11 All right. I'm sorry. My fault. All right. Mr.
12 Wilson and Ms. Floyd voted no. My mistake. All right.
13 Based on majority then the, the resolution passes. All
14 right we'll go on to Item (b) which is Resolution 2009-
15 63. This is a resolution authorizing and ratifying the
16 payment of legal expenses incurred by Bob Waldrep in
17 defense of a case styled Preston versus Wilson and
18 others and matters related thereto.

19 Whereas, Anderson County, Edwin E. Moore and
20 Robert E. Waldrep, Jr. are currently defendants in a
21 lawsuit styled, Jones versus Anderson County and
22 others, number 2009-CP-04-2100;

23 Whereas, the Jones lawsuit challenges, among
24 other things, the payment by Anderson County of legal
25 fees incurred by Bob Waldrep in connection with Preston
26 versus Wilson, C. A. number 2008-CP-04-2726;

27 Whereas, Mr. Waldrep incurred those legal fees
28 in defending an action brought by the former county
29 administrator for Anderson County who challenged
30 actions taken by Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson as members
31 of council;

32 Whereas, Anderson County ultimately dropped
33 that lawsuit and it was dismissed by Anderson County;

34 Whereas, the payment of those legal fees was
35 approved by the interim county administrator for
36 Anderson County;

37 Whereas, the County and Messrs. Waldrep and
38 Moore are confident in their legal position and are
39 defending the Jones lawsuit with vigor;

40 Whereas, in order to reaffirm its legal
41 position in the Jones case Anderson County Council
42 desires to approve and ratify the payment by the county
43 of legal bills incurred by Mr. Waldrep in connection
44 with the Preston -- with Preston versus Wilson.

45 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by
46 Anderson County Council that Anderson County Council
47 hereby ratifies and approves the payment of the defense
48 costs incurred by Mr. Waldrep in the defense of Preston
49 versus Wilson. This resolution shall take effect and
50 be in force immediately upon enactment.

1 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 18th
2 day of August, 2009.
3 Is there a motion to accept?
4 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
6 TOM ALLEN: Second?
7 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
8 TOM ALLEN: All right. Motion has been
9 made and it's been seconded. Is there any discussion
10 on this resolution?
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
12 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson.
13 RON WILSON: I want to ask our attorney,
14 are you familiar with any other case in this state
15 where a county council approved legal fees to pay a
16 member on the council?
17 MIKE PITTS: I've, I've not researched
18 that precise issue. So I'm not -- no, I'm not aware of
19 a case that I can cite you as I sit here right now.
20 No, sir. That doesn't necessarily mean that there's
21 not one, but I've not been asked ---
22 RON WILSON: And I notice these -- this
23 resolution cleverly intertwines two lawsuits. But the
24 resolution is really calling for the payment of one
25 legal fees -- one group of legal fees which is to a
26 member of this council. When -- I know there's a lot
27 of lawsuits with people on this council. I'm one of
28 them. And you know, some are paid for and some are
29 not. And I'm not -- you know, I'm not crying because
30 mine's not because I'm a big boy. When I do something,
31 I figure if I get sued I'm going to fight it with my
32 own money. I'm not going to ask the taxpayers of
33 Anderson County to bail me out. But that's what we're
34 doing here. And I don't like this. You know, this is
35 a group that was elected supposedly by a bunch of
36 people who were irritated with the way things were
37 being done and not using taxpayer money to pay for
38 stuff like this. Be it -- we do it willy nilly. And
39 we do it almost every meeting. I will not be voting
40 for this. Under any circumstances. And I'm one of
41 them that's being sued by another firm. I'll pay for
42 it and I'll fight it with my own money. I think
43 everybody should when you're sued outside of your
44 capacity. And that's what the case is here. Thank
45 you.
46 MIKE PITTS: I think the -- in the
47 Preston versus Waldrep lawsuit I believe the attorney
48 for Mr. Preston during court represented to the Judge
49 at the hearing that Mr. Waldrep was in fact being sued
50 in his official capacity.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't -- I don't ...
 2 TOM ALLEN: Any other?
 3 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I do.
 4 TOM ALLEN: Ms. Floyd.
 5 GRACIE FLOYD: Since Mr. Waldrep's position
 6 now is almost in -- in Preston versus Williams was
 7 opposed to the official position of Anderson County and
 8 everybody said that Mr. Preston's buyout was a gift.
 9 Is this a gift now, and a golden parachute to Mr.
 10 Waldrep?
 11 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
 12 GRACIE FLOYD: No. No. No. I'm not
 13 asking her. I have the floor. Mr. Pitts. My
 14 question.
 15 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am.
 16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Are we expected to
 17 pay Ms. Wilson's personal legal fees next? Is that
 18 going to happen? Mr. Burns?
 19 RUSTY BURNS: I have no evidence or
 20 knowledge of that.
 21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Well
 22 it's been said several times throughout Anderson County
 23 and so that's why I'm questioning. Are we going to
 24 have to pony up some more money now for her fees?
 25 Okay. Now, so that means if we, if we do this, so that
 26 means that any lawsuit that comes to the county, all we
 27 have to do is come to y'all and say I want you to pay
 28 my legal fees for me because you did it for everybody
 29 else. Is that what it's going to be like?
 30 TOM ALLEN: I don't believe so. I
 31 think if you have something that's in the, in the line
 32 of your duty, what you're doing on council, then your
 33 ---
 34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now several of you
 35 were sued outside the capacity of your county -- of
 36 your council job. So you know, are we going to have to
 37 work with that? Mr. Pitts, I want to ask you a
 38 question, sir. You work with the Nexus's law firm
 39 right?
 40 MIKE PITTS: Nexsen Pruet.
 41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's where you work
 42 for; right?
 43 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. *Investigation*
 44 *Nexsen* GRACIE FLOYD: And when we talk about the
 45 ~~Nexus~~ Pruet hiring the Palmetto ~~Institute~~ and you --
 46 and we're asking you questions about that, that's like
 47 a -- could -- can you defend that? Since you work for
 48 the law firm at question. You know, it seems to me
 49 that we need an outside legal advisor that's not from
 50 the Nexus Pruet, Pruet law -- that's like asking the

1 foxes to set rules for the chicken in the hen house.
2 You understand what I'm saying. I'm just puzzled.

3 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe there's
4 any kind of conflict there.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: You don't think so?

6 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am.

7 TOM ALLEN: Any other discussion?

8 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

9 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Ms. Wilson.

10 CINDY WILSON: I believe that there were
11 opinions drafted by the attorney general involving --
12 I'm trying to remember where I read it -- but there
13 have been other counties that have reimbursed a sitting
14 member of council's legal fees. There's some body of
15 knowledge there. And secondly, when Mr. Waldrep and I
16 were sued, we were originally sued in our individual
17 capacities over a matter of requesting information from
18 here in the county. But what's so bizarre about it is
19 that because of the way our laws are that was totally
20 ludicrous. And when it was pointed out in court that
21 because we asked for information if we were being sued
22 in our individual capacities that had no leg to stand
23 on. And suddenly the Judge recommended to Mr.
24 Preston's attorney, you know, suggested that maybe she
25 might want to change the structure of the case. So
26 suddenly we're being sued in our official capacities.
27 So that's how that evolved.

28 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you. Any other
29 comments? If not, let's go ahead and vote on this
30 resolution. All those in favor of 2009-063 signify by
31 raising your right hand. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
32 Allen voted in the affirmative. All those opposed.
33 Mr. Wilson, Ms. Floyd opposed. And Mr. Moore and Mr.
34 Waldrep have recused themselves.* All right. The
35 resolution passes. That concludes the -- those
36 resolutions. Mr. Moore, would you like to take back
37 over here. * Exhibits A - Attached.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Resolution 2009-
39 64.

40 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have a
41 resolution. It's endorsing the Upstate Roundtable's
42 long range infrastructure planning for a five county
43 area. And basically what we're doing is that we are
44 participating in and applauding the effort and looking
45 out for the future of Anderson County especially in the
46 Saluda River basin as it affects Anderson County.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
48 motion we adopt this resolution presented to us.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor to
50 adopt. Do I have a second?

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.
2 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
3 discussion?
4 CINDY WILSON: Just very briefly. I'm
5 very cheered to see that there's a concerted effort to
6 upgrade the treatment capabilities of sewer discharges
7 into the Saluda River. That, that bodes better for our
8 future because certainly our air quality and our water
9 quality are very important and I was glad to see this.
10 Thank you.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?
12 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just
13 wanted to ask a question. This Roundtable, is it --
14 there's a plan for that to come up some time soon or
15 ...
16 RUSTY BURNS: Yes. But what it basically
17 does, Mr. Waldrep, is endorses the fact that there's an
18 ongoing group studying this -- these various solutions.
19 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Do we have any
20 scheduled meetings for it?
21 RUSTY BURNS: No. You will find in your
22 agenda packet an executive summary that outlines what
23 they're looking at, the basic area. But we'll be happy
24 to keep you informed of everything, of all the meetings
25 that have taken place and in the future.
26 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well I think it's
27 such a good thing. I just wanted to get a time table
28 if we're going to be doing it. Thank you.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Hearing nobody else we'll
30 now vote. All in favor raise your right hand. All in
31 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay.
32 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the next
33 resolution is to honor Anderson's own Anderson County
34 native Mr. Jim Ed Rice who we all know has been
35 inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. The city is
36 planning a series of events. The county is also
37 planning to honor Mr. Rice in a variety of ways in, in
38 concert with the city and what we have before you is a
39 resolution to rename a road at the Civic Center. And
40 basically what it does is change Balloonfest Boulevard
41 which -- whose name was changed earlier from Freedom
42 Way to the Jim Ed Rice Parkway.
43 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
44 BOB WALDREP: Second.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Moved and seconded. Any
46 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
47 Unanimous. Now go to (e), Resolution 2009-66.
48 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, with your
49 permission Mr. Holt Hopkins will now present a slide
50 show.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I need to
3 ask a question while we're waiting on this. Could you
4 please tell me in which capacity is Mr. Hopkins going
5 to present this? In his capacity as the vice chair --
6 I mean the, the assistant administrator or in his
7 capacity, capacity as transportation director?
8 RUSTY BURNS: Transportation director.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Who said that? Oh, you did.
10 All right. So he's both things?
11 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Double pay?
13 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. One pay.
14 Same pay.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Double offices?
16 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. No increase in
17 rent.
18 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, this is a,
19 a gravel road down in District Three down near the Iva
20 area called Goldline Road. Both -- all -- or both of
21 the property owners along this road is requesting that
22 it be abandoned or allow, allow them to cut it off in
23 the middle. I won't go into great details. I'll get
24 to the photos. See, it's just a small country road.
25 And when we were down taking pictures one of the
26 residents even displayed a no trespassing sign. That's
27 how bad they want people to stay off that road. There
28 -- during the public comments there were no objections
29 to this whatsoever. Fire department, rescue squad and
30 the school district also wrote and said they have no
31 objections. We recommend that you approve this to
32 consent to judicial abandonment.
33 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
34 TOM ALLEN: Yes.
35 BOB WALDREP: Just a couple of questions.
36 Are there any safety issues with abandoning this about
37 transportation or fire or what have you, who services
38 on this road and ---
39 HOLT HOPKINS: The emergency services were
40 fine with it. The intention of both property owners is
41 to just cut it off in the middle and they treat it as a
42 driveway coming to their property.
43 BOB WALDREP: Okay. There's no railroad
44 coming through there, is there?
45 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir.
46 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. Thank
47 you.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody else?
49 CINDY WILSON: I make the motion that we
50 approve this on first reading.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Any more discussion? All in
4 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. We now go to
5 Item 8 on the agenda.
6 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, number 8
7 is for information purposes only. As you know we have
8 been offering to -- or rather registration elections
9 has been offering to provide assistance to towns for
10 their local elections. This is early in. This is to
11 make council aware of this, to provide them with the
12 background material. We're not requesting any action
13 or the towns but this would involve possibly Pelzer,
14 West Pelzer, Honea Path and Pendleton.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item
16 9 on the agenda.
17 BILL WEST: Basically this is the last
18 step in the process for the council to accept the roads
19 in the Springbrook Subdivision. They have been built
20 and inspected and meet all county standards. We
21 request that you would adopt the resolution to -- well
22 adopt the acceptance of them into the county roads
23 system. We will then proceed and take, take them over
24 from maintenance. This, this subdivision is off
25 Whitehall Road near Keesler Road.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
27 motion that we accept them into our road program.
28 CINDY WILSON: Second.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Motion seconded. Any
30 discussion? Now vote. All in favor raise your right
31 hand. Unanimous. We now go to Item 10 on the agenda.
32 Ms. Floyd.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Item 10 concerns something
34 that's very, very important to us. I am really
35 disheartened about what happened in our last census
36 take, but we cannot let this happen again, folks.
37 We're going to have to be very, very proactive in
38 getting the census work done. The census brings jobs
39 to the community. It makes informed decisions and it
40 ensures that our interests are represented. Also based
41 on the number of people that we have in this county it
42 determines how much money that we're going to get from
43 the state. Ten years ago it was very much so under
44 counted. This time we have to make sure that our
45 people in our communities are counted. Anderson County
46 should get behind this. I know we've been spending so
47 much time and money on everything else, but it's time
48 for us to get to work in our county on this census.
49 Now what the -- the census people, I met with them
50 while I was in, in Hilton Head and they have a

1 committee guide here that they're asking people to help
2 them through your committees. What you have to do is
3 just sign a statement saying how your committee or your
4 organization -- that's your organizations instead of
5 committees -- how your organization can help with the
6 census. While I was there I signed up my organization
7 to help. We're going to help by getting -- making sure
8 the information is gotten out to everybody and making
9 sure that we can organize grassroot or committees that
10 will go around and help with the count. This is the,
11 the brochure that they have for us this year. It's the
12 United States Census 2010. We all are going to have to
13 work. Now you may say, well I don't care about it. It
14 doesn't affect me. But it does. It does. When those
15 state money comes down and you're getting five dollars
16 and Greenwood is getting fifteen, it's because of the
17 count. It's because of the count. When one -- when it
18 rains on Anderson County everybody will get wet. So it
19 will behoove us all to get busy with this. If you need
20 some information I have the name and the numbers for
21 people that you can call that will come up here. In
22 fact I am going to invite someone to come up to county
23 council and talk with you further about it. But it
24 says through 2008 summer and fall. This is where we
25 need to be doing -- this is where we are now. And the
26 things that we should be doing is to have our highest
27 elected official or community leader to meet with the
28 regional office. We need to have a chairperson of the
29 census count. We need to identify a chairperson. We
30 need to appoint subcommittee chairpersons. We need to
31 do the formation of a census count and an appointment
32 of the chairperson as needed. Not this chairperson. A
33 chairperson. Okay. For the fall and winter they have
34 other things that we need to accomplish before that
35 comes. But folks, we need to work in Anderson County.
36 Now we have a habit of sitting back and laughing. We
37 have a habit of sitting back and laughing at everybody
38 and everything until the storm comes. You remember
39 they laughed at Noah; didn't they? But the laughing,
40 the laughing should be over with because this concerns
41 us all. This concerns us all. Let's take this
42 seriously. This is a thing that's going to help us
43 bring the companies down here for folks to work. And I
44 thank you for listening to me.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 11 on the
46 agenda, appointments. Start with Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: I have none.

48 BOB WALDREP: No appointments.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I've

1 got -- I have two appointments if we could take them
2 both at the same time. I'd like to reappoint Ms. Judy
3 Watkins to the Airport Commission and I'd like to
4 appoint Mr. Dave Cothran to the Planning Commission.
5 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
7 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Any
8 more, Mr. Dunn?
9 TOMMY DUNN: No, Mr. Chairman. Thank
10 you.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd?
12 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to appoint Ms.
13 Phyllis Thomas to the Museum Committee. That's Phyllis
14 Thomas to the Museum Committee. Her phone number and
15 address will be given to the secretary. That's in the
16 form of a motion.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?
18 TOM ALLEN: Second.
19 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
20 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
21 Unanimous. Any more, Ms. Floyd?
22 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen?
24 TOM ALLEN: I have no appointments.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson?
26 RON WILSON: No appointments.
27 EDDIE MOORE: And I have none. We now go
28 to Item 12 on the agenda, requests of council members.
29 Mr. Wilson?
30 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
31 Out of my rec fund I'd like to spend about five
32 thousand dollars to the Tri County Soccer Club in the
33 Wren area.
34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
36 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
37 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
38 Unanimous. Do you have any more, Mr. Wilson?
39 RON WILSON: No other questions -- no
40 other requests right now, Mr. Chairman.
41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen?
42 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I have four. We'll
43 probably have to do them individually.
44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
45 TOM ALLEN: And now that people found
46 out I actually have some money it's become a landslide
47 here all of a sudden. But any way I'd like to, out of
48 the recreation funds, contribute forty-five hundred
49 dollars to the Townville Recreation Department.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

1 CINDY WILSON: How much?
2 TOM ALLEN: Forty-five hundred. Four
3 thousand five hundred.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second, Mr. Chairman.
5 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
6 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
7 Unanimous. Okay.
8 TOM ALLEN: I would also, for the
9 Anderson County Veterans Association, I'd like to
10 contribute three thousand dollars to them. They are
11 currently working on a project out at the Dolly Cooper
12 Veterans Cemetery to put a Carillon bell system in out
13 there which will really be nice when it's, when it's
14 finished. So I'd like to contribute three thousand to
15 that project.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
17 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
18 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Okay.
19 Unanimous.
20 TOM ALLEN: I have two more to go. The
21 next one will be to the New Light Community Center.
22 I'd like to contribute -- that's out on State Route
23 187, Wild Hog Road. I'd like to contribute two
24 thousand dollars to that center project.
25 CINDY WILSON: Second.
26 EDDIE WILSON: And we have a second. Okay.
27 Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
28 Unanimous.
29 TOM ALLEN: All right. And the final
30 item will be for the County of Anderson, the Recreation
31 Department, four hundred and eighty-five dollars. And
32 that's going to be for a bike rack system at the
33 Pendleton Community Club.
34 CINDY WILSON: Second.
35 EDDIE MOORE: We've got a second. Any
36 discussion?
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. We don't have a
38 recreation department in the County of Anderson. Where
39 will the money go?
40 TOM ALLEN: Well I'll tell you, that
41 was the title on the letterhead. So ...
42 GRACIE FLOYD: We don't have a recreation
43 department. We have a recreation committee. But as of
44 to date we don't have a recreation department or may I
45 -- maybe I need to say no one told me we had a
46 recreation department.
47 RUSTY BURNS: We have an existing county
48 employee who's been put in charge of parks for Anderson
49 County. His name is Matt Shell and that is his
50 exclusive job. He received no pay increase. We have

1 not hired additional personnel or let additional
2 personnel go.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: So we do have a recreation
4 department now. Or he -- just a recreation person.
5 RUSTY BURNS: We have a recreation person
6 at this point in time. Yes, ma'am.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Person not department.
8 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And we have a
9 recreation letterhead.
10 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. And hopefully
11 soon we will have a recreation department.
12 TOM ALLEN: We will soon. Okay. But
13 anyway, that's where the money is going.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Parks and recreation
15 division.
16 TOM ALLEN: Division.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Any more discussion? All in
18 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Any more, Mr.
19 Allen?
20 TOM ALLEN: That's all I have.
21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I have one. I
23 am going to do something that I have never done before
24 in this capacity. But I -- my -- ha ha ha -- my fire
25 department, Broadway Lake in my, in my district called
26 me because they have a need. They have a need. I
27 looked at that fire department and it is crumbling. It
28 is crumbling. So for the first time I am going to
29 allocate ten thousand dollars from the District Two's
30 rec fund to go to the fire department, Broadway Fire
31 Department, to help with the restoration or renovation
32 and what else, the completion of the, of the fire
33 department. And that's in the form of a motion.
34 CINDY WILSON: Second.
35 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
36 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
37 Unanimous. Any more, Ms. Floyd?
38 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I'm, I'm going to be
39 broke soon.
40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn?
41 TOMMY DUNN: Not none at this time.
42 Thank you.
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep?
44 BOB WALDREP: I'd like to donate or
45 appropriate nine hundred dollars for the bike rack
46 program which has to do with the same program that Mr.
47 Allen was talking about and I think this is in a
48 district at the -- is it at the Civic?
49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. We need ---
50 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

1 RUSTY BURNS: We need a bike rack at the
2 Civic Center desperately.
3 BOB WALDREP: The only question I had was
4 I notice that there was some disparity in the cost of
5 these bike racks. Is there any reason for that? Some
6 -- I know some might be larger than others but ---
7 RUSTY BURNS: And that's it, Mr. Waldrep.
8 BOB WALDREP: That's it. There was one
9 for twenty-three hundred dollars or so and that was a
10 heck of a rack.
11 RUSTY BURNS: That's a really big rack.
12 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Okay. Well I'm just
13 getting a little rack here.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
15 BOB WALDREP: Okay. A little rack for us.
16 CINDY WILSON: Second.
17 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Okay.
18 Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
19 Unanimous. Any more, Mr. Waldrep?
20 BOB WALDREP: No. That's all.
21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson?
22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
23 have several and do you want me to do them one by one
24 or shall I just do them all? They're all out of the
25 District Seven recreation account. I'll just do them
26 all together? From District Seven's recreation account
27 please appropriate to the Honea Path Fire Department
28 three thousand dollars for a thermal imaging camera.
29 And to the Veteran's Carillon project one thousand
30 dollars. To the Honea Path Free Clinic two thousand
31 dollars. To the Honea Path Recreation Program five
32 thousand dollars. For the bike rack program which
33 will, after it's been used for the Tour de La France,
34 it will go to a park in District Seven, four hundred
35 and eighty-five dollars. And then five hundred dollars
36 toward the cost of the sign for the Broadway Fire
37 Department on Old Williamston Road. And this is all in
38 the form of a motion.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
40 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
41 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
42 Unanimous. Okay. I have one appropriation. I'd like
43 to appropriate four hundred and eighty-five dollars to
44 the Starr Walking Track for the bicycle rack. I think
45 it's going to be used for the Tour de La France. Okay.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
47 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
48 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
49 Unanimous. Okay.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I have a

1 questions concerning appropriations please.
2 EDDIE MOORE: One minute, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
3 Dunn has one more appropriation. Let us get through
4 all appropriations and I'll come back to you.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought he was through.
6 Excuse me.
7 TOMMY DUNN: And, and I apologize, Mr.
8 Chairman. Thank you. I just got this tonight and
9 didn't -- just seen it. I want to appropriate four
10 hundred and eighty-five dollars also from my parks and
11 recreation, recreation account for the bicycle rack at
12 the Wellington Ball, Ball Park.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
14 RON WILSON: Second.
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.
16 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
17 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
18 Unanimous. Now Ms. Floyd.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: I notice that I have some
20 money left over in my paving account as some of you do
21 as well. And we've already been told that there would
22 be no roads paved this year. Am I correct, Mr. Burns?
23 RUSTY BURNS: What we are requesting is
24 that any request from council for road paving be given
25 to us so we can take them to the Anderson
26 Transportation Committee. Thanks to the Anderson
27 County Delegation they've increased our allotment of
28 those funds up to seventy-five percent. And what we
29 would need to do is turn that list in to them.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now what about the
31 monies that left in each of the accounts?
32 RUSTY BURNS: That would be at the
33 discretion of council members.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What can this money
35 be used for? I have a ditch that I want to clean up
36 and out in one of my neighborhoods. It's overgrown
37 with kudzu -- what -- kudzu and it's, it's just a mess.
38 RUSTY BURNS: And I believe that would be
39 a qualified expense as long as it was on public right-
40 of-way.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now Mr. Hopkins,
42 Susan Booker Street, that branch that runs through
43 there. Is that public right-of-way?
44 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am. That's private
45 property.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: The branch is private
47 property back there?
48 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But haven't you
50 been down there cleaning this, cleaning, cleaning it

1 up?

2 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. Well we
3 haven't recently. Back in '97 or '97-98 time frame,
4 that winter, we did do some cleaning up. It was a
5 temporary, temporary easements, rights-of-way to get in
6 there. But that was during the time that the Corp of
7 Engineers had an injunction against them as far as some
8 of their rules and regulations. I don't think we can
9 get a permit to get in the water like we did last time
10 cleaning up the banks and all that. But. ..

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

12 HOLT HOPKINS: But technically it's private
13 property except ---

14 GRACIE FLOYD: About two years ago you told
15 me it would take about a hundred thousand dollars to
16 clean that place up.

17 HOLT HOPKINS: That was part of what the
18 Corp of Engineers was telling us would be our match to
19 whatever plan they were working on. They have not
20 followed through on their end. They, they say lack of
21 funding up to this, this point. And we're still
22 waiting on an update -- a recent update that we haven't
23 heard. As of Friday I had not -- Judy or Tony had not
24 heard from them to give us an update.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Well we had an update at the
26 meeting that we had last Thursday. They brought some
27 news back from the -- from -- yeah, we had a big
28 meeting.

29 HOLT HOPKINS: I didn't get that update
30 then.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So Mr. Hopkins, what
32 can be done to encourage the landowners to clean up
33 that ditch?

34 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, if I may? As
35 you know that -- with our new park director we're
36 working in concert with Anderson University. We're
37 going to have a number of volunteers for a limited
38 period of time. And I believe that's one of the areas
39 that they're looking at to attack. Now is that the end
40 of the solution but it is a start. And they can get on
41 private property.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Hopkins,
43 what can be done to get the landowners to get in there
44 and clean that property up?

45 HOLT HOPKINS: I would need to work with
46 Mr. Pitts, but there may be some enforcement things
47 that the County can do to encourage it but ...

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49 GRACIE FLOYD: ... enough is enough of
50 this. And I thank you for that. And council members,

1 I thank you for your indulgence.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item
3 13, administrator's report.

4 RUSTY BURNS: I just wanted to hand out
5 an update on projects. Just give this to you for you
6 to look at at your leisure. We just prepared it this
7 afternoon.

8 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

10 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Burns, the former
11 McCants building ---

12 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

13 BOB WALDREP: -- I think that the city and
14 the county have agreed to a joint effort ---

15 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

16 BOB WALDREP: -- in completing that. Is
17 there any obstacles to the completion of that project
18 at this time?

19 RUSTY BURNS: Our attorney has been in
20 contact with the city attorney. They are working out
21 the details. We will probably need to retain the
22 services of a horizontal real estate regime specialist
23 and we are working to find out how much it would cost
24 to retain such an individual. And then move out
25 smartly from there.

26 BOB WALDREP: When you say regime
27 specialist you mean something like one person has the
28 top floor and one person's got the bottom floor and
29 then the common areas are shared. Is that -- we're
30 talking about a legal document. Is that right? Okay.

31 MIKE PITTS: To deed out a floor of a
32 building you'd basically have to take it condo. And
33 that's just a fancy -- the horizontal property regime
34 is just a fancy name to do a condo essentially.

35 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay. I was just
36 kind of interested in that spot because I know that
37 there's a transit -- transportation issues there that
38 the city plans to use that. Did you say that there was
39 going to be some kind of bus service to Homeland Park
40 out of that?

41 RUSTY BURNS: We're hoping that that will
42 be happening shortly.

43 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

44 RUSTY BURNS: And what the city wants to
45 do is make that their transportation headquarters. It
46 helps us out because we do not have the money to pay to
47 repair the second floor. But it would probably injure
48 our first floor if it's left that way. The city has
49 identified federal funds through mass transit that
50 would allow them to repair that building and make good

1 use of it. And so by entering into this partnership I
2 think that we all win and it may cost us three or four
3 thousand dollars in legal fees which we would split
4 with the city. But that's where we are precisely right
5 now and we will keep you apprized of that progress.

6 BOB WALDREP: Last, last question is
7 on the transportation. You know, we have a bus station
8 here that I think it goes out to where the new, well K-
9 Mart and WalMart area out there. Is that -- that's our
10 only bus station. Is there any possibility of bringing
11 a bus station downtown or is that a feasible idea to
12 this transportation area or is that not practical?

13 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep, what we are
14 trying to do within the next two weeks, and we are in
15 the process of lining up people, is to have a
16 transportation summit for Anderson County to bring all
17 providers of transportation in the county, and there's
18 several, into one room and discuss the possibility and
19 feasibility of providing bus service throughout
20 Anderson County and seeing if that might lead us to, if
21 there's interest and with council's approval, to start
22 talking to other counties who may be interested in a
23 regional transit authority to tie up all of the
24 counties in the upstate who have an interest. And
25 that's an ambitious goal. But what we want to do first
26 is just to start here in Anderson County because we
27 have five towns that have absolutely no bus service,
28 and just see if we can all get on the same page -- same
29 sheet of music and see what we can do to expand those
30 services.

31 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: May I chime in on that one?

33 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep, was you
35 through? You had the floor. Okay. Ms. Floyd.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to chime in on that.
37 If Mr. Waldrep is talking about the CAT bus system that
38 meets at Walmart or picks up at Walmart coming into the
39 city, I think the city mandates that the CAT bus picks
40 up right there at the -- at Walmart instead of coming
41 into the city. Because they have the right -- they
42 have the rights to the transportation thing. Because
43 we worked on that one time before. So if, you know, if
44 that's the, if that's the issue.

45 RUSTY BURNS: I think there is a line of
46 demarcation where the CAT bus ends and the city. I'm
47 not exactly sure where that boundary is.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: K-Mart. I mean Walmart.

49 BOB WALDREP: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I just
50 had one other follow-up on that with all the buses in

1 there. I was kind of thinking like Greyhound. Does
2 Greyhound still service Anderson?

3 RUSTY BURNS: We have a Greyhound bus
4 service that's located in the K-Mart -- in the Walmart
5 on the north side of town. And as a matter of fact a
6 lot of CAT bus feeds into that Greyhound service. They
7 have a stop there so you can get on the bus in Oconee
8 County and go all the way to that Greyhound bus stop
9 right there. And they are also part of this discussion
10 because they have an interest in expanding their
11 services. As do some areas in Abbeville County and
12 Greenwood County.

13 BOB WALDREP: Well I guess I was just
14 thinking about when you have this service there it's --
15 is it kind of proposed to have some sort of building
16 there for passengers to wait and to be transferred
17 during bad weather and that sort of thing?

18 RUSTY BURNS: Are you speaking of the
19 Greyhound bus station?

20 BOB WALDREP: Yes.

21 RUSTY BURNS: They have a small building.

22 BOB WALDREP: Oh okay. All right. Thank
23 you.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: But it's a run down,
25 dilapidated, dirty place for people to come in to see
26 their first visit to Anderson County on the bus. This
27 is what they see. I've had several phone calls from
28 folks asking for something better. But I have to tell
29 them this is not an Anderson County entity. It's run
30 by the Greyhound Bus Company. So they have to call ---

31 RUSTY BURNS: It's run by Greyhound Bus
32 and it is ---

33 GRACIE FLOYD: They have to call Greyhound
34 Bus. But you folks who -- who've never seen the bus
35 station, maybe never even ridden the bus, don't know
36 what it is -- I'm from the hard times. I know what a
37 Greyhound Bus is. But go by the station and take a
38 look.

39 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: If I might I would like to
42 echo those sentiments and Ms. Floyd stole my thunder
43 there. But I go by that building every once in a while
44 and it is a -- let's just say it leaves a lot to be
45 desired. So if there's any way we can work with the
46 Greyhound people to get them into something better I'm
47 all for it. It is a very poor impression for people
48 coming into Anderson.

49 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We now go to
50 Item 14 on the agenda, citizen comments.

1 MIKE PITTS: We have three citizens
2 signed up. The first is Freddie Baker.
3 FREDDIE BAKER: How you doing, Mr. Speaker
4 and council? I'd like to bring to your attention, I
5 witnessed a sad thing the other day with some people,
6 good friends of mine, getting evicted. A buddy of mine
7 will tell you it was his fault. He ignored notices and
8 stuff and everything. But what I'd like the council to
9 do is to address one thing is -- the sad thing was
10 regardless of whatever reason was he couldn't get
11 things situated to be able to stay in his home. When
12 they come to evict him he was evicted when the rain was
13 here. And I sat and watched as everything he owned for
14 thirty-two years was put out in the yard in the rain
15 including his young'un's stuff. But I'd like the
16 county and council to work together and try to come up
17 with some kind of ordinance for maybe, you know.
18 landlords and banks and mortgage companies and finance
19 companies all together. You know, we can't do nothing
20 about the whole state maybe but we can do something
21 about Anderson County. Is be humane enough to know
22 that when we go to put somebody out -- not us, but when
23 they go to put somebody out, they take into
24 consideration if it's going to pour down rain. These
25 people already have had enough luck, they could wait
26 one more day to where it's sunny. You know, to put
27 them out when it's sunny where they've got some way to
28 keep their stuff dry and have a place to put it. But
29 and at the same time I had to brag on this company,
30 whatever bank it was. They come in, set everything out
31 and told them they had forty-eight hours to clean the
32 yard and get everything they wanted or they'll come in
33 there with a dumpster and throw it in. We got
34 everything moved. After it was done and over with the
35 bank sent the crew in there. They come in there, they
36 cleaned up what little bit of trash was left. Today
37 you go to that yard, the grass is cut, yard's clean.
38 The house is not an eyesore. At the same time though,
39 they've just got to work on an ordinance for people who
40 rent houses. I've got a rental house. And I can tell
41 you now from over there on the alphabet streets from
42 time to time over the years I've seen people that have
43 rented houses. Parents, you know, the grownups can be
44 held responsible. Our young'uns can't. The young'un's
45 stuff gets throwed out there on the street just the
46 same. I'm not saying that you can't take the house
47 from the person or the landlord can't get his property
48 back. But what I am saying is, you know, let's try to
49 make sure them young'uns are protected and that it's a
50 dry day when they are put out. And not only that, the

1 landlords who own these houses, renting them out and
2 everything, they ought to have forty-eight hours after
3 -- that person they kicked out has got forty-eight
4 hours to get their stuff out. That landlord ought to
5 have forty-eight hours to get that road cleaned up
6 where he's piled all that stuff that I see saying over
7 there for months at a time. Getting strowed all over
8 the place. I appreciated your help in looking into
9 that and I thank you very much.

10 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mark Powell.

11 MARK POWELL: Mark, Mark Powell, District
12 Seven. That segment kind of shocks me. I
13 unfortunately had rental property for many years and my
14 understanding on ejection to what the phase is after
15 eviction, they can't do it on a rainy day. They have
16 to reschedule it. So if that has changed I am
17 flabbergasted as well. Because it wasn't that way back
18 in the day. But that rental house was probably just as
19 nice as that Greyhound Bus Station was before the
20 people who go there trashed it. Probably a nice
21 building. Interesting council tonight. I'm glad that
22 this thing passed as far as the protection. If I hired
23 someone to do some work and the work needed to be done,
24 certainly an understanding within the contract that
25 they have the ability to hire people to get the work
26 done. There again it's just a perpetuation of the
27 lawsuit to stop what we, a lot of us, like to say is
28 what's coming out soon. A lot of people don't think
29 soon is soon enough. June 1st past, a long time.
30 Because I like to think, like to think that what a lot
31 of people are calling soon in the novel will be read it
32 and weep. I hope things progress rapidly. Under
33 things -- I understand things that come out -- there's
34 actually people out there that think the eighth
35 recommendation was a finality of what is going to
36 happen from what happened to us primarily, massively,
37 on November the 18th. How dumbfounded they are to
38 think that is all. These same people think that a
39 person who used to live in Charleston now lives in
40 South Carolina. That's the kind of people we're
41 dealing with. People who think someone lived in
42 Charleston is now living in South Carolina. That's
43 just how stupid some of the people can be. I
44 appreciate what you're doing to protect yourself. The
45 difference between some of the lawsuits here is these
46 people were doing things with my tax dollars. Other
47 people were doing things on their own, protecting their
48 interests to get re-elected kind of stuff. I
49 appreciate what Cindy did. I appreciate what Bob has
50 done to protect and find out where my money -- there

1 again the flow chart. We the people are at the top.
2 We have a hundred and twenty whatever thousand just
3 like everyone else does. Our people have put that lady
4 back in office every time with landslides. Why is
5 that? We appreciate and love what she's trying to do
6 for us and it is hideous that she had to even be sued
7 for asking a question where money went. And I'm glad
8 that that's what's being looked at and I hope it gets
9 further looked at. Because it's just wrong for her
10 doing her job for me who elected her, the people in our
11 district, to be sued over asking questions just because
12 the other people wanted their heads buried in the sand
13 or in a place where the sun don't shine is very smelly,
14 to not know what's going on because it might look bad
15 on them. Well it's going to look bad on them real soon
16 to my understanding. And I am looking forward to them
17 reading it and weeping. Thank you.

18 MIKE PITTS: And last is Elizabeth Fant
19 signed up.

20 ELIZABETH FANT: I ditto that. County
21 council person number two has again left. She has a
22 problem with discrepancies. You might look at the
23 recent county council photo. It's using her photo of
24 ten years ago. A recent Anderson article quoted her
25 age as fifty-three instead of sixty-three. She doesn't
26 seem to get her facts straight. She would like for you
27 to believe a lot of what is really false. For the
28 South Carolina Association of Counties meeting I worked
29 hard. I wonder what is her definition of work. I
30 believe she went to one meeting. I believe most of the
31 time she spent harassing council, Mr. Moore. She and
32 her two cohorts that are on this lawsuit followed
33 around and appeared everywhere he went to a meeting.
34 Harassment. She says she's been harassed. They need
35 to be thrown in jail for that. And I believe the other
36 thing she did while she was working there was she
37 waltzed Mr. Cunningham around advertising that he is
38 our real county administrator. How decrepit.
39 Statewide constituents are well aware of our county
40 problems in Anderson. Relative, think of the recent
41 news article and the misuse of money as Mr. Powell
42 mentioned. It's coming down. And to quote the county
43 councilman number two that has just left, we have a
44 habit of standing back laughing. They laughed at Noah.
45 Well guess what. The squawking ducks that have been
46 following the lead duck J.P. that are now in quick
47 sand, can you hear it? I think the dam just broke.
48 The water is coming down the mountain and it's coming
49 at a furious pace and everyone of those ducky ducks is
50 going over Niagra. So if you've got anything to say

1 and confess you better do it now because you're going
2 to be down under.

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

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We'll now go to
5 remarks from council members. We'll start with Mr.
6 Wilson. Mr. Allen.

7 TOM ALLEN: Just a quick comment. I'd
8 like to give a little plug for the Tour La France
9 that'll be coming up on the 5th of September. It's
10 going to be for a very good cause for the Cancer
11 Society. And it should be a very interesting -- that's
12 going to be a very interesting weekend, period.
13 There's going to be a lot of things going on. And I'd
14 like to just answer Mr. Waldrep's question. He had a
15 question about a twenty-three hundred dollar bike
16 stand. It seemed expensive. Well at the Great Escape
17 the other day I saw a lot of bicycles that were well
18 over three thousand dollars in cost. So I think that's
19 what those stands were for. Those real nice bikes.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. I was going to buy
21 just a cheap bike to ride and I got to looking and I
22 said wow.

23 TOM ALLEN: There aren't any.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Just real quick. I'd just
26 like to take this opportunity to thank and appreciate
27 the job Mr. Burns and his staff's doing. They're going
28 around the county and especially my district, but the
29 county as a whole. And me and Mr. Allen had a meeting
30 the other night with some folks and some of the people
31 of Anderson County are starting to be proud of their
32 county again and have confidence in the thing and can't
33 say enough about the job Mr. Burns and his staff's
34 doing. And my hat's off to you too and I appreciate
35 what y'all are doing. Thank you very much.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

37 BOB WALDREP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
38 You know, I think we are making a lot of progress in
39 following up with what Mr. Dunn has said here in a lot
40 of small ways. And you know, when you go to other
41 communities you kind of look around to see what they're
42 doing to beautify their county. I'm hoping that we can
43 take some steps soon to have some maybe small projects.
44 Just beautification projects. I know in Spartanburg
45 they have a situation where the landowners or owners or
46 citizens will contribute so much money to particular
47 projects throughout the community. And it, it just
48 makes a big difference. And that's just some of the
49 things that we can look at. Just a lot of, lot of
50 great things we can do if we just spend the time doing

1 them. And I did want to mention that bus station. I
2 guess everybody thinks about that bus station for some
3 reason. I'm hoping that maybe Mr. Burns and some of us
4 could get the word to Greyhound, you know, that that is
5 a spot where people do come in and actually see the
6 beginning of the county. And that's just something we
7 need to, to address. So the last thing is the Tour de
8 La France which we are looking at and I'm hoping that
9 all our members -- our council members will be on those
10 bicycles. We've been pedaling a lot of things in this
11 county for a while. I think we'd like to pedal
12 ourselves down the road. So I -- I'm looking for a
13 challenge out there. Is there anybody want to, want to
14 race in that thing?

15 EDDIE MOORE: I've already got
16 commitments from Mr. Burns here. He -- he's going to
17 let me tie my rope on to his bike.

18 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep.

19 CINDY WILSON: He's got to have a blue
20 light.

21 EDDIE MOORE: The Sheriff has issued you
22 a challenge. This could be good.

23 CINDY WILSON: They might pay a lot of
24 money to see us make fools of ourselves.

25 EDDIE MOORE: He's got a blue light
26 though, you know.

27 CINDY WILSON: I just have two rusted out
28 bikes and I'll be glad to loan one to someone and I did
29 work up to four miles on the flat this past week. I'm
30 not sure if I can do fifteen miles. I doubt that. I
31 guess I'll come down to the Farmer's Market and go on
32 the child's trip. And I have two issues that I needed
33 to ask about. Last year Mr. Waldrep and I presented an
34 ordinance prohibiting county council members from
35 working, consulting and lobbying with Anderson County
36 for two years after they left office and while they
37 were in office, of course. And this was to mirror the
38 rules of the General Assembly. And I would like to
39 request that Mr. Pitts, our county attorney, draft an
40 ordinance along those lines and have that ready for us
41 perhaps at the next meeting. And the second item is
42 recently I received a memorandum from our county
43 attorney indicating that Lewis Drive not only can but
44 should be reopened. And this we want to do in order to
45 right a great wrong. I'm requesting that our attorney
46 draft a letter to the railroad company requiring them
47 to accept their responsibilities of reopening Lewis
48 Drive. We've got some serious problems over there.
49 That's a major detour when there's a problem around the
50 tank farm. There was absolutely no citizen or

1 landowner except for the railroad company that wanted
2 that road opened. Even our fire commissioner and the
3 fire chief at that fire department and the EMS squads
4 were claiming that it would be a great danger to leave
5 -- to shut that road off. Now I'm requesting that we
6 have the railroad company go ahead and reopen it
7 properly. And I guess we'll start pedaling real fast
8 to practice on those bikes.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Pitts, do you have
10 something?

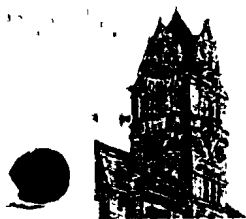
11 MIKE PITTS: Yeah, I was just -- Ms.
12 Wilson, there are a number of legal issues involved
13 with that. It's the subject of ongoing litigation and
14 that's something we'll, we'll take a good, good look at
15 and I'll be happy to speak with you about that.

16 CINDY WILSON: Well I understand that they
17 should never have shut the road down. They never went
18 through the proper legal procedure. And the county
19 bears a great deal of liability that concerns me if
20 someone has an emergency with that road being closed.
21 I understand that there would be some type of concern
22 about opening it and someone hitting a railroad car.
23 But I think that's something that the railroad company
24 should be well equipped to address. Thank you.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I would like to also
26 remind everybody next Friday at ten o'clock we're going
27 to have a meeting on the procurement procedure. A work
28 session at ten o'clock next -- this, this coming Friday
29 if we can. Ten o'clock. Okay. Okay. I'll entertain
30 a motion to adjourn. Motion made to adjourn. All in
31 favor raise your right hand. We're adjourned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COUNCIL, ^{Vice} CHAIRMAN, ANDERSON COUNTY

FROM: Eddie Moore

DATE: 8/18/09

RE: Recusal from County Council participation due to potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety

Pursuant to Section 8-13-700, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, I am hereby giving notice of my abstention from the matter regarding the issue of retention & payment of Tallon Group & Palmetto Investigative group's legal expenses paid for B. Waldrep as it appears before Anderson County Council on August 18, 2009

The potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety for which I am recusing myself and abstaining from participation is: R 2009-062 and R2009-063

(for example: a personal or financial interest in the matter in question; a conflict or appearance of impropriety due to business or other relationships with one or more of the parties involved; and so forth).

This document is to be filed as a matter of public record, and is to be included with the official minutes of the County Council meeting at which the matter in question was brought before Anderson County Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Moore



Exhibit A
8/18/09 minutes

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TO: COUNTY COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN, ANDERSON COUNTY

Vice Tom Allen

FROM: Bob Waldrep

DATE: 8/18/09

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Waldrep



Exhibit A - minutes
Attachment 8/18/09

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION ON PROCUREMENT CODE REVISIONS

August 21, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: ...Procurement Code. Mr.
2 Dunn has gave me a couple and -- to incorporate into
3 remarks for the council meeting ?? from Mr. Pitts and
4 these were basically comments from all the council
5 members. And this is the opportunity for council
6 members to interject any other comments that you would
7 like to have on the Procurement Code, discuss any of
8 the numbers or what not. And at the next council
9 meeting we will be taking up these items to change at
10 the regular council meeting. We're going to start with
11 Item 1 and just go down the list. If there's any
12 discussion or if you want to interject any other items
13 that you want to vote on at the council meeting. So we
14 just go down the items. On Item 1, which was 2006
15 [sic] is there any comments on that item? Does any
16 council member have any comments on it? That would be
17 S2.606. Okay. No comment on that one. We go now to
18 2-608.

19 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like
20 to point out just a typo there too. That, that makes
21 reference to Article Roman Seven that should be Article
22 Roman Five.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

24 MIKE PITTS: Which is the whole section
25 of the Procurement Code we're talking about.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

27 MIKE PITTS: Yeah.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, does this section
29 here take back what was said earlier about some of
30 these things being exempted from, being exempted from
31 the, the ...

32 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order, Ms. Floyd.
33 The exemptions are at the last. We'll discuss the
34 exemptions at the last. There is a section on the
35 exemptions. And once we get down to that we'll discuss
36 that because I have some comments on that myself.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I'd like to ---

38 EDDIE MOORE: We're not there yet.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: -- as it now as it pertains
40 to District -- to this question here. I'd like to ask
41 a question now.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: It says specific reference
44 to office supplies. Now at one time we said that these
45 things did not -- you did not have to have a bid on
46 these things.

47 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe that's
48 correct. I think, and Mr. Carroll you jump in here
49 because he's the expert on the Procurement Code. I'm
50 not. But that -- you still have to follow whatever

1 procedure is in place depending on the amount of stuff
2 you're buying. And the, the stockpiling language I
3 think was taken out just to make it so there wouldn't
4 be any confusion on that.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So this is not the
6 section that we had the last time that said certain
7 items would be deleted from bidding. That we could
8 just go ahead and just ...

9 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am. That's covered
10 in the exemptions. Which if you look at my cover memo
11 that is -- hang on here.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Now I'll wait ---

13 MIKE PITTS: Paragraph 11 on my memo.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I will wait until we
15 get there if that does not include these things here.

16 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

18 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go down to three
20 which is 2-612. A little language added. Any comments
21 on that?

22 GRACIE FLOYD: The county council will be
23 notified but if -- will they be notified for action or
24 just for information?

25 EDDIE MOORE: This is ...

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts.

27 MIKE PITTS: That -- at that point once
28 you're notified y'all can take whatever action y'all
29 believe is appropriate.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Any language you want to add
31 to the -- for the vote at the next regular council
32 meeting you can interject today and we'll put it on it.
33 It's just for -- today is just a working session. You
34 can add any comments that you want to make, but if
35 you've got any that you want to vote on just add it to
36 the language and we'll make a list and we'll go down
37 each item in the Procurement Code at that time and
38 we'll vote on the items. If you have anything you want
39 to add to it or delete ---

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, I'd like to add
41 to that number 3. Administrator and County Council
42 will be noti -- the Administrator shall be notified for
43 action and County Council will be notified for
44 information.

45 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. The
46 Administrator notified for action.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

48 MIKE PITTS: Council for info.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

50 MIKE PITTS: Got it.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 2-631. That
2 one I've talked -- Mr. Dunn has talked to me and we've
3 -- as far as on the numbers on that and we make -- we
4 want to make one correction on that. From Seventy Five
5 Hundred to Ten Thousand on that one instead of Fifteen
6 Thousand, Ten Thousand. Kind of split the difference
7 on it. Go down to 6-634. That will be the same thing.
8 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir.
9 EDDIE MOORE: The Ten Thousand on that
10 one.
11 MIKE PITTS: Okay.
12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Why are we changing
14 these to Ten Thousand? Why, why the switch from ---
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn requested that.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: -- seven Thousand to Fifteen
17 and from Seven Thousand to Ten now? All right. Why?
18 EDDIE MOORE: We think the number Fifteen
19 Thousand's a little high. We need it down to a lower
20 number.
21 MIKE PITTS: Just for information. Ten
22 is where it -- it's where it stood before this process
23 started. So the old code was ten. So you ...
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
25 Pitts. All right.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn wanted me to add
27 one other thing in here somewhere. I'm not sure
28 whether this would be the appropriate place to do it or
29 not. But he was wanting, and I agreed with him whole
30 heartedly, anything that, that's bid from Fifty
31 Thousand above, we would like for it to come back
32 before the council to vote on. On big ticket items
33 like that on anything. He was wanting a limitation.
34 This is a general overall statement of Fifty Thousand
35 dollars. Anything above -- from Fifty Thousand above
36 to bring back before the council. And I don't -- you'd
37 probably have to do something -- write something on
38 that.
39 MIKE PITTS: I believe there's language
40 in there. Let me get to it.
41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I didn't see it. He,
42 he didn't see it either. If there is, I apologize.
43 But I didn't see it either.
44 ROBERT CARROLL: It's on the top of the
45 second page of the cover. Mike's cover letter.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
47 ROBERT CARROLL: In that same point that
48 you're talking about. Point number five. County
49 Council would approve all purchases or contacts
50 exceeding Fifty Thousand dollars.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
2 MIKE PITTS: And what y'all would be
3 doing would be approving the expenditure of the money.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Right.
5 MIKE PITTS: Not necessarily the bid
6 itself. You follow me?
7 EDDIE MOORE: Right.
8 MIKE PITTS: But the expenditure of the
9 money. Yes, sir.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: What -- how do we do it
11 now?
12 ROBERT CARROLL: If it's budgeted is the
13 way it's been. If it's budgeted and you approve the
14 budget at the beginning of the year, it's approved.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: So we will be approving it
16 twice?
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Well I'm just saying -- you
18 asked me what's being done now. It's being approved as
19 the budget and this is just a second step that will
20 make you aware of when it actually happens. So when it
21 happens and we put it out for bid, we would come to you
22 and say ---
23 GRACIE FLOYD: We have to approve it, we
24 have to approve it again?
25 ROBERT CARROLL: You would approve it at a
26 meeting.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: If it's, if it's approved
28 in the budget and it begins to happen it has to come
29 back before us to approve it again?
30 ROBERT CARROLL: Well funding is approved up
31 front if it's line item budgeted. If you approve a
32 capital request, if we're going to buy a truck for road
33 maintenance, they would request that in capital
34 requests. It's approve -- the money's approved up to x
35 amount of dollars but then actually when we put it out
36 for bid, you know, it comes in at the exact amount and
37 you know exactly what we're paying for it. So I --
38 once we open the bids we would bring that information
39 to you at the county council meeting for approval.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If it's not approved,
41 then what?
42 ROBERT CARROLL: We don't purchase it.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Even though it has been
44 allocated in the, in the budget?
45 ROBERT CARROLL: If council says no. Yes,
46 ma'am.
47 MIKE PITTS: And I think there's a
48 difference between money being allocated into a pot of
49 money and then spending that money. You've got -- the
50 money would be allocated but then you would be

1 approving the expenditure if it were over Fifty
2 Thousand dollars.

3 EDDIE MOORE: These are just checks and
4 balances that we want in here so that we have some
5 input. We, we -- when we do the budget that's a cross
6 -- I mean not a cross. That's just a, a dollar figure.
7 We're getting down into the details on what we're
8 spending and as far as bidding items. This is just a
9 part of a check and balance system we think that's
10 necessary. And that's, that's why we feel the way we
11 do.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Well we as in who? As why
13 we feel the way that we do. We? Because we feel that
14 it's, it's redundant and we feel that it's the, it's
15 the job of the administrator and the department head.
16 If the money is already budgeted in the account and
17 they need a truck and the money has been budgeted for
18 the truck, I don't see why it has to go back to county
19 council again where it may be voted down. And then
20 what? Thank you.

21 EDDIE MOORE: We're talking about fiscal
22 responsibility and we're talking about doing our job as
23 oversight on bids. And we're going to do our job.
24 You're welcome to vote against it once it comes up.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: I realize that and I thank
26 you.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 6.

28 SHERIFF: Could I ask a question,
29 Mr. Chairman?

30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

31 SHERIFF: Does -- you've got Fifty
32 Thousand in there. How does that apply? And I don't
33 know if there's an exception in the back of this to
34 grants. Like federal -- like block grants. Federal
35 grant. If it's more than Fifty Thousand we go through
36 the grant process, we do the purchasing. We go through
37 purchasing procedures. But say it's a hundred thousand
38 dollar thing and the federal government or the state
39 has approved the grant for that amount, does that still
40 mean it needs to come back to council? That's my ---

41 MIKE PITTS: That's a good question.

42 EDDIE MOORE: You're talking about like
43 matching funds where you have to come up with the money
44 to match a grant?

45 SHERIFF: No. Not matching. I'll
46 give you an example. We've got a block grant right
47 now. A block grant is one hundred percent funding.
48 It's something that goes to the Sheriff's office force.
49 I mean that's where it goes. Now we go through -- I
50 mean the Administrator -- purchasing knows about our

1 grants. And I'm going to give you an example. We just
2 got a block grant that was Three Hundred and something
3 thousand dollars. So we put out bids for a flair to go
4 on the helicopter. It's Two Hundred and Twenty Five
5 Thousand dollars. So with that the grant has approved
6 to purchase that. So my question is, does that mean it
7 has to come back to council or is that an exception
8 because it's gone through ...

9 EDDIE MOORE: That would be an exception
10 on the Sheriff's Department because you've got your own
11 millage and your own budget and everything. That's
12 you. How you spend your money ---

13 SHERIFF: I just -- and, and because
14 Public Safety has a lot of grants too. I'm just saying
15 -- the grant process is what it is.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

17 SHERIFF: Okay. I just want to make
18 sure ---

19 EDDIE MOORE: If you want to make a little
20 exception to put in there, that's fine with me too.

21 MIKE PITTS: And -- but the Sheriff's
22 Department is subject to the Procurement Code.

23 SHERIFF: Yeah. Yeah. For the
24 purchasing I mean yeah. I mean if it's a Two Hundred
25 Thousand dollars job, I mean we're going to go through
26 the -- whatever Robert says we're supposed to do
27 according to the bids and all that kind of stuff.

28 MIKE PITTS: I, I could put some
29 language in there exempting grant money.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: But will that apply to all
31 departments or just the Sheriff's department? Suppose
32 some other department comes up with a Hundred Thousand
33 dollar grant guaranteed.

34 MIKE PITTS: That's a good point. I
35 suspect it would apply to everybody if you've got grant
36 money involved. It's already been approved by the ---

37 SHERIFF: Because the grant
38 people obviously they monitor it and they audit it.
39 They, I mean they -- you know. They're pretty strict.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: So we should have language
41 in ---

42 SHERIFF: And, and y'all know.
43 Trust me. And when they ain't happy they come and put
44 you in jail.

45 EDDIE MOORE: That's exactly right.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Maybe ---

47 EDDIE MOORE: Exceptions.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: -- it, it ought -- that
49 section should apply to anyone whose receiving grants.
50 Who has received grant money.

1 MIKE PITTS: I can put some language in
2 there that exempts council approval where there's grant
3 money involved.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Very good.
5 MIKE PITTS: That will work. Good idea.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Item 6, 2-638.
7 This will be the same thing. The Seventy Five Hundred
8 to Ten Thousand. To Item 7, 2-639. The Seventy Five
9 Hundred to Five Thousand.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Going back to number 6.
11 Mr. Pitts, I really don't understand number 6. Or --
12 you do, Robert. I don't understand number 6 at all.
13 MIKE PITTS: Number 6 is what you have,
14 you have three basic ways of buying stuff and it
15 depends -- and which method you use depends on how much
16 money you're spending. You have the formal sealed bid
17 process if it's -- as we were speaking today I guess
18 that would be triggered for anything over Ten Thousand
19 dollars. And then anything between Seventy Five
20 Hundred and Ten Thousand dollars ---
21 ROBERT CARROLL: Five Thousand.
22 MIKE PITTS: I'm sorry.
23 ROBERT CARROLL: Currently between Five
24 Thousand and Ten Thousand.
25 MIKE PITTS: But what we're talking about
26 today would be Seventy Five Hundred though; right?
27 ROBERT CARROLL: So he dropped it. When he
28 dropped to ten he just dropped it to the five. I
29 thought.
30 MIKE PITTS: Yeah.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute now. What?
32 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. Currently what I have
33 now, in the code now, is between Five and Ten Thousand
34 dollars we have to get five written bids. Not formal
35 but just written, faxed or mailed to us or whatever.
36 The proposal was to go to Fifteen Thousand but that was
37 knocked back down to ten. So we're back at ten. So
38 the lower level -- it's written it says between two and
39 seventy-five but when that says current range, that's
40 what was voted on in the second reading. Okay. Under
41 number 6 that last sentence. Current range. Current
42 being what you voted on second. Between two and
43 seventy-five. What I'm hearing now is that's going
44 back to between Five and Ten Thousand.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: So I'm ---
46 ROBERT CARROLL: Which is the way it stands
47 in the old code.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: So I'm supposed to scratch
49 out.
50 ROBERT CARROLL: We're staying the same.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm supposed to scratch out
2 the Seven Thousand now and but five back there.

3 ROBERT CARROLL: If you put on that last line
4 the current range is between Five Thousand and a penny
5 and Ten Thousand dollars. Strike at Two Thousand and a
6 penny and make that Five Thousand and a penny and then
7 and Ten Thousand dollars. If I'm understanding the
8 Chairman right.

9 EDDIE MOORE: That's right.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: This is all so confusing.
11 Why wasn't this done before it was given to us. So now
12 I have to go back and scratch out -- okay. Wait a
13 minute. The proposed changes trigger this process for
14 purchases between -- what's the figure? Number 6. The
15 proposed changes -- blah blah blah. Okay. The
16 proposed changes trigger this process for purchases
17 between -- what's the figure?

18 ROBERT CARROLL: It depends, Ms. Floyd, if
19 we're talking about what's -- was approved on second
20 reading because what was approved on second reading was
21 the Two Thousand and a penny to Seventy-Five Hundred.
22 And what's being -- it is confusing. You're right.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: It is confusing.

24 ROBERT CARROLL: We, we have the current
25 code, what's been in process for years. We have a
26 proposal after second reading. And now we're having a
27 proposed change to third reading. So really what's on
28 the book right now as far as you're concerned as far as
29 the vote is Two Thousand and a penny to Seventy-Five
30 Hundred. So at the third readings someone would make a
31 motion to change that to between Five Thousand and a
32 penny and Ten Thousand.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Let's do it one more
34 time.

35 ROBERT CARROLL: All right.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: The proper -- the proposed
37 changes trigger this process for purchases between --
38 give me the number. Does it stay Seven Thousand?

39 ROBERT CARROLL: I know.

40 MIKE PITTS: Ms. Floyd, if I might.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

42 MIKE PITTS: Maybe I can clear this up
43 a little bit. The document that you have in front of
44 y'all are some proposed changes that were, that were
45 made to the ordinance as it existed as of the second
46 reading. And based upon input from Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn
47 and Mr. Carroll we made some proposed changes to the
48 ordinance that are reflected in this document and
49 summarized on my cover memo. And based upon the, the
50 input from Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Carroll there

1 was some thought that we would, we would raise the
2 levels for the five written quotes up to a range of
3 between Seventy-Five Hundred dollars and a penny and
4 Fifteen Thousand dollars. As the ordinance exist on
5 second reading right now that range is Two Thousand
6 dollars and a penny and Seventy-Five Hundred dollars.
7 And based upon what I'm hearing today that range would
8 drop to Five Thousand Dollars and a penny to Ten
9 Thousand dollars.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: That's ---

11 MIKE PITTS: If that were acceptable to
12 everybody and the thing was voted on in third reading.

13 ROBERT CARROLL: That second line, Ms. Floyd,
14 where it says proposed, that's just -- that was just in
15 a conversation that, that Mike put together after there
16 was conversation with a couple of council members
17 suggesting that change. But that's just a suggestion
18 at this point. So that hasn't been voted on. What,
19 what's in vote -- has been voted on was the Two
20 Thousand and penny to Seventy-Five Hundred at this
21 point. So that second line could read anything that
22 you wanted to propose or anyone else wanted to propose.
23 That was just a suggestion to be considered before
24 third reading.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: So the proposed changes
26 trigger this process for purchases between Seven
27 Thousand oh one and Ten Thousand. That, that stays
28 there. Right?

29 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am. The proposed --
30 like I said it's just -- Mr. Allen, would you like to
31 jump in here. I mean this was part of your
32 conversation.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I want you to -- this
34 is your thing.

35 ROBERT CARROLL: Yeah.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: You need to explain it.
37 Because ---

38 ROBERT CARROLL: Well.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: -- if it's got to be explained
40 to the people then you're going to have to be the one
41 to do it. Explain it.

42 ROBERT CARROLL: The proposed, the proposed
43 change was made by two council members, Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

45 ROBERT CARROLL: They suggested Seventy Five
46 Hundred and a penny to Ten -- to Fifteen Thousand.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

48 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm saying is, that's
49 their proposal.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

1 ROBERT CARROLL: Hasn't been voted on.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.
3 ROBERT CARROLL: That is a proposed change
4 from second reading to third reading ---
5 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.
6 ROBERT CARROLL: -- when it comes up. It's
7 just for consideration right now.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
9 ROBERT CARROLL: So if, if you would like
10 to propose another change you can just fill in that
11 blank what you would like to propose at the time when
12 the vote comes up for third reading.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. See you
14 could do it, couldn't you?
15 ROBERT CARROLL: Try.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But at first you
17 didn't know yourself.
18 ROBERT CARROLL: Oh I knew, I knew what I
19 was talking about. It's just it is confusing. Cause
20 we're talking about three different issues. We're
21 talking about the code that's been in place for
22 thirteen years. We're talking about second reading
23 that's already been approved. And we're talking about
24 some suggestions that you all are making now.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Carroll, let
26 me tell you something, okay. I have learned these over
27 my many years. I have learned this over my many years.
28 Okay. In public service. Whenever you write
29 something, make it so that anybody with a sixth or
30 seventh grade education can understand what you're
31 talking about. Please. Okay. I have several, several
32 degrees. I do not have Alzheimer's nor do I have
33 dementia. Okay. And I know what I'm talking about.
34 But that was just too confusing. Okay. But if any
35 ordinary Joe citizen out there wanted to go through
36 this to see, it should be, it should be written so they
37 can understand it.
38 ROBERT CARROLL: I agree.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And I thank you
40 ---
41 ROBERT CARROLL: We'll correct that. Yes,
42 ma'am.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: -- for listening. Uh-huh
44 (affirmative).
45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Go down to Item 7,
46 2-639. Suggested change on that one is where the
47 Seventy-Five Hundred is to put it at Five Thousand.
48 The current range is from a thousand to Two Thousand.
49 ROBERT CARROLL: The bottom number I think,
50 Mr. Chairman -- and I'm not sure where it's addressed

1 in here, Mike. But on second reading you voted to go
2 for purchases without competition that we check it's
3 fair and reasonable on the bottom end as being a
4 thousand is currently Five Hundred. I think you voted
5 on second reading to raise that to a thousand.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Right.
7 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. So in this case on
8 639 the range would be, instead of a thousand and one
9 dollar, that should be a Thousand dollars and one penny
10 up to Five Thousand.
11 MIKE PITTS: Up to Five Thousand.
12 ROBERT CARROLL: Right. Just for, just for
13 information.
14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Go to Item 8, 2-642.
15 Go down to Item 9, 2-643. The only comment on that
16 would be to leave it at Ten Thousand on that one
17 instead of fifteen.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Number Nine?
19 EDDIE MOORE: Number Nine. It should be
20 2-643. That was the only comments.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: But the language requiring
22 County Council approval has been modified to provide
23 that the County Council must approve the purchase for
24 purposes of approving the expenditure of funds only.
25 Mr. Pitts, will we have another chance to bring this
26 up?
27 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. I mean ---
28 GRACIE FLOYD: At the, at the next third
29 reading of this.
30 MIKE PITTS: Yeah.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
32 MIKE PITTS: It would be -- I
33 think it would be easier for everybody involved if I
34 could have a consensus and we could put together a, a
35 final document as much as we can. I think that would
36 ---
37 EDDIE MOORE: And that's, that's what
38 the meeting is about so ---
39 MIKE PITTS: -- cut down on confusion.
40 EDDIE MOORE: -- if you've got anything
41 you want to give him to bring up ...
42 MIKE PITTS: Yes. If you have any
43 suggestions, and I'm not putting you on the spot and
44 making you give them to me right now. But if you want
45 to give them to me later that's fine. We can, we can
46 put them together. But I just think it'd be easier for
47 everybody if we could have some consensus on a pretty
48 much final version that can be voted on.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But you aren't
50 expecting consensus today.

1 MIKE PITTS: I'm just , just asking
2 for input.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Great. I want -- I'd
4 like to talk with Robert Carroll personally --
5 privately, excuse me, privately, before, before doing
6 that. But I'll get to you.
7 ROBERT CARROLL: If I could ---
8 GRACIE FLOYD: If you don't hear from me
9 then it's accepted. Okay?
10 MIKE PITTS: All right.
11 ROBERT CARROLL: If, if I could just note.
12 The reason we're changing that back, we're just trying
13 to keep it -- the confusion down. So when, when that
14 was suggested, the Fifteen Thousand, because the sealed
15 bid was going to fifteen. But since the sealed bid
16 going to be at ten make that at ten just so it's
17 understood if it's over ten it comes before council for
18 ...
19 GRACIE FLOYD: We're changing something
20 else now? Okay.
21 EDDIE MOORE: On that, on that Item
22 9, that 2-643, that first statement there. I think
23 there needs to be something added in there. You say
24 going through the state purchasing offices, if it's
25 cheaper. But if we can save dollars by not using the
26 state purchasing officers, I think we should do that.
27 So I think there should be a little clarification
28 there, providing it's cheaper. That would be right at
29 that first sentence there. Okay.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Carroll, do we, do we
31 always have to go through them?
32 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am.
33 ROBERT CARROLL: We as a county, we have the
34 right to use state contracts, but we are not obligated
35 as say a state agency like DHEC or Clemson University
36 or Carolina may be. We're not required to.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
38 MIKE PITTS: I'm just pointing this out
39 as a practical matter, Mr. Chairman, by saying provided
40 it's cheaper. I think that would necessarily require
41 you go out there and get bids and what not.
42 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. We don't want to get
43 in the situation to -- there's so much controversy over
44 the, the megahertz system and using the state contract.
45 We don't want to get in that situation again. If
46 there's a cheaper alternative out there we want to make
47 sure we use it. And that's I guess a consensus of what
48 everybody ...
49 GRACIE FLOYD: But there may be a cheaper
50 -- it may be something cheaper but not as good. Now I

1 think that that's what we found out about the megahertz
2 thing. Now there were some things out there cheaper,
3 but they were not as good. So what you gonna do in
4 that case? You know, you pay for what you get.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Opinions vary.

6 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

8 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I was just going to
9 say, it might be okay to leave this at -- let's see how
10 that was worded. It gives the purchasing director the
11 discretion because it may be that there might be an
12 item out there cheaper. And of course we're always
13 mainly going to angle for that but that cheaper item
14 may not have the specific bells and whistles that we
15 need to do the job. So possibly the word discretion
16 might be better and, you know, something may cost a few
17 dollars more but if it does exactly what we need. I
18 mean that gives, that gives the purchasing director a
19 little more leeway is all I'm looking at. Instead of
20 just looking at cheapest.

21 ROBERT CARROLL: I mean there's other costs
22 that come into play. Putting out a bid cost money, I
23 mean. But what I'm saying is if it's very close it may
24 be worth going state contract. If there's, you know, x
25 amount of dollar difference and you determine what that
26 is. You know, if it's thousands of dollar different
27 naturally. But we look -- and like I say the
28 department users are the so-called experts on what they
29 need. If they need a piece of equipment, they know the
30 type equipment they need with specifications and they
31 look, you know, to see what's out there and they do
32 compare. They know -- they may check with somebody you
33 know down the road here and see what their price is for
34 it. And if it's a good bit difference in state
35 contract then by all means. We do and have gone out
36 for bids on items that are covered on state contract.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: But the question still
38 remains, cheaper is not always better. So if we insert
39 that language that says whichever is cheaper we are, we
40 are roping ourselves in to the cheapest rather than the
41 quality of the thing. So I, I will not, I will not be
42 voting on that one when the time comes, for that
43 change.

44 TOM ALLEN: I think, if I might possibly
45 for an example, and I don't want to get the Sheriff on
46 the spot here, but wasn't there a story at one time
47 about some -- and I know this is the Sheriff's
48 Department. But a Sheriff's Department somewhere here
49 in the state that bought cheaper vehicles and they fell
50 apart in like a year? Was there -- or did, or did I

1 make that up in my own mind somewhere?

2 SHERIFF: No. You, you did that and
3 that was Richland County. They went in and bought,
4 they went in and bought Fairmonts with six cylinders
5 and they fell apart in six months. So yeah. I think
6 the process is -- I mean if we have to go through the
7 county for the council processes and things in here is
8 that when that -- these things come up there, there is
9 discussion and dialog as to why one item versus
10 another, and then there could be some consensus then on
11 whether it needs to go for the cheaper or for the item
12 itself.

13 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

14 EDDIE MOORE: You're going to let us what
15 you need somehow. Okay. Let's go right down into that
16 Section 2-651 on the exemptions that was put back in.
17 I want to go back. I talked ---

18 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, I hate to
19 interrupt you, but have we addressed Point 10 yet?

20 GRACIE FLOYD: No.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Nor 11, 12 or 13.

23 MIKE PITTS: I think we skipped ten.

24 EDDIE MOORE: I know I didn't see

25 anything.

26 MIKE PITTS: Just so we can stay in
27 order. Right now I believe the code requires you to
28 get a performance and payment bond on, on every
29 purchase and that's, you know, that's not really
30 practical if you're buying a widget. About the only
31 time that ever really comes into play is if you've got
32 a construction project. And that's the reason for that
33 change.

34 ROBERT CARROLL: And a point on that just
35 came up this week and we may need to work with, with
36 Mr. Pitts on the language. But it's construction
37 related, but say they were just providing us the
38 asphalt mixture and our road maintenance people were
39 putting down the actual -- doing the actual labor. And
40 all the plant was just providing it. Well our language
41 now doesn't really differentiate between the two. So
42 the contractor was telling me they were having a hard
43 time getting a performance and payment bond on a
44 commodity basically. So we might need to tweak that
45 language a little bit more where it says construction
46 labor involved project, Mike, that -- possibly. I
47 don't know. Like I say this just came up yesterday.
48 And I didn't really have an answer for the guy.
49 Because I, I said we required a bond. So he was doing
50 everything he could with the bonding company. But that

1 may be something else we need to discuss to kind of
2 nail this down to make it more clear.

3 MIKE PITTS: I'll put a note on here to
4 get with Robert on it.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

6 MIKE PITTS: All right.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Go on to Item 11. It
8 will be the exemptions 2-651. And just flipping back
9 into the Procurement Ordinance itself on the
10 exemptions. The ones of concern for me that I don't
11 want -- I don't think there needs to be exemptions on
12 and that is fuel, heating, heating fuel, asphalt,
13 gravel, aggregates, rentals, travel and I think freight
14 and bank services. I think we're getting a little bit
15 broad on some of this exemptions. You could about
16 exempted the whole thing that we're wanting to do. So
17 I think some of that needs to definitely needs to be
18 bid on. Especially I'd like to see fuel, heating fuel,
19 asphalt, gravel and other aggregates, rental, travel
20 come off that list. Even bank services. It didn't
21 hurt to check out and see if we can get better services
22 as far as from banks to save money. Any way we can
23 save money I think we certainly should try to do it.
24 I'm not saying to absolute, but I think that we should
25 look at avenues. We don't want to get ourself into a
26 blind, you know. If there's a way to save money I
27 think we certainly should try to do it. Fuel oil. If
28 you go back and look at your fuel oil and what you're
29 burning or what are you -- usage is per month, if you
30 take and you average it out, you're not going to vary
31 three, five hundred gallons a month. And if you can't
32 plan -- if you know your tank's down to half, you
33 should be able to go ahead and order out the fuel oil
34 and get a good price on it. And I don't think that
35 needs to be an exemption, on fuel. And you shouldn't
36 get in that situation where that you've got an
37 emergency situation on fuel. You should be checking
38 that tank. And I would certainly hope that we have
39 people in place that understands how to do procurement
40 on fuel oil and stuff without any issues there. That
41 shouldn't be an issue at all. You're talking about
42 thousands of gallons a month and ... Okay.

43 MIKE PITTS: So would any of the
44 exemptions stay in? Just so I'm clear?

45 EDDIE MOORE: You ---

46 MIKE PITTS: I mean there are a few
47 things that would be left. You know, copyrighted
48 educational materials and a few other items but ---

49 EDDIE MOORE: Right. Right.

50 MIKE PITTS: -- biggies. I

1 guess the question is, do y'all want to have any
2 exemptions at all? If I can just get some input.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: My problem with the
5 exemption is that if Joe Blow who works for the
6 purchasing department is going to go out and get any of
7 these things listed here without getting any bids --
8 this is what we're talking about. Right? Not getting
9 any bids.

10 ROBERT CARROLL: No, no, ma'am. No.
11 No. No. That's not the total intent. That's what is
12 misinterpreted.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Well now he just said yes
14 and you're saying no, so let's ---

15 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm saying no. I'm still
16 saying no.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

18 ROBERT CARROLL: Here, here's clarification.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.

20 ROBERT CARROLL: And, and it's my fault.

21 We need to add some more language saying exempted from
22 previous where you set the ranges and all. What some
23 of these that I'm looking for is require an exemption
24 from the process of, if we're spending x number of
25 dollars on a certain item for road maintenance or
26 gravel and they're working on a project and they don't
27 know they need that until they -- you know, they're
28 working through their work orders each week and they
29 come up and they need Twelve Thousand dollars worth of
30 stone. We still check pricing. It's just we can't --
31 time doesn't allow us to go through a formal two week
32 sealed bid process. That's where exemptions come into
33 play. Some are totally, yeah, exempted from no
34 competition. Some things like, I mean the power, you
35 know, Duke Power and those type of things.

36 EDDIE MOORE: One, one clarification on
37 that. Now I'm in the construction business. Okay.
38 Now we -- what we do on our orders, just like for
39 asphalt or for gravel or concrete, we'll do a bid out
40 on a projected possibility of maintenance situations on
41 how much cubic yards that we're going to use of
42 whatever. We got that bid out there and we say -- we
43 may have a thousand yards this quarter and we say, is
44 your price going to be good for this quarter. And
45 they'll give you that price. And anything you order
46 out in that range -- you give them a range on what you
47 might need as far as maintenance situation -- they give
48 you that price. That price is good. Do you not do
49 that?

50 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Well what's the
2 issue?

3 ROBERT CARROLL: We do that on some stone
4 and stuff per the quarry. The issue comes in what type
5 of stone they may need. There's four or five folks not
6 in here to speak to different types of asphalt. But
7 different types of asphalt that's needed that, you
8 know, they may not be running -- a certain plant may
9 not be running that day. There's just different
10 situations that come up. That's where we're looking
11 for some flexibility. You know, they're planning, but
12 there still needs to be some flexibility there that
13 some of these other agencies or departments can still
14 operate. And that's what I'm looking for. But we do
15 -- yes, sir, Mr. Moore, we do -- like they have pricing
16 that the quarries may say they'll hold firm for six
17 months. Some may say a year per ton. So we do have
18 that in place for some things.

19 EDDIE MOORE: So if you have your roads --
20 okay, just for instance on your roads. Y'all have a
21 master list on roads that are scheduled for maintenance
22 or what not. We have that. In other words you're
23 telling us as far as each of our paving accounts for us
24 to generate these roads and the list and everything
25 we're doing. We have that list. We know where the
26 roads possibly need maintenance and in the different
27 areas in the different districts. What my point is,
28 you have a projection, you take and make plans and have
29 a plan for the asphalt company in the different areas.
30 You get the prices out and you get a projection on a
31 three month projection on what you might use. And that
32 shouldn't still be an issue. I, I don't follow you.

33 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay.

34 EDDIE MOORE: You've got a situation, if
35 you've got a guy that's telling you from different
36 asphalt plants that you've got so many cubic yards that
37 you could have, that's not an issue. We do this
38 business all the time.

39 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: But wait a minute. You
41 said we. We who?

42 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, I, I've got the
43 floor right now and I'm asking a question and I want to
44 hear what Mr. Floyd -- Mr. Carroll ---

45 ROBERT CARROLL: Well I, I don't want to
46 speak ---

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'm trying to
48 understand your question. You said we. Who? Who is
49 we?

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I will. Companies.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: What companies?
2 EDDIE MOORE: Where I work. That's the
3 way we do business is ---
4 GRACIE FLOYD: And where is this?
5 EDDIE MOORE: Flour. The way we do
6 business at Flour. And different companies in
7 construction business in general.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. You've
9 answered by question.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'm just asking to
11 ---
12 ROBERT CARROLL: Right.
13 EDDIE MOORE: -- to relate to the county
14 as far as like we're working.
15 ROBERT CARROLL: And they do. I don't want
16 to speak for the road maintenance operation because I
17 don't know how exactly they work their work order
18 process.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Right.
20 ROBERT CARROLL: But yes, they do know on
21 certain roads and all that are approved. But yet this
22 is the daily work orders where they get call-ins for
23 the public to do different things, may come in to play.
24 I'm just saying may come in.
25 EDDIE MOORE: We do the same thing
26 basically. Okay. That's fine.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: But the thing is this. Can
28 you compare Flour where he said he works to, to, you
29 know, to the County? Flour buys maybe a whole lot of
30 one thing, but we buy other things that they don't buy.
31 So can all that -- can you compare? Is that comparing
32 oranges to oranges or apples to Flour?
33 ROBERT CARROLL: I, I ---
34 EDDIE MOORE: We're, we're not getting
35 in ---
36 ROBERT CARROLL: I can't answer that. Ms.
37 Floyd.
38 EDDIE MOORE: I'm just asking ---
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Me either. Me either. The
40 -- as I was saying about this -- about these things
41 here, these exemptions. My concern, and I didn't get
42 to finish it. Mr. Pitts and Mr. Carroll, my concern is
43 that if Joe Blow who works with Carroll is going to go
44 out and buy something that he doesn't have to have any
45 bids for. Do I have it correct, Mr. Carroll, now? All
46 right. Suppose he just goes to one particular person
47 that he knows all of the time -- now see this is how
48 stuff like kickbacks get started. All right. What's
49 going to, what's going to give the other people a fair
50 advantage of getting in on this?

1 ROBERT CARROLL: I understand. And that is
2 the perception that it gets into with exemptions. I
3 totally understand that. I've been in this for twenty-
4 five years myself, so I understand it. But the intent
5 -- and maybe the list is too wide. But I need to --
6 again some flexibility with -- where you can't go --
7 have time to go for a sealed bid. The way it is right
8 now, it's black and white and I -- you know, I'm
9 getting this from other departments. I'm the end user.
10 I'm the guy that has -- says no that you can't do this.
11 So you know, if that's the way it is, that's the way it
12 is. That's what I enforce. But I'm just saying I feel
13 we need some, some flexibility there. It's not
14 uncommon. You can go to the state consolidated
15 procurement code, Budget and Control Board, and you'll
16 see about a hundred and fifty exemptions that I'm aware
17 of.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Carroll, your
19 point is accepted. But why can't -- did you give us
20 some things that you feel that should be exempted with
21 your twenty-five years or experience or did this come
22 out of the committee with their six months experience?
23 Seven months experience.

24 ROBERT CARROLL: I think there was a
25 combination, if I remember right.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well I ---

27 ROBERT CARROLL: Some things that were ---

28 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like ---

29 ROBERT CARROLL: -- suggested. But some of
30 -- a lot of them were mine. But where I took from was
31 that list. And like I say, some may not fit but these
32 were -- and I may have missed some. I've admitted
33 that. I may have -- there may be something really we
34 need on this list that I've missed. But that, that was
35 just to start it. I, I was asked to provide a starting
36 place for suggested changes. That's all I did with
37 this. And then it was up to council to decide through
38 your votes if that's what -- which way you wanted to
39 go. All I did is just put out a suggestion myself.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well then, Mr. Pitts,
41 I would like to insert in there -- or I would like for
42 us to go back to this. Let's revisit this. If he
43 feels that there are more exemptions that should be
44 placed here that would better suit the county, then I
45 think that we ought to happen to make up a list so we
46 can entertain it. And other, and other things I think
47 that we need to go back and look at these things and
48 let's, let's try to make better decisions. For
49 example, speaker and musician fees. Veterinarian
50 supplies. Aircraft repair work. Now that one, I would

1 okay that one. The utilities, fuels, heatings,
2 asphalt, gravel and other rentals and stuff would do
3 it. But, but the detention food items not otherwise
4 covered by contract. Now I know what Skipper and I
5 have talked about and I know what Skipper's getting
6 ready to say. Covered by contract. If, if we are
7 going to buy -- if we are going to make certain that we
8 give everybody a chance of providing food for the
9 detention center but not going to the same one over and
10 over and over again, I could go for that. But I just
11 worry that some businesses will be -- will not get the
12 chance to put a bid in for these things because they
13 are exempted from the bid process.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Good point. Mr. -- Sheriff.
15 SHERIFF: I'd just like to make a
16 comment about the fuel thing just so everybody kind of
17 understands where we're coming from. Our tank out
18 there is -- what's the capacity? It's a -- it's about
19 ten or twelve thousand gallon tank in the ground. That
20 does not belong to us the Sheriff's office. It belongs
21 to the entire county. So various people, DSS, I mean
22 all these other people, whoever uses it. comes in. So
23 -- and I don't monitor it. Road maintenance monitors
24 it. William Ray. He's got a computer system and he --
25 and as I understand it the process now is, is that when
26 it gets down to three thousand gallons that's when he
27 calls over and says. we're at three thousand gallons.
28 And that's when they order. Now with that said, I've
29 talked to him and if he says if we want to change that
30 to five thousand, I mean he could do that. So the
31 issue comes in, if there's fuel in the tank or not is
32 how much usage it is on a day-to-day week-to-week. If
33 we have a tornado like we had and we call in a bunch of
34 people, obviously that two or three days it goes up.
35 Road maintenance may have some extra stuff and, you
36 know, all that. So with that said, I, I don't really
37 care what the process is. William Ray can raise it to
38 five thousand which gives longer days if that's good
39 with purchasing. It doesn't matter. You know, my
40 issue is, is I can't monitor it and I just want to make
41 sure when I'm going to put it in the tank and pull the
42 handle ---

43 EDDIE MOORE: Got it.
44 SHERIFF: -- fuel comes out. So I
45 really don't care about the bidding process or how --
46 you know, I want to make it easier for everybody. And
47 so that's where we come -- I came -- you know, we've
48 come from the day where we used to have the old stick,
49 you know, where Buddy Ellison would go out and put the
50 stick in the ground -- in the hole and pull it and

1 measure it on the stick and say, okay, we need fuel.
2 So we've come a long way. And so it goes through Road
3 Maintenance. They monitor it. And as long as there's
4 fuel in there when I want to pump that's, that's all I
5 need. And then the, the jail thing. I think, you
6 know, we have, we have contractual services for all of
7 our major foods. It's, it's the small items that when
8 the jail either peaks or -- those perishable items
9 because, you know, if we come in one day and we planned
10 for four hundred meals. I'm going to start sending
11 y'all something. Gary Bryant sends me every month on
12 what we do at the jail. The number of people. The
13 number of, the number of trays of food. We did forty
14 thousand some odd trays of food in July. Forty
15 thousand trays.

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17 SHERIFF: ... we've got. If we've got
18 four hundred people and come Friday, you know, we've
19 bid some stuff out and we've got things in and all of
20 sudden now we need four hundred and fifty people, we
21 may order for that. And then come Monday some miracle
22 happens and we throw -- and we get rid of thirty people
23 out of the jail, then we've got perishable food that
24 might go bad by the middle of the next week. So those
25 -- so I think, you know, what we have in place for that
26 is, is still good.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I think we're all on
28 the same page. We, we just got to get there. Okay.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, do you, do you
30 understand while I'm -- what I am asking for the
31 exemptions now?

32 MIKE PITTS: I believe you -- my marching
33 orders are to get with Robert and come up with a -- an
34 absolute bare necessities list of exemptions ---

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

36 MIKE PITTS: -- that he feels he needs.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. And some guidelines --
38 it would be good if we had some guidelines on selecting
39 service industries doing the exemptions. You know,
40 like we use eggs all the time. We need, we need a
41 guideline there for going to these different people,
42 you know, to, to get the eggs and stuff. Am I clear?
43 Am I not being clear?

44 MIKE PITTS: No. I understand what
45 you're saying.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Good.

47 MIKE PITTS: I'm just trying to think
48 exception how that would work. Because I think Mr.
49 Allen -- we could put language in here that makes it
50 clear that while you might not necessarily have to do

1 the sealed bid process, you -- Robert would still have
2 to call around and get quotes or have, or have written
3 quotes faxed in to him. Would that, would that address
4 ---

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, that is it on the
6 button.

7 MIKE PITTS: All right.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: That was very good. And you
9 didn't email me anything up here to tell me that. Oh,
10 and my the way, I left my telephone at home. Did they
11 tell you? Because I've been accused of receiving
12 emails up here.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. You can borrow mine
14 if you need to borrow one.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Not on my mother's life.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Go down to 6-652.
17 Nothing there. Then go down to 653. I think that's
18 pretty much self explanatory. And I say this is a work
19 session so if any council member has any, any comments
20 just get with Mr. Pitts and make a list and then we can
21 bring them up at the council meeting when we do the
22 third reading. And if we think -- if any council
23 member thinks that we need another work session we can
24 call another work session too. But ...

25 MIKE PITTS: As far as the sale of real
26 property, how do y'all feel about that? Does that,
27 that concept the way I've got it set up here work for
28 you guys?

29 EDDIE MOORE: I think so. It looks good
30 to me.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, let's go through it.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts.

34 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Pitts, you
36 understand this thing here; right? I want to give you
37 a scenario for you to walk, walk me through it. All
38 right? There is some property in Anderson County. Now
39 this is true. People have approached me as the county
40 person for District Two about buying the property. I
41 have not taken it any further than just talking to them
42 or really listening to them. But let's just say that
43 Anderson County was interested in selling this
44 property. Going through this, how would that be?

45 MIKE PITTS: It would first be appraised.
46 And depending on the appraisal value the council would
47 then determine the best way to go about selling the
48 property. Which would either be through a sealed bid
49 process or have just an old fashioned public auction.
50 And if the property -- and it would be up to council to

1 pick which one of those two methods. And if at the --
2 as a result of the sealed bid process or the public
3 auction the property brought a price at or above the
4 appraised value then you have you a sale. If you
5 couldn't get a price at or above the appraised value
6 then it would be y'all's decision to do one of a couple
7 of things. One would be you'll have a second sale and
8 not put a, a set price. It just goes to the highest
9 bidder even if it's below the appraised value. Or you
10 could do like what, you know, you and I do when we sell
11 our house. We go hire a real estate agent and go out
12 there and solicit, solicit offers and you accept or
13 reject an offer if -- you know, just depending on
14 whether you like it or not. And when I say you I mean
15 of course council.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 MIKE PITTS: Or y'all can decide just to
18 not do anything for a while and just take the property
19 off the market so to speak. That's how that's set up
20 to work.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. That was
22 perfect. Thank you. Thank you. That was good.

23 TOM ALLEN: I have a question, Mr.
24 Chairman.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

26 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Back on -- it was
27 mentioned a while ago about the possibility of
28 kickbacks and some other things like that going on. I
29 wanted to go to the section over here on the right to
30 protest. If ---

31 GRACIE FLOYD: What page?

32 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. That's what I'm
33 looking for. I'm looking for the number. It's two 6-
34 34. No page number on this. It's 6-34. It's the top
35 -- very top of the page.

36 MIKE PITTS: It's 2-634.

37 TOM ALLEN: Page K.

38 MIKE PITTS: Page K as in kangaroo.

39 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

40 MIKE PITTS: The pages aren't numbered.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Okay. I've got
42 it. Thank you.

43 TOM ALLEN: Anyway, if there are
44 kickbacks involved -- and Mr. Carroll, please do not
45 take me wrong here. I don't -- okay. The kickbacker
46 and the kickbackee -- I mean Mr. Carroll, let's say if
47 he was cheating, he would be the one getting the
48 kickbacks. Yet if a protest is filed it goes back to
49 the purchasing director. Is that not kind of like
50 having the fox guarding the hen house? Maybe that --

1 maybe the protest should go back to someone other than
2 the purchasing director such as possibly the
3 administrator or something like that.

4 MIKE PITTS: Good point.

5 TOM ALLEN: And that -- because that
6 does become a questionable situation. And I, I have
7 complete trust in Mr. Carroll. So Robert, don't take
8 that wrong at all. I'm just using this as an example
9 of, you know, kicking it right back to the fox guarding
10 the hen house.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: I agree with that and I
12 think language to say that in case of a protest, that
13 it should be made through the administrator. Because
14 after all the administrator is over that department and
15 Robert Carroll.

16 ROBERT CARROLL: And they are -- just for
17 information, the administrator is notified if there's a
18 protest. And then of course you can see from the steps
19 below that, if they disagree with the letter I write
20 back, then there's a next step to take. Go to the, to
21 the Grievance Panel. And, and honestly we had a letter
22 written -- I don't know, a few months ago. I can't
23 remember the exact situation. It disagreed with the
24 way we awarded it to low bidder. I explained the
25 situation to him and even though he said I still, you
26 know, disagree with you, I accept the decision that was
27 made. Now if he'd said no, then what I'd do, I'd take
28 that, he writes a letter. It goes through the
29 administrator, through the panel. You, you -- your
30 appointees and they convene that. So I mean the
31 process works. And whether you change where that
32 letter goes to the administrator or whoever, that's
33 fine. But I mean there's ---

34 EDDIE MOORE: It would be good if there's
35 a protest or something like that maybe the letter would
36 be put into the administrator's report for each council
37 meeting and then that way everybody would see it, you
38 know.

39 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. I agree. I
40 agree with you.

41 MIKE PITTS: And there's language in
42 here that says the council will be notified of any
43 protest.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: But still -- I understand
45 what you're saying, Robert. But still I think it would
46 be a good idea to satisfy everybody with the protest
47 that it will go to the administrator who will work with
48 Robert in a way to resolve it anyway. But Robert, your
49 point was good. You do it first and then if they
50 accept it then there's no need to go to the

1 administrator. So you know, that was good too.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Anything else, Mr. Allen?

3 TOM ALLEN: That, that was all. Thank
4 you.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Pretty much -- like
6 I say, if any council member can think of anything
7 else. If you want to call another meeting just let me
8 know and we'll call us another work session. And if
9 you've got any comments, make some more notes and if
10 you've got some comments, make it available to all the
11 council members. If you've got some comments just run
12 them off and put them in our mail slot up there and
13 then Linda can tell us we've got some mail or what not
14 if you've got any comments. That way everybody can
15 have a chance to look at it.

16 MIKE PITTS: And what I'll do is I'll
17 generate another, another document reflecting the
18 changes, the consensus that I'm hearing today.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

20 MIKE PITTS: And then also noting some
21 items where there may be two different proposals per
22 item. That way you, you'll have both to look at and
23 then y'all can decide.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Well I've made most of my
25 comments already. But there is one. Number 9, I
26 believe it was, that I will be talking with Robert
27 about. And if you don't hear from me, Mr. Pitts, it's
28 just that I have reached some type of -- I have reached
29 a point where I'm okay.

30 MIKE PITTS: Okay.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: But if not ---

32 MIKE PITTS: That's on Number 9, the
33 emer -- the state purchasing?

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Well I circled it,
35 whichever one it is.

36 MIKE PITTS: Okay.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Robert, you and I need to
38 talk. Okay?

39 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: Tangential to all this,
42 since the Finance Committee met the other day and we
43 looked over two new documents. One on the credit card
44 usage and the other one on per diem and travel. And I
45 -- we talked about it and I just want to be sure that
46 all council members get a copy of the rough draft of
47 that so they have a chance to look at it. Okay. I
48 wanted to get that on the record. Thank you.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson, since you came
50 in late, did you have any comments that you had on any

1 of them that you'd like to talk about?

2 CINDY WILSON: Not really. But I'm going
3 to continue studying it. One thing that I know we're
4 all concerned about, and it's just ?? wife is supposed
5 to be above reproach, the area of personal interest and
6 conflicts of interest, we ought to really study that
7 because we've had issues with that in the past. In
8 fact we're dealing with it now. That's it. Thank you.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. Hearing
10 nothing else, we'll consider this meeting or work
11 session adjourned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M.

Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting – September 1, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES

1. Addition made to “Page 35, which will be inserted between Line 26 and Line 27.

A verbatim transcript of the amendment to the minutes is hereto attached for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

Lines 24-26: EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Do you have any more Mr. Wilson?

ADD: “EDDIE MOORE: I have one. The Grove Park, recreation: One Thousand Forty dollars to replace the batting cages that was destroyed and also at the Grove Park, Nine Hundred Seventy dollars for continuation of the rental of the porta potty restroom facility down there.

TOMMY DUNN: Second.

EDDIE MOORE: We have a second, and no comment from Mr. Waldrep. Any discussion? All in favor...”

Line 27: END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO.

The portion in quotations above is to be added to the 09/01/2009 Meeting Minutes.

1 the form of a motion. I'm putting -- is it okay, Mr.
2 Burns. Okay. Thank you. I put this in the form of a
3 motion that I be reimbursed One Hundred and Eighty-
4 Three Sixty and Eighty-One dollars and nine cents from
5 the District Two's rec fund for the purchase of hotdogs
6 for the students at Anderson College -- Anderson
7 University that clean up the park for us.

8 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the floor.
9 Do I have a second? We have a second.

10 BOB WALDREP: Were these Skins hotdogs?
11 EDDIE MOORE: All right. All in favor raise
12 your right hand. Unanimous. Any more, Ms. Floyd?

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Let's see. No. That's it.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

15 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

17 RON WILSON: Yes. I received this right
18 after the last meeting. The -- I want to ask for an
19 appropriation of Four Hundred and Eighty-Five dollars
20 for a bicycle rack at Hurricane Springs Park for the
21 2009 Tour de La France. I so move.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

23 TOM ALLEN: I second.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in favor
25 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Do you have
26 any more Mr. Wilson?

27 ~~Insert~~ END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

28 EDDIE MOORE: ... raise your right hand.
29 Unanimous. Okay. I have none. Now we will go to the
30 Administrator's Report.

31 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I just point
32 out two things. One, the new proposed travel,
33 entertainment and subsistence policy. If council
34 members have any changes or requests or want to sit
35 down and discuss it, that's Mr. Allen's committee, but
36 if they would like for me to take the information and
37 transfer the information to that committee, I'd be more
38 than happy to do that. The other thing is the semi-
39 annual operations report from the Veteran's Affairs
40 Office from Mr. Sammy Lewis. That's all, Mr. Chairman.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. We now go
42 to Item Fourteen on the agenda, Citizens' comments.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, Point of Order.
44 Usually I leave at this time to give those who need to
45 say things to go ahead and say them without my being
46 present to hear them. But tonight, folks, my son is
47 home. Flew in from the Virgin Islands today and I
48 would like to spend some time with him. And I sure do
49 thank you.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Citizen comments.

Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting – September 1, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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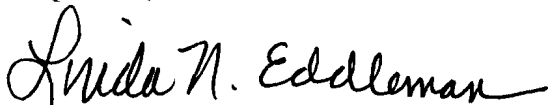
PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Mike Pitts – County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: ... September the 1st is now
2 called to order. Everyone will please stand for the
3 invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

4 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY EDDIE MOORE

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, Point of Order.

6 EDDIE MOORE: What's your Point of Order,
7 Ms. Floyd?

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, at the opening
9 you said this was a regular called meeting. That, that
10 needs to be clarified because this is not a called
11 meeting. It's a regular meeting. And for the minutes
12 it needs to be clarified. Thank you.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Everyone, if you have
14 a cell phone tonight I would appreciate it if you would
15 cut it off. If you have any kind of electronic devices
16 that make any kind of noise I'd appreciate it if you'd
17 either silence them or cut them off. If any of them
18 goes off you will be asked to leave.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I have a
20 special problem tonight where I have to leave my, my
21 cell phone on. My husband, my husband I wish -- my son
22 is traveling tonight and I want him to be able to reach
23 me if necessary. Thank you.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 3 on the
25 agenda, the approval of minutes. Do we have any
26 discussion or any modifications to the minutes?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Can I make a motion to
28 accept the minutes?

29 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor to
30 approve the minutes. Any discussion?

31 CINDY WILSON: Second.

32 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in
33 favor raise your right hand. Minutes are approved. We
34 now go to Item 4 on the agenda. Citizens comments
35 agenda matters.

36 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have two
37 citizens signed up tonight. The first is Mark Powell.

38 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven,
39 Williamston. Pertaining to the procurement. It's
40 interesting that a lot of people want to claim you guys
41 are trying to grab control and to be able to spend
42 money the way you want. They're even saying that the
43 Chairman is wanting the only key to the box so he can
44 go in and know what the quotes are so his big fancy
45 firm can be the one to get all the bids and contracts
46 in this county. You know, it clearly states there's
47 two keys. Two people's going to be looking over our
48 county. A man we trust and a man we trust. Not a man
49 who we never trusted. I thank you for what you're
50 doing on this procurement process. I think it's the

1 right thing for this county. It should have been the
2 right thing the last time. With the past council
3 things might have happened that possibly happened
4 anyway. But at least the rest of you as in two of them
5 that are still sitting up there would have at least
6 known what was going on and the council would have had
7 to be advised before the money could have been spent.
8 Again I thank you for what you're doing there. I also
9 think the paving project as far as putting all the
10 money in one kitty and allowing the department to look
11 over that is going to be a good thing for the county.
12 Volume purchasing is always been a better thing to do
13 than little pay backs for the people you want here.
14 And the pay backs you want for people there. Also I
15 appreciate the fact that you're going to be combining
16 that money to go out for big contracts to get the
17 biggest bang for our buck. And I appreciate the work
18 you guys do and the time you have spent and the effort
19 and the hours that you have put in on us the taxpayers'
20 behalf. Thank you very much for the work you do.

21 MIKE PITTS: Next is Elizabeth Fant.
22 ELIZABETH FANT: County council District
23 Three. Talking on agenda six and eight. Transparency
24 is not only publishing how the voters' taxes are spent
25 but verifying that the money to be spent is both
26 necessary and beneficial to the public. Government
27 services could eliminate law enforcement entirely if
28 all people did what is right and fair. I'd like for
29 you to just take a little survey orally here. And I
30 hope you're going to say just say no. Do you believe
31 that individuals should be reimbursed for false
32 receipts or pumped up mileage reports? Do you believe
33 that people who misrepresent themselves in business
34 deals should be excused? Do you believe that officials
35 who openly commit adultery repeatedly or are sexually
36 harassing or solicit prostitution should be allowed to
37 stay in office? Do you believe that job bids should be
38 accurate and not padded? Do you believe that for
39 profit businesses or organizations should have tax
40 exempt property status? Do you believe that money
41 designated for charity reasons should be given for
42 individual gain? Do you believe that elected or
43 appointed officials should be allowed to wine or dine
44 other than on official business? Do you believe that
45 individuals in county council meetings should be
46 allowed to threaten or to do bodily harm without being
47 locked up? Do you believe that officials should use
48 cell phones, copiers, computers, company cars and so
49 forth for personal use on company time at taxpayers'
50 expense? Do you believe that elected officials accused

1 of conspiracy should still be allowed to be a part of
2 policy making? Do you believe that people who cheat
3 others should be given perks like club memberships, use
4 of condos, expensive cars and great vacations? Do you
5 believe that it's right to cheat your neighbor, your
6 customer, your worker, the voter? Do you believe that
7 people who have more money are more valuable or who
8 should receive special privileges other than what their
9 own money purchases? Do you believe that mother's
10 whose sons or daughters are crooks do not grieve? Do
11 you believe that property assessments, taxes due,
12 should be manipulated for friends by county officials?
13 Do you believe that your tax money has been used
14 efficiently, efficiently, honestly and for proper
15 expenses? Do you believe that contractors and others
16 should be able to get away with using substandard
17 materials? Do you think an elected or appointed
18 official should have inside information on bank deals,
19 proposed highways or real estate deals? Do you think
20 kickbacks are okay for county purchases, land deals,
21 public events? Do you think that white collar crimes
22 are less important than other crimes? Do you believe
23 that someone who steals from constituents should not
24 have to pay back every penny with interest? Do you
25 believe that white collar criminals should be allowed
26 to go to special comfort prisons or compounds?
27 Congratulations if you answered all questions no. You
28 are a moral, law abiding responsible citizen. If you
29 answered yes ---

30 MIKE PITTS: It's time, Mr. Chairman.

31 ELIZABETH FANT: -- you're part of the
32 crooks.

33 MIKE PITTS: And that's it for the folks
34 that were signed up.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item Five
36 on the agenda, Worklink presentation, Ms. Nita Coleman.

37 NITA COLEMAN: Good evening, Mr. Chair and
38 County Council members. Worklink Work Force Investment
39 Board connects companies and employees, but we do not
40 work alone. The county councils in Anderson, Oconee
41 and Pickens provide the leadership to guide our
42 actions. This presentation shares our work, highlights
43 modifications to our annual plan and provides an
44 overview of Worklink to help you understand our impact
45 in the community. Worklink is empowered by the Work
46 Force Investment Act of 1998 which reformed federal job
47 training programs and created a new comprehensive work
48 force investment system. The volunteer board of
49 thirty-five directors ensures that the local work force
50 development system is market driven and responsible in

1 meeting the employment and training needs of employers
2 and job seekers. The board implements the Work Force
3 Investment Act of 1998 in partnership with local
4 service providers and through a comprehensive one stop
5 system that provides access points for employment and
6 training services. Worklink directs three one stop
7 centers located within the South Carolina Employment
8 Security Commission offices in Anderson, Oconee and
9 Pickens Counties. As one of twelve local Work Force
10 Investment Boards in South Carolina, Worklink develops
11 policy and oversees local work force development
12 initiatives in partnership with the local elected
13 officials and through the authority of the governor and
14 the State Work Force Investment Board. As county
15 council members you play an integral role in Worklink.
16 Members of the Board are appointed by the chief elected
17 officials of their respective county in accordance with
18 criteria established by the governor. You also select
19 our administrative entity, currently the South Carolina
20 Appalachian Council of Governments, and approve our
21 strategic and annual plans. The Worklink Work Force
22 Investment Board sets policy and funding. We also
23 direct three area one stops and various service
24 providers. Our work extends to all three counties and
25 each has a fair share in board membership. Web
26 membership includes representatives from business and
27 indust -- business and industry, education agencies,
28 community based organizations, economic development
29 agencies, public employment service, public assistance
30 agencies, vocational rehabilitation and labor
31 organizations. Membership is drawn from individuals
32 who have policy making authority from their
33 organizations. Anderson County has seventeen
34 representatives on the Work Force Investment Board
35 totaling forty-nine percent of the thirty-five member
36 board. Worklink plays several different roles in the
37 work force development system. The Worklink Work Force
38 Investment Board offers advice regarding work force
39 policy and programs, coordinates with economic
40 development efforts, serves as point of contact for
41 business, industry and labor, provides a forum for
42 public and private sector leaders, assist in new
43 training program development, reviews local agency
44 plans, and grant applications. Our work is a
45 reflection of our mission and purpose. Worklink aims
46 to have a fully employed skilled work force by
47 developing the link between employers and the work
48 force. To improve the work force and the quality of
49 life in the region, we also aim to be the vehicle for
50 work force development. Our recent work includes

1 hosting an annual job fair that attracted eighteen
2 hundred job seekers in April of 2009. We also
3 sponsored the summer youth employment program that
4 provided work experience and a stipend for five hundred
5 and fourteen area youth. In Anderson County two
6 hundred and forty-six in school youth participated in
7 the summer youth employment program. And I am proud to
8 say eight of those students completed their high school
9 diploma because of this program this summer. Also
10 there are a hundred and seven out of school youth who
11 participated in the summer youth employment program.
12 In our current program year of 2009 we estimate that we
13 will serve three thousand two hundred ninety-six
14 adults, one thousand two hundred eighty-three
15 dislocated workers and three hundred and three youth.
16 In addition to funding the summer youth employment
17 program, we also increased adult education capacity
18 this summer. Our annual Work Force Investment Act
19 funding totals 4.131956 million for program year 2009,
20 with an additional four million one hundred thirty-five
21 thousand five hundred twenty-four in stimulus funds to
22 be spent by June 30, 2011. The stimulus funding
23 provided credit recovery, workplace readiness skills
24 and work experience for in school and out of school
25 youth through the seven area school districts and
26 Palmetto Youth Connections. Other service providers
27 including South Carolina Employment Security
28 Commission, Tri County Technical College and Adult
29 Education offers services for adults and dislocated
30 workers. Worklink partners with several organizations
31 to meet the needs of the local work force system. We
32 provide services to both employers and job seekers.
33 The one stop centers in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens
34 Counties are the access points for job seekers. They
35 offer several employment and training services under
36 the Work Force Investment Act as well as unemployment
37 insurance, vocational rehabilitation and veterans
38 services. Extended services are available outside of
39 the one stops. One stops on the go vans take work
40 shops and job seekers services to the community
41 organizations. Also we are establishing access points
42 to provide stationary computers at various locations.
43 Worklink also works with employers to improve the
44 effectiveness of training dollars and the efficiency of
45 training practices. On the job training is available
46 for new hires and incumbent worker training can provide
47 reimbursement or reduced costs to businesses that meet
48 eligibility requirements. In program year 2009
49 Worklink aims to place seventy-six individuals in jobs
50 in Anderson County through on the job training. In the

1 past Anderson County participants have a 90.3 percent
2 success rate with OJT contracts. Incumbent worker
3 training has benefitted workers at nine Anderson County
4 companies including Bosch, Kravet, Mergon, Timkin,
5 Conrad Fefard, General Machine of Anderson, Sargent
6 Metal and Orion Rugs. Worklink can also help
7 businesses establish registered apprenticeships or
8 profile jobs and assess the skills of employees through
9 work keys testing. In addition, Worklink has several
10 new initiatives that respond to the changes in the work
11 force system. Through quick jobs training offered by
12 Tri County Technical College job seekers can complete a
13 class in ninety days or less while we are also offering
14 needs related payments to help them complete their
15 training. We also ensure veterans priority for
16 services in alignment with the Jobs for Veterans Act.
17 Worklink continues to respond to the needs of employers
18 and job seekers and to find the connections that will
19 draw work force development in the tri county region.
20 Please contact us for more information about our
21 services, training and programs. Thank you.

22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

23 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: I would like to ask a
25 question. Would it be possible for Worklink maybe to
26 work through some of our county libraries to make
27 yourselves known in various communities like Honea Path
28 and Williamston? We were talking about that when our
29 library board met at two District Seven libraries.

30 NITA COLEMAN: Yes, ma'am. In fact that is
31 one of the things we are planning with access points.
32 We are going to be collaborating with them within the
33 next few weeks to -- for places who need computers
34 we're going to put them up. If not we're going to do
35 at least some training to be able to provide them about
36 how to help people do job searches and what is out
37 there and available for them to use.

38 CINDY WILSON: That would be so fabulous
39 because both of these libraries expressed -- they're
40 really inundated right now with people coming in trying
41 to do their resumes online. A lot of them are not
42 computer skilled and I was thinking about y'all. So
43 this is a very timely presentation.

44 NITA COLEMAN: Thank you.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
46 one, one more item. May I introduce Anderson County's
47 newest representative to the Appalachian Council of
48 Government?

49 EDDIE MOORE: You sure can.

50 CINDY WILSON: I saw Mr. Ted Madison come

1 in and I'd like to introduce him as Anderson County's
2 newest member on the Appalachian Council of Governments
3 Board. Would you mind standing so we could say hello?
4 Thank you so much.

5 APPLAUSE

6 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Ms. Coleman. Mr.
7 Waldrep?

8 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just had
9 one question about the -- going through the
10 presentation there was kind of a one stop process that
11 you were looking at. Does that coordinate with the
12 unemployment -- or the Employment Security Commission?
13 Do you work with that?

14 NITA COLEMAN: That -- yes, sir. That --
15 we are an organization that partners all the
16 organizations together. Employment Security Commission
17 is one of many entities that is part of the one stop.
18 The one stop is made up of numerous members and we
19 oversee that and make sure that it is collaborated and
20 that we provide the services in one location.

21 BOB WALDREP: So if you go to that --
22 where is that one stop location that you have?

23 NITA COLEMAN: Our one stop is on Market
24 Street directly across from First Presbyterian Church.

25 BOB WALDREP: So if you go there you don't
26 have to go any place ---

27 NITA COLEMAN: Whitner Street. Why did I
28 say Market Street. I grew up here and I should know
29 that name. I'm embarrassed. Thank you for correcting
30 me. It's across from First Pres.

31 BOB WALDREP: So if you go there you don't
32 have to go any place else? That's ---

33 NITA COLEMAN: There -- you may be referred
34 later for additional training to the adult education to
35 get some training or to Tri County to get training or
36 to other entities that we use for training. But to get
37 the initial core services and to determine eligibility
38 for all different kinds of programs that are available,
39 that is the one stop. And as I mentioned we have the
40 one stop on the go. So if you have outreaching places
41 in Honea Path that need our staff to go out there to
42 provide services, we go to churches, we go to local
43 communities to provide the services.

44 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

45 NITA COLEMAN: You're welcome.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Nita, appreciate that. Now
47 go to Item Six (a) on the agenda.

48 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we recently
49 had a work session and during that work session the
50 members who attended did what I would call a redline

1 version of some changes that were requested by those
2 members in attendance. And at this point I will turn
3 it over to Mr. Pitts.

4 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. In your council
5 packets you have a redline version along with a summary
6 memo that explains the changes that are made. And the
7 redline version reflects all changes made to the
8 purchasing ordinance since the second reading and
9 incorporates some of the input that we got at the work
10 shop as well as the amendments that were made on second
11 reading. So the redline version shows every proposed
12 change. Then there's a clean copy that's actually
13 attached to the ordinance itself which simply reflects
14 all those changes.

15 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

16 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I move
17 adoption if it ---

18 EDDIE MOORE: I've got one -- a couple
19 amendments here.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, if you would.
21 Mr. Waldrep.

22 BOB WALDREP: Yes, sir. I withdraw.

23 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to make the motion
24 to adopt the redline version that was submitted to us
25 with a couple of amendments. Amendment one is a motion
26 to amend the redline version so that the 2-634 requires
27 the purchasing director to supply a list of the low
28 bids and two runner-ups for all purchases over ten, ten
29 thousand dollars. Not over fifty thousand dollars as
30 reflected in the redline version. Also a motion to
31 amend the redline version so that the section 2-651
32 dealing with exemptions is amended to change the word
33 practicable to available.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a motion on
35 the floor. Do I have a second on those two ---

36 BOB WALDREP: Second.

37 EDDIE MOORE: And I have a second. Any
38 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand on the
39 amendments. Okay. Amendment, amendments pass. Now do
40 I have a motion on the floor to move ---

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. Point of
42 Order.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: You did not call for those
45 who abstained nor did you call for those who voted no
46 on the ---

47 EDDIE MOORE: My correction then. All in
48 -- we'll do it again. All in favor raise your right
49 hand. All opposed. Abstained. Let it show Ms. Floyd
50 abstained. Everyone else voted in the affirmative.

1 Okay. Now we'll go to moving the ordinance. Do I have
2 a motion?

3 BOB WALDREP: Adoption of the ordinance.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second?
5 TOM ALLEN: Second.
6 BOB WALDREP: As amended.
7 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Okay.
8 Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
9 All opposed. Let it be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr.
10 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson
11 voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. Now go to Item (b)
12 which will be 2009-17.

13 RUSTY BURNS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 We have this -- if you have any questions this is the
15 third reading. We have discussed this and we're ready
16 for council to act.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
20 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt.
21 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to adopt.
22 Do we have a second? And we have a second? Any
23 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
24 Unanimous. Now go to Item Seven (a) on the agenda.
25 First reading. 2009-018. Mr. West.

26 BILL WEST: As the agenda item states
27 this is a rezoning request by Palmetto Acquisitions
28 Limited LLC of 6.07 acres at 2950 Concord Road and
29 from, from R10 to planned development. This is -- was
30 reco -- heard by the advisory board and recommended in
31 favor of on a four zero vote. It was also heard by the
32 planning commission and recommended by them. The
33 project, you know, involves this -- the rezoning of
34 this 6.07 acres known as the Oak Knoll Development. It
35 would have minimal impact on the community. The
36 developer is present along with his engineer if you
37 have specific questions for them. I'll be happy to
38 answer anything I can for you.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
40 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I assume that
41 you've gone through all the procedures, all the
42 advertising of the changes.

43 BILL WEST: This has been properly
44 advertised, signs posted on the property, notice sent
45 to adjoining property owners.

46 BOB WALDREP: Virtually no opposition?
47 BILL WEST: There was some discussion at
48 the citizens advisory group. Mainly some concerns
49 about storm water issues. I -- they met with the
50 engineer for the project and with the county's storm

1 water manager and I think everything's been satisfied.
2 I have not heard of anything unsatisfied.
3 BOB WALDREP: Well hopefully we will get
4 some storm water.
5 BILL WEST: That would be nice.
6 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.
7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
8 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
9 CINDY WILSON: The only concern that I have
10 regarding this is when it came before council once
11 before I think going from maybe RA1 to R20 or something
12 of that nature ---
13 BILL WEST: Or 10.
14 CINDY WILSON: -- was the entrance and the
15 access to the development right there on Concord as it
16 comes into that main intersection on Highway 81. I
17 will be voting for this tonight. But I have asked that
18 we go ahead and make -- take measures in our county to
19 have our developers to be responsible for accel, decel
20 and turn lanes. And would certainly hope that we can
21 avoid bottlenecking traffic in the future. Thank you.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else. Any
23 other council member?
24 TOM ALLEN: Yes, sir.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
26 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I have a question.
27 How many, many more homes would be located on this 6.07
28 acres?
29 BILL WEST: The total number of homes
30 that's proposed for this project is -- I've lost it
31 now. But it's about, it's about twenty.
32 TOM ALLEN: About twenty more homes?
33 BILL WEST: Yes.
34 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? I make a
36 motion that we adopt.
37 CINDY WILSON: Second.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, Point of
39 Order.
40 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Ms.
41 Floyd.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: This is a public hearing.
43 EDDIE MOORE: I'm sorry. No, this is
44 first reading. No. You're right. Public hearing is
45 now open.
46 CANDY KERN FULLER: Mr. Chair, Candy Kern
47 Fuller. I live in Mr. Allen's district and I live
48 extremely close to this intersection and I see it
49 daily. I have a great concern about how the traffic
50 issue that Ms. Wilson raised will be addressed

1 especially considering the NewSpring Church that's in
2 that area and the high amount of increased traffic we
3 have in that area. I would hope the council considers
4 that and gets information about that before making a
5 final decision.

6 FEMALE: Mr. Chairman, could y'all
7 give us an exact -- is that on the corner where the
8 church is there? At 81 and Concord Road?

9 CINDY WILSON: It adjoins the church
10 property.

11 FEMALE: So it's actually the
12 property behind the church? Between the church and
13 that house? And how many houses are planned for that?

14 EDDIE MOORE: Twenty. I think he said
15 twenty houses.

16 BILL WEST: If I could correct? I
17 believe it's thirty houses.

18 FEMALE: Wow. Okay. And what's the
19 minimum requirement for land in order to -- is it three
20 quarters of an acre? What's the minimum requirement in
21 a development of that size?

22 BOB WALDREP: I think it's less than that.
23 Mr. West, you might be able to address the square
24 footage of land required per home.

25 BILL WEST: This is a planned
26 development which allows the developer to -- because
27 there's sewer available to the property -- allows the
28 developer to really set the lot sizes themselves. If
29 this were R10 it would be ten thousand square feet.
30 R20 would be twenty thousand square feet. But these
31 will be small lots for single family house development.

32 BOB WALDREP: Could I ask a question?
33 Would this be like patio homes?

34 BILL WEST: Yes, sir.

35 BOB WALDREP: We're talking about small
36 homes that are usually used by retired people in the
37 community or ...

38 BILL WEST: Cobblestone. Well I don't
39 think they actually have restrictions of, of age. But
40 that would more typically be the customer for this.

41 BOB WALDREP: Like Reed Road for example,
42 the patio homes that are out Reed Road.

43 BILL WEST: Correct. Bradley Park. Uh-
44 huh (affirmative).

45 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

46 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.
47 My only concern is the same thing Mr. Moore had when he
48 introduced this. These public hearings don't seem to
49 have any jive whether it's the first reading, second
50 reading, third reading. My memory serves they're

1 usually on the second reading. That way you guys talk
2 about it, we find out about it. We look into it. We
3 come back and talk about it. Strangely enough this was
4 on the first reading. And I don't remember having a
5 public hearing reading of an ordinance.

6 EDDIE MOORE: That was my point. I
7 thought the second reading was supposed to be public
8 reading. Not the first.

9 MARK POWELL: That's what I was thinking.

10 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I? I
11 think that -- it's been a while back. I think that
12 because there were so many controversial rezoning
13 requests that it was changed to first reading. But in
14 some cases we may ought to have it at the second
15 reading also.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Mr. West.

18 BILL WEST: Just if, if I may. Mr.
19 Hopkins suggested that, you know, -- it was determined
20 that on rezonings that the, that the first time it's
21 heard. And this was, you know, the council is a body,
22 you know, was the most important time, you know, for
23 people to come in and speak about it and you decided to
24 deviate from the standard practice of having seven
25 second reading public hearings. This way if the issue
26 is determined by the council to not be a good thing and
27 it's turned down, it doesn't come back again. It's
28 over.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep, you had
30 something you wanted to say? Mr. Dunn.

31 TOMMY DUNN: No.

32 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

34 TOM ALLEN: Just very quickly. You said
35 these are ten thousand square foot lots which were --
36 you said they could set at whatever they wanted to set
37 it at?

38 BILL WEST: Right. The developer
39 actually set it. It's more based on a density that is
40 being established by the development about of, you
41 know, six acres. It's about five units per acre so
42 that's really only about eight thousand square foot
43 lots.

44 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Less than a quarter
45 of an acre per lot.

46 BILL WEST: Right.

47 TOM ALLEN: Do you know about what size
48 on the average the square footage of the homes will be?

49 TOMMY DUNN: They tell me it's got
50 fifteen hundred.

1 TOM ALLEN: Fifteen hundred. You think?
2 BILL WEST: Fifteen hundred.
3 TOM ALLEN: Okay. I didn't see it.

4 Okay. Thank you.

5 CHRIS O'BARR: Council members, Chairman.
6 My name's Chris O'Barr. I live in District Seven. I'm
7 a civil engineer for this project. And I liked to --
8 if I could answer any of your questions that you have
9 if y'all have any technical questions. Just from a
10 storm water perspective we did meet with the county and
11 talked with the adjacent property owners about the
12 storm water issue. We have three common lots to handle
13 storm water. We have a retention pond on one of those
14 lots. We do have twenty-eight lots total. One of the
15 lots has an existing house on it. We did also meet
16 with DOT out there to look at the site distance to line
17 that drive as we propose it on our plan. I don't know
18 if y'all have this plan in your packets. I assume you
19 do. And we looked at all the measurements. Checked to
20 make sure where we come into the road would be
21 satisfactory. That is a DOT road. The sewer would be
22 going out the back down the property line to tie into
23 the sewer part of the Linwood Development where Design
24 South is. That section down in there. That's where
25 available sewer is. Of course the public water would
26 be on the roads itself. If you have any questions I'll
27 be glad to address them.

28 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

30 BOB WALDREP: I just had one about the,
31 the access issue. Has that been looked at by you as an
32 engineer as to the ingress and egress from this
33 property?

34 CHRIS O'BARR: DOT access and roadside
35 management standard which the DOT updated last July
36 addresses forty-five lots and above, to do a traffic
37 study at forty-five and above for residential. That's
38 in their actual regulations. Since we're at the
39 twenty-eight we're below that threshold. You're really
40 not generating that high a traffic flow comparatively
41 speaking. So like NewSprings Church, I mean you'll
42 generate about ten trips a day per each resident. So
43 if you've got twenty-nine houses that's two hundred and
44 ninety trips a day compared to, you know, three
45 thousand people dumping out at one time on the road
46 from a Sunday morning or evening.

47 BOB WALDREP: I understand. Please
48 kind of understand where the council I think is coming
49 from. We're always sensitive to the access and to the
50 traffic situation and I just wondered in the ideal

1 world is there any consideration given to doing this,
2 you know, beyond what the current regulations are. Or
3 is this just something that you just kind of follow the
4 regulations but ...

5 CHRIS O'BARR: There is a -- it kind of
6 shows on that plan there's a paved median that starts
7 right in that area.

8 BOB WALDREP: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 CHRIS O'BARR: And that's another reason
10 we lined it up where it was so that we could allow that
11 turning left. The pavement gets real wide in that area
12 where we're coming into.

13 BOB WALDREP: Is it a lane wide?

14 CHRIS O'BARR: It's not a total lane width.
15 It's close to it. It's right there in front of --
16 there's a driveway straight across. It's a private
17 residence straight across from that, lining up. One of
18 the major -- the DOT looks more at the site distance to
19 make sure you have plenty of site distance for people
20 pulling out or turning in. That kind of overrides
21 spacing. They have spacing requirements for driveways.
22 Kind of like the driveways to line up so people aren't
23 making a left turn too far.

24 BOB WALDREP: Right.

25 CHRIS O'BARR: And then from that you've
26 got issues such as if you've got a hundred lots for
27 example you'd have to do a traffic study and look and
28 the turning lanes.

29 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else out in the
31 audience like to ask him a question? Anyone else want
32 to talk on the public hearing? Hearing none, seeing
33 none, the public hearing is now closed.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

36 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to say I'll be
37 voting on this tonight, moving on. I think I've got
38 some real concerns about it. But it seems like the
39 people that lives out there and I've served on, served
40 on a planning commission in the past. I know how vocal
41 that community is about their -- and how concerned they
42 are about their planning and zoning issues. And for
43 them not to be here and for the neighborhood zoning
44 thing to pass it unanimously tells me something, so
45 I'll wait and listen. But tonight I think it's a
46 thing. And one other point in this, in this day and
47 economy the way it is somebody wanting to do a
48 development that's a, that's a good sign. My hat's off
49 to them. Good for Anderson. And I make a motion we
50 move to accept this on first reading.

1 BOB WALDREP: Second.
2 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and second.
3 Anymore discussion? Mr. Wilson.
4 RON WILSON: My question is the advisory
5 committee, they passed this unanimously?
6 EDDIE MOORE: Yep.
7 RON WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
8 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? All in favor
9 of moving raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it
10 be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn,
11 Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted
12 no. We now go to Item (b) on the agenda, 2009-19. Ms.
13 Wilson.

14 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
15 May I just read the ordinance and then we can put it on
16 the floor for discussion. This is Ordinance Number
17 2009-019. An ordinance prohibiting former members of
18 the Anderson County Council from accepting employment
19 with the county or performing consulting services for
20 the county and matters related thereto.

21 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, Anderson
22 County a body politic and a corporate and political
23 subdivision in the State of South Carolina, acting by
24 and through the Anderson County Council desires to
25 place a reasonable limitation upon the ability of
26 former members of County Council to accept employment
27 with Anderson County or performing consulting work
28 where Anderson County is the client; and

29 Now, therefore, be it ordained by County Council in
30 meeting duly assembled that a former member of Anderson
31 County Council may not for a period of one year after
32 terminating his or her public service accept employment
33 with Anderson County. A former member of Anderson
34 County Council may not for a period of one year after
35 terminating his or her public service perform
36 consulting services in any matter where Anderson County
37 is the client. Nothing contained in this order --
38 ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting the former
39 County Council member from accepting employment with a
40 consulting firm provided the former County Council
41 member has no direct or indirect involvement in any
42 matter where Anderson County is the client. Should any
43 part or provision of this ordinance be deemed
44 unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of
45 competent jurisdiction such determination shall not
46 affect the rest and remainder of this ordinance, all of
47 which is hereby deemed separable. All ordinances,
48 orders, resolutions, and actions of Anderson County
49 Council inconsistent herewith are to the event -- to
50 the extent of such inconsistency only hereby repealed,

1 revoked and rescinded.

2 And it continues as to doing this. I attempted to
3 put this ordinance or one similar to it up for
4 consideration last year. And I know that we have very
5 hard working diligent and principaled members on
6 council and I thought maybe we would want to be
7 perceived as Caesar's wife is above reproach so I'm
8 asking your consideration of this. Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

10 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
11 discussion?

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I don't know if
15 this is discriminatory or not. I don't understand why
16 a person cannot apply for a job that he or she is
17 eligible to perform because -- just because he or she
18 was on -- was it -- on, on county council. I don't, I
19 don't know if that's legal. Now you don't have to
20 worry about Gracie Floyd because I don't need your job.
21 Thank God. Okay. But if -- and I don't know, Mr.
22 Allen, next year, you know, if you're going to want to
23 come back using your expertise. You have a lot of
24 leadership qualities that you received when you were in
25 the Air -- Army, Army; wasn't it? Okay. In the Army.
26 Yeah. And some of that expertise could be used in our
27 county and I would hate to see that you were not able
28 to use it because you served the people of Anderson
29 County and now they're going to keep you from having a
30 -- from making a living. Just because you did that. I
31 don't know if this is illegal or not. I did not finish
32 my homework about calling an attorney. I need to talk
33 to an employment attorney to see if this kind of thing
34 can be done. So because of that -- we have three more
35 readings on this. We have three readings on this.
36 Because of that I think I'm just going to wait. And I
37 thank you.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

39 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, in the
40 discussion we might want to make this applicable to
41 everyone except Mr. Allen in this case. But ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: And you.

43 BOB WALDREP: But I did want to say ---

44 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. We can use another
45 attorney.

46 BOB WALDREP: No. I ---

47 GRACIE FLOYD: We could use an attorney.

48 BOB WALDREP: I did want to say that this
49 is a rather common principal that has been used in this
50 state on other matters. In the General Assembly I know

1 that they have invoked this particular rule about
2 whether or not sitting members are eligible to run for
3 certain offices, judgeships and things of that nature
4 for a year. I think at least a year. So I'm thinking
5 that because of some of the experiences that we've had
6 recently about jobs and things of that nature that this
7 would certainly not hurt anything and would probably
8 promote the idea to the public that members of council
9 were not taking inside opportunities -- undue inside
10 opportunities with the council. And so I, I'd just
11 like to say that I'll be supporting that motion. Thank
12 you.

13 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

15 TOM ALLEN: If I might, I appreciate the
16 kind words from Ms. Floyd and Mr. Waldrep. I
17 appreciate your great confidence in me. Apparently the
18 federal government didn't have that kind of confidence
19 in me though because when I retired from the Army
20 there's a three year waiting period before you can go
21 back into a federal job. It's called double dipping if
22 you turn around and go right back in. So it's not
23 uncommon to have those types of restrictions on federal
24 or state or even local positions. Thank you.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
26 Okay. All in favor raise your right hand. All
27 opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr.
28 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes.
29 Ms. Floyd voted no. Okay. We now go to Eight (a),
30 Resolution 2009-68.

31 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, at the request
32 of Mr. Allen who chairs the committee who is over this
33 endeavor, these are the recommendations that came out
34 of that committee meeting and I believe every member of
35 council has had a chance to take a look at them and
36 have input and make suggestions on those.

37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

39 CINDY WILSON: I looked over this -- excuse
40 me. My voice is going on me tonight. The only concern
41 that I had was that the items that we have under travel
42 expenditures, non-reimbursable travel type
43 expenditures, I think that list also needs to be put on
44 to the credit card policy. And if we want to do it
45 maybe by referencing it as the specific item in that
46 part of the ordinance that would be fine. Or perhaps
47 better yet just listing each item. And this involves
48 where we observed in previous years our county credit
49 card was used for things like movies, liquor,
50 incidentals, toiletries, things of that nature,

1 personal type items and that didn't seem to be
2 appropriate for public money to be used in that manner.
3 So I'm just throwing that out to see what the rest of
4 our council members think. But I do think that needs
5 to -- that this ...

6 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE

7 CINDY WILSON: ... amendment.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

11 TOMMY DUNN: I understand where Ms.

12 Wilson's coming from. But at this time I would like to
13 make a motion to adopt this resolution. I think it's a
14 good starting point. I've looked through it and I
15 think it's excellent.

16 CINDY WILSON: Second.

17 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and
18 also we have a second. Now we will be in discussion.
19 Okay. Anyone else have any discussion on it? Okay.

20 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, the biggest
21 problem that I saw in the past, and I trust this will
22 be corrected here with regard to credit cards, is that
23 my ability to look through some of the credit cards
24 that I was finally able to look at was the fact that
25 when the information came in there are two sheets on a
26 credit card. One indicates just the overall expense
27 and the other one is the itemized expense. And I, I
28 trust that we will have access to the itemization of
29 these matters. That was one of the biggest problems
30 that we had because for years it seems, and years, that
31 when the credit card information was turned in, they
32 never turned in the itemization, so there was no way to
33 do a proper inventory or accounting of those matters
34 that were being expended. So I, I believe that has
35 been corrected in this policy. Mr. Allen, is that ---

36 TOM ALLEN: Yes, that is correct. And
37 that's the main thing that this resolution does, is it
38 tightens up to a great extent the way the credit cards
39 are being used so that we can track them. That's what
40 it's designed to do.

41 BOB WALDREP: The second matter was to
42 whom does the policy apply to. Is it a universal
43 policy? Are there categories here? Is there a tier
44 system or classification? Or is it -- does it apply to
45 everybody so to speak?

46 TOM ALLEN: To, to everyone. This
47 will be the county policy.

48 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

49 TOM ALLEN: It'll apply to everybody.

50 BOB WALDREP: To everyone. Okay.

1 Regardless of whether you're in "Economic Development"
2 or otherwise.

3 TOM ALLEN: That is correct, sir.

4 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Those, those were
5 my major concerns with this and I trust that it will
6 work. Thank you.

7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

8 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

9 CINDY WILSON: At this time I would like
10 to make a motion to amend by adding the list of items
11 that were in the travel policy to be also part of the
12 credit card policy.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion on
14 the floor to amend the travel card. Do we have a
15 second?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

17 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Okay.
18 Any discussion? This is on the amendment. Any
19 discussion on the amendment?

20 BOB WALDREP: What is that -- how does
21 that apply? Okay. Just one minute, Mr. Chairman. I
22 just want to -- these are non-reimbursable
23 expenditures?

24 CINDY WILSON: Those are items that are in
25 the proposed travel policy -- reimbursable policy for
26 the county. And I know that when you and I looked or
27 tried to look many times over the past couple of years
28 at the credit card billing statements, we saw items
29 that would appear to be improperly paid for by public
30 funds. And I think that -- and maybe Mr. Pitts or
31 someone of a legal mind looking at this with us would
32 weigh in. But I do think that we should have our
33 credit card use limited on certain expenditures.

34 BOB WALDREP: I understand.

35 CINDY WILSON: Like the liquor and the
36 toiletries and things of that nature.

37 BOB WALDREP: Thank you. That's all.

38 CINDY WILSON: Do you want me to read the
39 list?

40 EDDIE MOORE: That would be a good idea.
41 Just go ahead for the record. Read it and put it in
42 there and that way it'll be in the minutes.

43 CINDY WILSON: Okay. The list includes
44 travel insurance, first class tickets or upgrades,
45 limousine travel, and perhaps we might want to put
46 except where less expensive, where less expensive than
47 other conveyances. Parking fines or traffic
48 violations, child or pet care, event tickets, movies,
49 liquor or bar costs, membership dues at any country
50 club, private club, athletic club, golf club, tennis

1 club or similar recreation organization, participation
2 in or attendance at golf, tennis or sporting events
3 without the advance approval of the county
4 administrator. When such costs are to be incurred by
5 the county administrator, county administrator advance
6 approval shall be obtained from the council chairman.
7 Purchase of golf clubs or any other sporting equipment,
8 spa or exercise charges, clothing purchases, business
9 conferences and entertainment which are not approved,
10 valet service, toiletry articles. And it says this
11 list of non-reimbursable expenses is for example only
12 and is not intended to imply that categories of
13 expenses not included in this list should automatically
14 be eligible for reimbursement. And perhaps we can
15 frame it to go into our credit card policy.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

19 TOMMY DUNN: I second Ms. Wilson's
20 motion to get it on the floor for discussion. What,
21 what exactly are you, are you asking for? Are you
22 trying to say that these won't be on the billing
23 statements. I mean the way I read it all of this would
24 be -- credit cards is going to be. I mean I'd like to
25 ask Mr. Burns or -- isn't that the way this is wroten
26 if you'd mind answering that or what not.

27 RUSTY BURNS: I think this is a resolution
28 to express the spirit of council and this will be
29 policy. The items I believe that are being mentioned
30 now will be covered in the travel policy which will be
31 in ordinance form. Which will work hand in glove with
32 this policy. And as you'll note in the administrator's
33 report tonight, we have enclosed a copy of the proposed
34 travel entertainment policy for further study by
35 members of council because that's what council
36 requested. They have more time to look at it. But if
37 you couple those two things together I think you get
38 exactly what Ms. Wilson is looking to achieve. Okay.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Any more discussion? We're
41 voting on the amendment, Ms. Wilson's amendment. All
42 in favor of Ms. Wilson's amendment raise your right
43 hand. All opposed. Unanimous. Okay. We'll now --
44 okay. The ordinance now -- or the resolution now. We
45 have a motion on the floor for the resolution. Do I
46 have a second on the resolution itself?

47 TOM ALLEN: Second.

48 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Now
49 we're in discussion on the resolution on the credit
50 card policy. Any discussion from council members?

1 Okay. We'll now vote. All in favor raise your right
2 hand. All opposed. Unanimous. It passes. We now go
3 to Item (b), 2009-69.

4 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a
5 very wonderful night for this event to take place and
6 this wonderful donation from the Glenn family. And I
7 guess it needs to be known that this is not the first
8 time that they've stepped up to help animals in
9 Anderson County. And they have a long history of doing
10 so. And at this point in time with council's
11 permission could they please come up so people could
12 recognize this donation of twelve acres of land for the
13 new Anderson County Animal Shelter.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mike, Carol. I would also
15 like to ask all the council members to come down front
16 and let's take a picture. We want a picture with Mike
17 and Carol.

18 APPLAUSE

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. It's always good
22 to recognize our people who want to promote Anderson
23 County. But didn't we already do a resolution on this
24 last year to accept this, to accept this gift because I
25 remember us reading -- doing the resolution. I
26 remember at that time they received a standing ovation
27 and comments from all of the council members. But --
28 so didn't we do this already?

29 EDDIE MOORE: I wasn't here, Ms. Floyd.
30 We're doing it now because we're here now. All right.
31 Let's move on.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I wasn't
33 finished. Okay. Eddie, that didn't call for that. I
34 asked a, I asked a honest question. I know you weren't
35 here. I know that, Mr. Moore. But if you can't ask --
36 if I can't ask a question and you answer it
37 professionally, please just don't say anything to me at
38 all. Ms. -- Mrs. Eddleman, was this done last year?
39 Did we -- do you have any knowledge of that? You don't
40 have any knowledge. Okay. All right. Then it's
41 always good to do it again. But, but I just wanted to
42 make sure it was not done last year for the same thing.
43 And I thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Whether it was done last
47 year or not we hadn't -- we just signed the papers, is
48 my understanding to get the land and make it thing.
49 And I, I'm so appreciative of the Glenn family for
50 doing this for all the animals, animals and animal

1 lovers and I think it's going to be a great day and to
2 get things going so I move we adopt the resolution.

3 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to adopt.
4 Do I have a second? We have a second. We go into
5 discussion now. And I'd also like to thank the Glenns
6 for -- this is just wonderful for Anderson County this
7 -- giving this property. It's just a great thing and
8 we're just real excited about moving forward with the
9 animal shelter when we get the plans back on the
10 modifications. We can't wait to look at them and let
11 y'all be involved. And come out with us and we'll all
12 enjoy checking these plans out on the new animal
13 shelter and can't wait to get started. We thank you
14 very much for Anderson County. Mr. Waldrep.

15 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted
16 to say that the time spent on the study of the kind of
17 planning and construction of this new center has really
18 impressed me. I think a great deal of research has
19 been done with veterinarians. I think we've had some
20 folks from Georgia, if I'm not wrong, some Georgia
21 veterinarians that have come over. We don't have a
22 veterinarian school in South Carolina. I might mention
23 that or we might have used a South Carolina
24 veterinarian. But we contract all our veterinary
25 services to the State of Georgia and they have come and
26 I think done a, a very expert job of making sure that
27 the animals are properly separated. That the operation
28 facilities are up to par. And so I think that the time
29 spent on this, although I think some people got a
30 little bit edgy about were we ever going to move
31 forward on this, has been time well spent. So again I
32 thank the Glenns for their patience in working with us
33 in accomplishing this. So thank you.

34 EDDIE MOORE: We now vote. All in favor
35 raise your right hand. Unanimous.

36 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the next
37 item is an ordinance. Excuse me. It's a resolution
38 expressing Anderson County's consent to an inter-
39 governmental agreement between the City of Anderson and
40 Anderson County for the purposes of extending bus
41 service to the Homeland Park area. And basically what
42 that does is ratify our agreement with the city to
43 operate this bus. And this is a requirement for us to
44 do what we're doing.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

47 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt
48 this resolution.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made to adopt and
50 we have a second. Any discussion?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you to all who
4 attended the Homeland Park bus route dedication today.
5 A big thank you goes -- go out to those who really got
6 behind this thing and pushed it. Ms. Montepara, I'm
7 talking about you. I thank you for the work that you
8 did in getting this going. The -- this little thing
9 here was sent out by the city, I understand, today.
10 And our, our ordinance or resolution, whatever you call
11 it, states that the county will be responsible for
12 twenty-five percent of the maintenance and fuel costs
13 and eight percent of the administrative cost. But the
14 city says that it is estimated that the cost of the
15 Homeland Park route is one hundred and eighty-five
16 thousand per year with the cost being paid by the
17 federal funds and county funds at a fifty/fifty match.
18 Now does this mean that the city is expecting us to put
19 up fifty -- a fifty percent match or a twenty-five
20 percent match? Mr. Burns?

21 RUSTY BURNS: I don't have those figures
22 in front of me, but I believe they stated today they
23 were able to purchase the bus and other cost at a
24 hundred percent because of the stimulus funding which
25 did away with the match. The other minute details I'll
26 be happy to provide you, but I don't have them at my
27 fingertips right now.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now they said that
29 today? Because this is what they passed out today and
30 it says fifty percent match and this just came in this
31 morning I understood.

32 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I don't have
33 all of those numbers at my disposal. But I can assure
34 you that we're meeting our obligation.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But if there's a
36 discrepancy here between the city -- what the city is
37 saying and what the county is saying ---

38 RUSTY BURNS: I don't ---

39 GRACIE FLOYD: -- I think that before we go
40 on to, to vote on this we need to make sure, make sure
41 that the city understands that we are doing the, the
42 twenty-five percent match instead of the fifty percent
43 match. And I thank you.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
45 Okay. Now vote. All in favor raise your right hand.
46 All opposed. Abstain. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr.
47 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson
48 voted yes. Ms. Floyd abstained. We will now go to
49 Item Nine, approval of proposed paving list. Mr.
50 Hopkins.

1 HOLT HOPKINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 In your packet y'all will see a list that we provided
3 you. This list was put together based on some roads
4 from previous years paving that has not been paved.
5 Some that we think are priority that should have been
6 paved this summer. And it's several years of different
7 roads, but we feel like they're -- the highest priority
8 is on this list. One thing I want to point out that I
9 may have even misinformed the newspaper yesterday, this
10 list is not in a one two three order. It's -- this
11 whole page as a lump sum is the way we're looking at
12 this as being a priority. These are our -- in our
13 opinion are -- our engineers department opinion is the
14 most important thing we need to address right now as
15 far as paving. You know, our paving dollars in the
16 district, paving accounts are not being replenished
17 this budget. So what we need is a fixed one list
18 that's good for everybody that we can take to the C
19 fund committee to present them one list to approve.
20 They have -- their offer -- the delegation has allowed
21 them or asked them to bump up the portion, the portion
22 that the local folks get and so we're -- want to
23 provide them a way to spend it. And if there's any
24 questions.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Very appreciative of the
28 delegation. I think some of us happened to be at the
29 delegation meeting the night that Mr. Hopkins asked for
30 this request. And very appreciative of the delegation
31 upping this to help us out. This is very hard times.
32 And I would, I would make a motion we move on this.
33 This is a list we, we need to -- and it's a good
34 practice to by getting all this in one lump sum. Just
35 good business practice to get all this bid out at
36 one time which is key improvement.

37 EDDIE MOORE: And save money. Do I have
38 a second?

39 RON WILSON: Second.

40 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. We are in
41 discussion.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Hopkins.

43 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. You said that
45 this is not in any particular order.

46 HOLT HOPKINS: Well it is by road number.
47 If you'll look the road ---

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I'm talking
49 about monerary -- monetary.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Not a -- no, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Good. And
2 also you said that you did a, a analysis, for lack of a
3 better word, of the roads and you picked the roads that
4 were in most need of repair.
5 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am. Now a lot of
6 this came off of your five year plan that we provided
7 you.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).
9 HOLT HOPKINS: And we picked the roads that
10 had not been paved or had not been funded at that point
11 and we're trying to play catch up here. Catch up some
12 roads ---
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
14 HOLT HOPKINS: -- that have not been paved.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
18 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.
19 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry.
20 RON WILSON: Holt, will they be paved in
21 the sequence on here or is that flexible?
22 HOLT HOPKINS: That's flexible. That --
23 we normally leave that up to the contractor. I mean it
24 will go out in one contract but the contractor -- we
25 work with him on the schedule of what gets paved when.
26 RON WILSON: Approximately how much will
27 be spent on paving this year?
28 HOLT HOPKINS: This calendar year none.
29 This is, this is being proposed for next summer's
30 paving. We want to ---
31 RON WILSON: What about the C funds
32 money?
33 HOLT HOPKINS: That's what we're talking
34 about here.
35 RON WILSON: So there was none this
36 calendar year?
37 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. We do have some
38 other roads that have already been approved. We'll be
39 adding those to them. Judy, do you have a list? There
40 are a few other roads that they have already approved,
41 but we didn't have enough to put together a contract
42 on.
43 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins.
44 HOLT HOPKINS: I, I would like to just
45 clarify though. What -- we're trying to get an early
46 start on this. We need the funding in place by the end
47 of November in order for our staff to be able to put
48 together the contract, get it out to bid, and be ready
49 to bid by spring. Or ready to go to work by spring.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any other council

1 member?

2 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

4 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 Over the years District Seven was put into a really bad
6 situation. We had four municipalities and the road
7 miles in the municipalities were not counted. So
8 District Seven has really I think fallen behind on our
9 paving needs because of starting out kind of short
10 sheeted to begin with. I'm -- I do plan to vote on
11 this because I, I believe it's a very strong good faith
12 effort on behalf of our county to start prioritizing
13 our paving and put it into a -- one single contract so
14 we can achieve the better economies of a lump sum type
15 contract. And I'm, I'm crossing my fingers that it
16 will work for us this way. I know the one road that
17 District Seven gets in this is a whopper. It's Two
18 Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand dollars, so I'll need
19 to go do some talking with my District. But I do
20 recognize the need to get this started. And I hope it
21 will work well for our county in the future. Thank
22 you.

23 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

25 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I just, just wanted
26 to clarify too. I think this eliminates a problem
27 we've had in the past of losing about a month in the
28 summer during the fiscal years too; doesn't it? That
29 -- what we were doing in the past, if the budget ran
30 out in June and we had to wait until we got more money
31 in and then start -- and those are prime paving times
32 in the summer. So with this process now we'll
33 eliminate that because they'll be able to pave from
34 April clear to ---

35 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. And forgive me.
36 But this -- I think that was a different conversation.
37 That was when we're doing maintenance work, we do have
38 a delay in being able to buy stuff when the -- during
39 the transition of one year to the next. But once we
40 enter into a paving contract with -- this can -- they
41 don't -- they really never miss a beat. They just keep
42 going.

43 TOM ALLEN: Right. That's what I mean.
44 They'll, they'll be able to pave through the good
45 season.

46 HOLT HOPKINS: Right.

47 TOM ALLEN: The whole time. Yeah.

48 Okay.

49 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I point
50 out something? This is a very helpful guide, the

1 proposed five year county road program. And I want to
2 invite everyone to look at page five, the increased
3 paving costs. This is very much in line with what I
4 complained about over the years. Starting in 2002 we
5 spent far less on paving than we had in years prior to
6 that. I think it was in the year 2000-2001 we spent
7 several millions of dollars in paving. I think we
8 spent around five million just from the county, not
9 counting the c funds. Which there was a lot of paving
10 that was accomplished. But if you'll see starting in
11 2002 this county dropped the number of road miles paved
12 significantly. And of course in the mean time our
13 paving, our asphalt costs, began to increase. So we
14 were getting less paving done on two sides there. And
15 this really underlines what I kind of complained about
16 over the years. So I, I appreciated seeing this great
17 detail. Thank you.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep.

19 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Hopkins, I just wanted
20 to get a little bit more information about the
21 financing of the roads. Now we've got an eighteen mil
22 dedication to our road program. Right?

23 HOLT HOPKINS: We had to undo that for
24 this year to survive.

25 BOB WALDREP: I beg your pardon.

26 HOLT HOPKINS: We had to undo that to
27 survive this year.

28 BOB WALDREP: Undo it?

29 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, it's been reduced.
30 I mean our, our bridge funding stayed intact, but the
31 paving accounts basically made up three mils and we had
32 to reduce that by three mils because of the tough
33 budget year.

34 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well and then let's
35 say we've got fifteen mils?

36 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes.

37 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay. And that
38 results in how much money per mil? I mean at one time
39 we were up for Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars.
40 Was -- would that be the result of eighteen mils and
41 then ---

42 HOLT HOPKINS: I'm kind of rounding -- I
43 was kind of rounding in my head. It's like -- it's, it
44 was like half a million, six hundred thousand per mil.
45 and that was kind of what that eighteen mils was based
46 on.

47 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. Then we
48 -- with the c funds -- the c funds are put into this
49 pot as, as well. Is that we're also talking about?

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.

1 BOB WALDREP: And that's about two
2 million dollars. Is that correct?

3 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, the c fund
4 committee gets some and it varies year to year, between
5 two and two and a half million dollars a year. But
6 we've only been getting a fifty percent of that and
7 part of that even is shared with other type projects.
8 The county's averaged only about a million a year from
9 c funds.

10 BOB WALDREP: But this year the
11 delegation has allowed us to go up to seventy-four to
12 seventy-five percent of that Two Million dollars or so,
13 so that's put us in a better situation.

14 HOLT HOPKINS: Much better.

15 BOB WALDREP: Much. Okay. So anyway,
16 I just wanted to try to get some of those pot numbers
17 together. Any other revenues that we, we get to help
18 us with roads and bridges that you're aware of other
19 than county taxes and ---

20 HOLT HOPKINS: We're going after grant
21 money for several larger projects. But there's none
22 for paving type projects. And that's, that's why we're
23 needing every dollar we can get to do the paving next
24 summer.

25 BOB WALDREP: But the bottom line with
26 what we're going here tonight is allowing ourselves to
27 plan a better way of doing our roads and dealing with
28 contractors and saving money that way. Is that the
29 bottom line?

30 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. It's happened in
31 years past. Just to clarify, clarify it, is that we'd
32 start out with a very small contract, maybe Six Hundred
33 Thousand dollars or maybe even a Million dollar
34 contract, we'd roll into the next year -- budget year
35 and council would want us to go ahead and add a lot --
36 you know, go ahead and pick some roads and add it to
37 the existing contract. Well that sets up a change
38 order type situation where we could possibly bid it out
39 again and get a cheaper price. What we're hoping to do
40 is let's, let's decide by the end of the calendar year
41 exactly what we're going to do the next summer and
42 let's put every dime we can into it so we can get a
43 large -- the largest contract we can afford. And
44 typically we get a much cheaper price when it's a, a
45 serious contract. It's not a small contract and we're
46 piecemealing it during the year while we're actually
47 doing it. We come out with a good strong hefty
48 contract. And it does save us money on cost on
49 asphalt.

50 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

1 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll now vote.
2 All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed.
3 Unanimous. We will now take a short five minute break.

4 BREAK

5 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Now on Item
6 Ten, the tax levy certification. Ms. Humphries.

7 GINA HUMPHRIES: Good evening, Chairman and
8 members of Council. Each year the county auditor
9 requests county council to certify the tax levies and
10 he makes that request in the form of a letter which is
11 included in your agenda packet. And I prepared a
12 spread sheet to kind of help look at these levies. Mr.
13 Burns, I don't know if you have copies of those. Oh,
14 okay. You're ahead of the game. Okay. And this is
15 just a summary of the tax levies. And I'd like most
16 importantly for you to know that these are the same tax
17 levies that were voted on and approved in the county
18 budget ordinance. Nothing has changed. This is just a
19 formality. In prior years the council actually voted
20 on this certification. And if you look at the spread
21 sheet I prepared, I laid out the 2009 levy as well as
22 the 2008 levy. And the 2009 levies are the ones
23 highlighted in yellow. And you can see that the total
24 is still the 75.4 mils which is the same as last year.
25 And I'm happy to answer any questions about that.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Basically just the Sheriff
27 came back into the ---

28 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yes, sir. This does show
29 the fact that the Sheriff's Department came back into
30 the general fund. Last year he was a special revenue
31 fund. So that's something a little different. And it
32 also shows the road and bridges levy that has been
33 added back up into the county ordinary levy.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just had
36 a question about that road levy. We heard that it had
37 moved from eighteen mils to fifteen mils.

38 GINA HUMPHRIES: Well actually there is not
39 a separately stated road and bridge levy in the FY10
40 budget ordinance. We had to roll all those levies up
41 into one levy in order to balance the budget. That is
42 not to say that road and bridges does not have funding.
43 It's just not a separately delineated line item on your
44 tax notice like it was last year.

45 BOB WALDREP: I just didn't know how
46 council felt about it. It was just one of those
47 situations where we had talked about so much making
48 sure that we allocated a sufficient amount to the road
49 projects here. And there was a lot of discussion on it
50 I guess last year. I just note that. I don't know

1 what difference it really makes other than the fact
2 that we -- hopefully we'll be committed to paving our
3 roads and bridges. Up to a certain level. So if
4 anybody has any thoughts about that I'd be glad to
5 receive them. Does anybody have any feel for that?
6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
8 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to say, you know,
9 it's very hard to do what we done. But to keep a
10 balanced budget we had to do that. You know, I wanted
11 to take more money. We need more money, like Mr.
12 Hopkins said. He gives us that statement or this
13 report last -- first of last year -- first of this year
14 about the dire needs and how far behind we are in --
15 behind we are in our roads and bridges. And this
16 didn't just happen. We've been behind. Part of that
17 though I think we corrected tonight. If we can start
18 piecemealing -- instead of piecemealing do it all in
19 one contract. That'll help a lot. Another thing is
20 take our road money that's meant for road money and
21 spend it on road money. That's very important.
22 Instead of just putting it over here and there to help
23 us get caught up. But, you know, we, we're Eight
24 Million dollars short or something. I can't remember
25 exactly off the top of my head with state funds. And
26 that's what's got us in this. And hopefully we can get
27 this thing back and we can put some more money. The
28 economy turns around and get these road, roads -- a
29 good road and bridge program turned around. But we've
30 got, you know, we've got to play ball with the rules
31 we're sort of dealt with right now. Thank you very
32 much.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else? Mr. Wilson.
34 RON WILSON: I was wondering if we're
35 putting all these levies in a pot, how come if we
36 separate them out according to how we want it spent,
37 how does that create a problem in the budget process?
38 GINA HUMPHRIES: Our problem in the budget
39 process was we just didn't, didn't have enough revenue
40 to go around for, for all functions.
41 RON WILSON: So in the, in the --
42 talking about the roads and bridges it went from
43 eighteen down to fifteen? Or something like that?
44 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yes. Although, although
45 it's not separately stated or won't be separately
46 stated.
47 RON WILSON: Are there other levies
48 that had similar decreases?
49 GINA HUMPHRIES: One levy. The countywide
50 EMS levy went from 5.5 mils to 4.0 mils. So that's a

1 one and a half mil decrease.

2 RON WILSON: Do we know what was a mil
3 this year? What was it calculated on?

4 GINA HUMPHRIES: When we -- yes, sir.
5 When we put the budget together the estimate -- and I
6 would like to say it is an estimate. It is a moving
7 target. But the estimate we used for the budget was
8 Five Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand dollars. And if I
9 might tell you a bit of good news. Okay. I might.
10 When we put the budget together every year we estimate
11 what we think new construction will be. And in our
12 budget we estimated Ten Million dollars. And typically
13 I talk with Mike Freeman, the County Assessor, and we
14 get together and he says, well I've got this -- these
15 many new homes coming on line and I always try to be
16 conservative with it because I would rather under
17 estimate revenue than over estimate revenue. So we
18 used Ten Million dollars for our new construction. And
19 today in talking with Mr. Freeman, he tells me we
20 actually have about Twenty-Seven Million dollars. And
21 that's assessment. I'm not talking about revenue. I'm
22 just talking assessment. Okay. So for every Ten
23 Million dollars of additional assessment that's going
24 to mean somewhere in the neighborhood of Two Hundred
25 and Seventy-Five Thousand to Three Hundred Thousand
26 dollars revenue to the county. Now we have to kind of
27 take this with a flavor of caution because even though
28 homes, even though that part of the assessment may be
29 going up, vehicles may be going down or other
30 components of the total assessment pie may be
31 decreasing. And we won't know that final answer until
32 we close the books the first of October. But I take
33 this to be a very, very good indication of perhaps a
34 possibility of more revenue coming into the county
35 coffers than we have budgeted. And, you know, don't
36 hold me to that. But that's a really good indication.

37 RON WILSON: So the millage then based on
38 this optimistic, do you expect that to go up next year?
39 Its value?

40 GINA HUMPHRIES: Well, I would expect the
41 revenue to go up and of course the millage is, is up to
42 the county council's direction.

43 RON WILSON: Right. But I mean the value
44 of that mil?

45 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I
46 printed off total -- an assessment report this
47 afternoon just out of curiosity, and again this is not
48 final and it's a moving target, but as of this
49 afternoon we were at Six Hundred and Twenty-One
50 Million. Now yeah, people will appeal these, these

1 values and so there will be some appeals and you have
2 to kind of know that that will have to play out over
3 the next couple of months. But it, it's a good sign.

4 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

7 BOB WALDREP: I need to ask a question
8 about the automobiles. You mentioned the automobiles
9 as a -- has been a real factor in a moving -- have we
10 bottomed out now on the automobiles that we were
11 relying on so heavily?

12 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yes, sir. I think so.
13 Automobiles, if you look about a year ago and compare
14 to today, you'll see about a Four or Five Million
15 dollar assessment decrease in automobiles. And keep in
16 mind that we had the vehicle tax ratchet-down. I know
17 you guys are just tired of hearing about that because I
18 am too. But remember that was when we -- the
19 assessment ratio on vehicles went from ten and a half
20 percent down to six percent over about a six and a half
21 year period. And that ended in January of -- let's see
22 it started in 1990. No, it started in January of 2002.
23 So it ended in January of 2008 or 2009. So we have
24 bottomed out on that. And I kind of look to the cash
25 for clunkers to give us a little bit of kick because
26 people are going to be trading in a vehicle with an
27 assessment of fifty which is your lowest assessment,
28 for an assessment of whatever the value of the vehicle
29 is. You know, I might ---

30 BOB WALDREP: We're going to assess them
31 for that Four Hundred -- Four Thousand Five Hundred
32 dollars that they got ---

33 GINA HUMPHRIES: You know, it is a
34 consequence and it may be an unintended consequence,
35 but ...

36 BOB WALDREP: Not, not free. Okay. All
37 right.

38 GINA HUMPHRIES: Yeah.

39 BOB WALDREP: That's all.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. We've
41 already had a motion and a second. We've had our
42 discussion. We now vote. All in favor raise your
43 right hand. All opposed. Let the record show that we
44 have six that voted for. Ms. Floyd was not in for the
45 vote. Okay. We now go to Item Eleven on the agenda.
46 Appointments. Start with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.

47 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn.

49 TOMMY DUNN: None at this time, Mr.

50 Chairman.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep. Ms. Wilson.
2 I have none. Ms. Floyd, do you have any appointments?
3 Okay. We now go to Item Twelve on the agenda. Ms.
4 Wilson. Do you have any requests?
5 CINDY WILSON: I have one request from the
6 County Council recreation account for Three Thousand
7 dollars for the Williamston Fire Department for turnout
8 suits. And I put this in the form of a motion.
9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Can I have a second?
10 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
11 EDDIE MOORE: And I have a second. Any
12 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
13 Unanimous. Okay. Do you have any more, Ms. Wilson?
14 CINDY WILSON: That's all. Thank you.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep. Mr. Dunn.
16 TOMMY DUNN: None. Thank you.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: First of all I would like
19 to appropriate a thousand dollars of District Two's rec
20 money for the Concerned Citizens for the Eastside of,
21 of Anderson, South Carolina. These people every year
22 get together and have a huge back to school party for
23 the children in the neighborhood and they give out book
24 bags and pencils and that kind of thing. And I put
25 that in the form of a motion.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion.
27 Can I have a second?
28 TOM ALLEN: Second.
29 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
30 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
31 Unanimous.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. My second one is -- I
33 have to tell you about it first of all. On last
34 Saturday we had two hundred and fifty students from
35 Anderson College to come down to clean up the parks in
36 the, in the area. They had about, about -- gosh, I
37 can't even tell you how many kids were over in District
38 Two. They cleaned up the park in District Five. They
39 cleaned up the Morningside Community Park. And they
40 split up into several groups at the Broadway Lake.
41 These kids got there about eight thirty. Some of them
42 didn't even have breakfast when they came. They worked
43 until one o'clock. I realized about eleven thirty that
44 the kids were hungry and no provision had been made for
45 them to have lunch. So what I did was I bought hotdogs
46 out of my personal account, hoping to get it refunded
47 to me from the rec account. One hotdog bill totaled
48 One Hundred and Eighty-Three dollars and sixty cents.
49 A lot of kids. And the other hotdog bill included
50 Eighty-One dollars and nine cents. I'm putting this in

1 the form of a motion. I'm putting -- is it okay, Mr.
2 Burns. Okay. Thank you. I put this in the form of a
3 motion that I be reimbursed One Hundred and Eighty-
4 Three Sixty and Eighty-One dollars and nine cents from
5 the District Two's rec fund for the purchase of hotdogs
6 for the students at Anderson College -- Anderson
7 University that clean up the park for us.

8 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the floor.
9 Do I have a second? We have a second.

10 BOB WALDREP: Were these Skins hotdogs?

11 EDDIE MOORE: All right. All in favor raise
12 your right hand. Unanimous. Any more, Ms. Floyd?

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Let's see. No. That's it.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

15 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

17 RON WILSON: Yes. I received this right
18 after the last meeting. The -- I want to ask for an
19 appropriation of Four Hundred and Eighty-Five dollars
20 for a bicycle rack at Hurricane Springs Park for the
21 2009 Tour de La France. I so move.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

23 TOM ALLEN: I second.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in favor
25 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Do you have
26 any more Mr. Wilson?

27 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

28 EDDIE MOORE: ... raise your right hand.
29 Unanimous. Okay. I have none. Now we will go to the
30 Administrator's Report.

31 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I just point
32 out two things. One, the new proposed travel,
33 entertainment and subsistence policy. If council
34 members have any changes or requests or want to sit
35 down and discuss it, that's Mr. Allen's committee, but
36 if they would like for me to take the information and
37 transfer the information to that committee, I'd be more
38 than happy to do that. The other thing is the semi-
39 annual operations report from the Veteran's Affairs
40 Office from Mr. Sammy Lewis. That's all, Mr. Chairman.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. We now go
42 to Item Fourteen on the agenda, Citizens' comments.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, Point of Order.
44 Usually I leave at this time to give those who need to
45 say things to go ahead and say them without my being
46 present to hear them. But tonight, folks, my son is
47 home. Flew in from the Virgin Islands today and I
48 would like to spend some time with him. And I sure do
49 thank you.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Citizen comments.

1 How many we have?

2 MIKE PITTS: We've got two signed up
3 Mr. Chairman. The first is Mark Powell.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

5 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District
6 Seven, Williamston. I think it's interesting on a
7 Point of Order that if by law in Court you're supposed
8 to raise your right hand, it's interesting when a
9 certain person disagrees with you she raises the right
10 hand. When she agrees, it's kind of odd and
11 interesting that she raises her left hand. It might be
12 an interesting point of legalistic things there since
13 that seems to be the point of order in the world we
14 live. The credit card issue. That thing ran so amuck
15 under the past administration. Money was being spent.
16 Reports weren't being filled out. Thank goodness
17 you're addressing that. It's our money. It's not the
18 people who go off on these Taj Mahal trips who get to
19 spend it at liberty. You've increased the daily
20 allotment. I noticed in the, the little blurt that
21 comes out, semi biased on how it's written generally
22 speaking, but in the little piece of paper over here
23 you've raised it from twenty something bucks to thirty
24 something bucks a day unless that special consideration
25 exists. You know, thank you for being in control and
26 looking out for my tax dollars. The more you save us
27 the less we have to pay out. It kind scares me when I
28 hear a report that we have money being spent and it's
29 not associated per department per millage. I don't
30 really understand what y'all did tonight and how that
31 -- Ms. Humphries's report plays into the real world.
32 When we hear Holt say he gets less money and as far as
33 mills but yet the report don't give him technically any
34 money. Or any department any money. From a citizen
35 who's watched things happen the last year and years,
36 that one really concerns me. That we've got a
37 department who's over the money and no one has
38 designated millage associated to their department.
39 Maybe you guys understood that to a better degree than
40 I did. But it is scary to think that there's a big
41 chunk of money out there and whatever bird wants to
42 grab the worm might can, but I, I feel with your guys
43 in control that it's going to be looked after and it's
44 not going to be out of control like we -- a lot of us
45 feel has happened in the past. I also want to point
46 out that it's disgusting that when money is being given
47 away from we taxpayers a certain council member comes
48 down for every photo op there ever is when she's giving
49 away my tax dollars. When a person in our county gives
50 the county free tax dollars by giving them free land to

1 build something on that we need, they sit there and
2 don't come down to show respect for money given to the
3 county but has never missed a photo op when she's
4 giving my money to somebody in her district. Thank
5 you.

6 MIKE PITTS: Next is Elizabeth Fant.

7 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm going to edit a little
8 bit about what I wanted to say but I do want to say to
9 the public, some of you who've been witness to a bunch
10 of smear campaigns this week that that is just garbage
11 coming from garbage. And I have a list of things that
12 I was going to read out but I'm not going to. These
13 are actual factual things about people who are in that
14 conspiracy. I want to say something else just in
15 general. Life is not about who your family is, what
16 possessions you own or what position you hold. Living
17 well is about being honest, forthright and giving a
18 fair deal to your common fellow man. It's about
19 leaving a legacy of being kind and true to the earth,
20 its peoples, all living creatures, including the
21 animals, that God has loaned you for a short while.
22 Each of us is but a grain of sand in God's plan. And
23 He will see to justice. As you live so shall you die
24 and all become dust and everything about you will be
25 remembered for your deeds. Good or bad. Just remember
26 that. And God is in control.

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

28 SHERIFF: I got in a little late. Can
29 I be added to the citizen's ---

30 EDDIE MOORE: You didn't sign up, sir.

31 SHERIFF: I know. I know. But I got
32 in late because I was coming from a -- I just wanted to
33 remind everybody that the Tour de La France is Saturday
34 and there is some competition going on. So I want
35 everybody to make sure especially if you have kids that
36 are five to ten years of age or you have grand kids to
37 come to the Farmer's Market. Be there. I'm going to
38 be at the Great Escape about eleven o'clock because
39 we're having a kid's safe day riding between the cones,
40 teaching them how to ride and things, and helmet
41 safety. And then we have a little race and challenge
42 at noon at the Farmer's Market. And I'm not sure who
43 all is challenged in that. But I just want to tell
44 everybody that I have had Tractor Supply donate me a
45 vehicle and we have tricked it up a little bit and
46 after the race it will be auctioned off and the money
47 goes to the, to the Cancer Association. And it's a one
48 of a kind vehicle. So you need to be there. Thank you
49 very much.

50 APPLAUSE

1 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to council
2 members' remarks. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.
3 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks, Mr. Chairman. Just
6 something brief. I'd like to thank the county staff
7 and Mr. Burns for putting together these parks that was
8 talked about tonight -- that's been talked about. You
9 know, it's something I campaigned on. It's something
10 that I've talked about during the budget process. Mr.
11 Burns has been able to put somebody sort of over it and
12 get something done. And I want to let you know we
13 appreciate that. And that we already got a plan trying
14 to get something together with our parks. These parks
15 didn't get like this since January. They been, they
16 been sort of in bad shape, neglected for some -- quite
17 some time now. I want to thank the citizens again that
18 went back down to the Wellington Park at the first part
19 of the year and helped clean out. Also Mr. Burns, I
20 know you've probably already done this, but please give
21 a thank you letter to the students at Anderson College
22 that come out and helped that and sign it. We greatly
23 appreciate it.
24 RUSTY BURNS: We'll do that. Yes, sir.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
27 BOB WALDREP: Speaking of parks, I was
28 just trying to get a handle on the Civic Center, the
29 sports arena out there with regard to the expansion of
30 the, the additional ballpark out there.
31 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
32 BOB WALDREP: And water, and water park.
33 RUSTY BURNS: Water park. Oh, I hope so.
34 What we have done, with council's permission, we have
35 gone out for professional services, landscape
36 architects and engineers. Off the top of my head I
37 believe we had about at least fifteen firms come in and
38 we put together a diverse group of county staff. We
39 now have one person who we are negotiating with for
40 design services and we hope to have that firm selected
41 in placed before county council possibly at the next
42 meeting is what we're shooting for. And we also had a
43 little waiting period on the bond money according to
44 our county attorney. But that's going to expire in the
45 next couple of days. So that's exactly where we are on
46 that.
47 BOB WALDREP: Well that's the money that I
48 took away from the Dunn I think to put -- okay. Thank
49 you, Tommy. I appreciate that.
50 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

1 BOB WALDREP: The last thing I wanted to
2 say was that I've got some concern about this Tour de
3 La France.
4 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
5 BOB WALDREP: I don't know if I'm saying
6 it right. But anyway when we started out I thought
7 that there was a kind of a feeling among council that
8 there was going to be some participants that were going
9 to be there at eight o'clock on Saturday and that were
10 going to ride fifteen miles back into town.
11 RUSTY BURNS: Well I know that you bought
12 a new bicycle, Mr. Waldrep, at Walmart so ...
13 EDDIE MOORE: We heard of one volunteer.
14 Mr. Waldrep volunteered; didn't you?
15 BOB WALDREP: Well, I, I just thought
16 that there was going to be some more people in that
17 ride. Am I going to be alone in this, this ride? Yes.
18 CINDY WILSON: Is someone handicapping?
19 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
20 TOM ALLEN: Well they will be.
21 BOB WALDREP: Well, I've heard about the
22 tricycle race that y'all are going to engage in, you
23 know, back at the Farmer's Market but -- okay. I just
24 wanted to make sure. Well thank you very much.
25 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
27 CINDY WILSON: Well my training hasn't
28 gotten beyond four miles so I'll go the first four
29 miles with you. What, what time and where?
30 RUSTY BURNS: La France Elementary
31 School. Be there before eight o'clock. And that's
32 where the race will start.
33 CINDY WILSON: And then was there a plan
34 for those of us who are going a shorter distance to
35 maybe be at the Farmer's Market and do a shorter ride.
36 RUSTY BURNS: If someone needs assistance
37 making it the rest of the way that will be provided.
38 CINDY WILSON: I may just get someone to
39 drive and pick me up at the four mile mark.
40 SHERIFF: There is, there is a plan
41 to ride. There's, there's a shorter ride from the
42 Great Escape to the Farmer's Market.
43 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And that's at eleven.
44 SHERIFF: It's 1.8 miles. And if you
45 check Main Street it's mostly downhill until you get,
46 until you get, until you get to Besto and then you've
47 got to climb that little bit of hill and then it's
48 fairly straight from there. I've already checked it
49 out.
50 CINDY WILSON: Do they eliminate, do they

1 eliminate us if we get off our bike and push it up the
2 hill.

3 SHERIFF: No. I don't think so. I
4 don't think so. Now I imagine a lot of the kids are
5 going to be riding from the Great Escape to the
6 Farmer's Market. So we'll ---

7 CINDY WILSON: I'll be glad to bring up
8 the rear. They might run over me.

9 SHERIFF: We'll pace along with you.

10 CINDY WILSON: One, one comment too.
11 And this is a really great opportunity and I think it
12 will be a lot of fun. But one of our speakers was
13 inquiring about the millage and the roads and bridges.
14 We have a roads and bridges department and there's a
15 budget, but I think as far as the millage for the
16 actual paving we had to cut back. Am I saying that
17 correctly?

18 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely.

19 CINDY WILSON: That's why it was combined.

20 RUSTY BURNS: And that's why the
21 delegation stepped in so graciously to allow us to go
22 to that seventy-five percent mark. And now we just
23 need to be nice to Mr. Mark Powell who is on the
24 Anderson County Transportation Committee who I noticed
25 earlier congratulated the county for bundling this and
26 attacking it this way.

27 CINDY WILSON: Well I will be -- and I
28 appreciate that information. And I will be one place
29 or the other. I'll get my marching orders and I'll buy
30 my little yellow jersey and I'll be there. I think it
31 will be a lot of fun and a great cause. Thank you.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns, one thing. The
33 Celebrate Anderson, you want to tell us a little bit
34 about that too.

35 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. That will take
36 place Sunday. The official start time is seven
37 o'clock. We're supposed to have some special guests.
38 We have also invited every mayor and their members of
39 council if they would like to attend to come on stage
40 to show one Anderson. And we've invited our U.S.
41 Senators and we've invited our House member to come
42 there and right at the beginning of the event we would
43 all join on stage. As you also know we're going to
44 have the boy's baseball team from Belton Honea Path who
45 won the state championship. We're also going to have
46 the Crescent Softball team who once again won another
47 state championship. That's ---

48 EDDIE MOORE: It hurts; don't it? Don't
49 it hurt.

50 RUSTY BURNS: ... coming out. I'm sorry.

1 But they're also going to be on stage. The theme is
2 going to be baseball celebrate Jim Ed Rice, baseball
3 and everybody have a good time and the music's going to
4 be partially baseball oriented. So we hope everybody
5 will come out. The event's absolutely free and there
6 will be some balloons taking off on the lawn. Not
7 taking off but lighting up and so we hope that will be
8 a real special day.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Good deal. And I wanted to
10 say -- one more time I wanted to thank the Glenns for
11 donating. You just don't know how much we appreciate
12 that. And six members stood down there with you for
13 the picture and we are very excited about it. And we
14 don't appreciate political posturing by one of the
15 members but, you know, there's six of us up here that's
16 very happy about it. And we thank you very much from
17 the bottom of our heart. And also I wanted to thank
18 Mr. Madison back there for taking the ACOG appointment.
19 And I owe you breakfast too and you've got to call me.
20 So we've got to get together. We've got to do our
21 breakfast because I owe you one. So he's a great
22 addition to the ACOG committee and we're just very
23 excited about that. And Mr. Burns.

24 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I think
25 Mr. Madison has an even huger honor is, at the Caroline
26 Community Center they have taken all of the Senior
27 Citizens' groups in Williamston and combined them into
28 one area. And that is a vibrant active group of people
29 and it is growing by leaps and bounds. And that's due
30 partially -- there are a lot of good volunteers and a
31 lot of good folks over there but Mr. Madison took that
32 bull by the horns and it's just been a great success
33 story that we have a small part to play in.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Madison, you need to
35 come to Celebrate Anderson too. I'd like for you to
36 join us up on the stage. I think that would be great
37 if you could come. We'd be honored to have you there.
38 Anyone else? If not, we're adjourned.
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Anderson County Council

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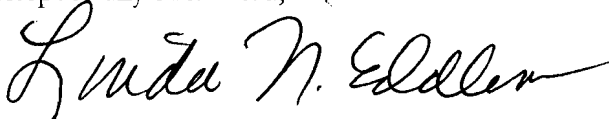
PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, \



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: Meeting September 15th is
2 now called to order. Everyone please rise for
3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Wilson.
4 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON
5 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item Three on the
6 agenda. Approval of Minutes. Do we have any
7 corrections to the minutes?
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
9 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: There were some errors in
11 the minutes that we -- you may need to go through them
12 and get them corrected before they become a part of our
13 files.
14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Do you have some
15 that's marked up for Linda so she can correct them?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I think I talked -- I
17 talked to Linda about them earlier.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
20 motion to accept the minutes with the needed changes
21 and corrections of them.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a motion on
23 the floor to accept the amendments and after Linda
24 proves -- corrects them. Do I have a second?
25 CINDY WILSON: Second.
26 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. All in
27 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to
28 Item Four on the agenda. Citizen's comments.
29 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman. The first
30 citizen signed up tonight is Brooks Brown, IV.
31 BROOKS BROWN, IV: Brooks Brown IV, 700 Wood
32 Lake, District One. Speaking on Ordinance 20 tonight.
33 The state in its good faith put forth some laws through
34 the DNR. That three hundred feet was a reasonable
35 distance. Three hundred feet from homes and businesses
36 is what's in the manual. Three hundred yards is
37 excessive. In many cases you've got people with ten or
38 fifteen acres that have no shooting lanes. Because of
39 the way they're laid out they cannot shoot. We've got
40 Boy Scouts going for merit badges with little twenty-
41 twos. Can't shoot the twenty-twos because there's not
42 three hundred yards. Nine hundred feet. Now I took
43 the time this afternoon to look up two particular
44 states, Wyoming and Montana. Two of the largest states
45 in the country where three hundred yards would be no
46 problem. They have one hundred yards. Three hundred
47 feet. It is not necessary. But we have a lot of
48 people that are just anti-gun. When Ms. Floyd had her
49 committee a few years ago we had a lady that just did
50 not want shooting, period. Under any circumstances.

1 This is ridiculous. If you live in the country you're
2 going to have shooting. The Sheriff has reminded us
3 that the first Saturday in September and the second
4 Saturday in October, they get most shooting calls when
5 dove season and rifle season open. And people are
6 complaining. And most of this could be handled with a
7 call to your neighbor. If you're going to have someone
8 that has -- can't enjoy a barbeque for the shooting,
9 call your neighbor in advance. Say Mr. Neighbor, I'm
10 having friends over. Can we do away with the shooting
11 for one night? I assure you most problems will
12 disappear. But this thing of calling the Sheriff every
13 other time there's gunfire, there's gunfire. You're in
14 the country. It's going to happen. And three hundred
15 yards is not going to eliminate the gunfire. You're
16 still going to hear it. I think three hundred feet is
17 reasonable. And more than that it needs to be what
18 direction are you shooting. If I've got my shoulder up
19 against my building, it's not going to hit that
20 building. I need to make sure, it's my obligation to
21 see where my projectile is going. That's the main
22 thing. And as far as bullets hitting a building,
23 that's an assault. It's crossed the property line.
24 The Sheriff has means of dealing with that. He doesn't
25 need to be running all over on these spurious
26 complaints. I think cut the thing down to three
27 hundred feet or just do away with the darn thing.
28 We've got sufficient coverage under state law. Thank
29 you very much.

30 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mary McAbee.
31 MARY MCABEE: Mr. Chairman and members of
32 council, I am Mary McAbee, 6925 Liberty Highway,
33 Pendleton, County Council District Four. I am speaking
34 tonight as an ordinary citizen and not in my capacity
35 as President of the Bishop's Branch Precinct nor as
36 President of the South Carolina Federation of
37 Republican Women. I would like to speak in opposition
38 to Mr. Allen's proposed gun control ordinance. As a
39 republican I see this ordinance as a violation of
40 several personal freedoms. The Second Amendment to the
41 Constitution gives me as a citizen the right to bear
42 arms. What good would that right be if I cannot fire
43 those arms? The right to bear arms carries with it the
44 inherent right to shoot those arms especially on my own
45 property. Secondly as a republican I advocate for
46 smaller government. This council would be growing
47 government by adding to the rules and regulations that
48 control my life and the lives of all citizens in this
49 county. By telling the citizens of this county when
50 and where they can discharge firearms this ordinance

1 increases the intrusions of government into their
2 lives. Instead of passing new laws to control what we
3 can and cannot do and force the laws we have already.
4 Thirdly as a republican I espouse the tenant of
5 personal responsibility. Let me be a responsible
6 individual. I don't need a county ordinance to tell me
7 it is irresponsible to shoot a gun towards my
8 neighbor's house. I don't need a county ordinance to
9 tell me how much land I would need to own in order to
10 fire a gun. I own twenty-seven acres of land. If this
11 ordinance were to pass I would need to buy an
12 additional thirty-one acres or more to be able to
13 discharge a gun on my own property. Six members of
14 this council call themselves republicans. I call on
15 this republican majority to act like republicans and
16 defeat this ordinance. Thank you.

17 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.

18 LESLIE WHITE: Good evening, council. Mr.
19 Chairman, I would just bring your attention to Items
20 Eight (d) and (e), Resolutions 23 and 24. I just would
21 favorably ask that when we present an agenda that these
22 things are listed as to what, what land is talking
23 about being sold rather than just a generic sale issue.
24 Because I have no way to research it or do any study of
25 my own on it before it's brought up. And so rather
26 than just saying a transaction for the sale of certain
27 real estate I would just ask that you would list what
28 that area of real estate is so that we could be a
29 little more informed before we get here. Thank you.

30 MIKE PITTS: Next is Rich Vasilescu, if
31 I'm pronouncing that correctly.

32 RICH VASILESCU: I'm here to oppose that bill
33 that Allen -- Tom Allen wants to do because I agree
34 with the three hundred yards and I know a lot of people
35 probably don't. But -- and I have twenty-two acres and
36 I also have a pistol permit and I don't want my rights.
37 But I don't like people shooting around my house,
38 Hunting or whatever they're doing and putting my family
39 and myself in risk. I think that three hundred yards
40 ain't even enough. But you know, three hundred yards
41 is fine. But over here it says the exception -- one of
42 the exception is lawful game hunting which tells me
43 that you're saying it's okay during the hunting season
44 to shoot within three hundred yards of a house -- a
45 residence. And according to the DNR rules, rules and
46 regulations it says it's unlawful to hunt deer within
47 three hundred yards. So I'm against, you know,
48 changing that three hundred yards. I think it should
49 stay in force. I don't care about target shooting or
50 anything else, but that three hundred yards for hunting

1 I think should stay in force. Thank you.

2 MIKE PITTS: Next is Terry Chapman.

3 TERRY CHAPMAN: Mr. Chairman, County
4 Council. Terry Chapman, Community leader, Appleton
5 Mill, Old Town New Town, District Two. I too am here
6 to speak on Item Twenty and Twenty-One. Item Twenty
7 I've heard them talk about feet, yards. I understand
8 the concern and I appreciate Mr. Allen and admire him
9 for at least bringing something up. But I don't think
10 whether it's three hundred feet or three feet, the only
11 way to control it, my feeling the best way is to
12 educate people. Of course you can educate them. I was
13 talking to someone about, about like getting a driver's
14 license. You teach people to drive. You send them to
15 driver's ed. They pass the test. And they still can't
16 drive on the road. So -- but, but it's the best that
17 we can do. And it's the same way with rifles, pistols,
18 shotguns. I trained my boys with a B-B gun to treat it
19 just like it's a grenade launcher to educate them. Now
20 some people -- we're not going -- you can't teach them
21 common sense. But I'm like Mr. Brown, you know,
22 unwillingly I'm not going to shoot at my house, my
23 neighbor's house or somebody I don't like. I -- that's
24 not a way to do it. But you know, trying to take away
25 a people hunting on their own property or in a small
26 area I think it's the wrong way to go. Item Twenty-One
27 where public safety and departments going up under the
28 Sheriff. I believe that'll be a good move for the
29 county. Talking with a lot of people and seeing what
30 could take place, it would, it would give the public
31 safety a little bit better look into what they can do
32 and can't do. Plus also put them up under the
33 jurisdiction of, of the Sheriff. To me that's where
34 public safety or park rangers or whatever you want to
35 call them need to be. Because they're law enforcement.
36 And they need to be trained. So I think it'd be a good
37 asset to the county as well as the job that can be done
38 in the county. And I thank the Sheriff for even
39 considering taking on more than what's he's got now. I
40 asked him why does anybody want to be Sheriff. Because
41 it's a great responsibility. But I ask the county to
42 pass the reading to putting the departments up under
43 the Sheriff. And like I say again, Mr. Allen, I don't
44 think the three hundred feet, three hundred yards or
45 three feet. It's educating people. And if they're not
46 educated, you know, they didn't give me a gun permit
47 just because I wanted to carry a gun.

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

49 TERRY CHAPMAN: I had to pass the test.
50 That's what we need to do. Thank you.

1 MIKE PITTS: Lori Lund.

2 LORI LUND: Lori Lund, 3 Sitton Street,
3 La France, District Four. And this is regarding
4 Ordinance Number 20. And that I whole heartedly
5 approve of this. I'm one of those that have neighbors
6 that shoot. I don't want to take away anyone's gun
7 rights. And that I myself am a deer hunter. And that
8 but when I am out in my yard trying to take care of my
9 property, take care of my animals and someone is
10 shooting a gun. I have tried to talk to my neighbor
11 about it and their response was, went in, got a shotgun
12 and shot it off less than ten feet from where I was
13 standing. And that to me, common sense cannot be
14 taught to some people, but I need my safety for myself,
15 my property and my animals. Thank you.

16 MIKE PITTS: Holly Alexander.

17 HOLLY ALEXANDER: Good evening, council
18 members. My name is Holly Alexander and I'm really
19 here just to bear witness for Ms. Lund's issue with her
20 neighbors. There was an incident back last fall where
21 I was at their home.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Could you speak into the
23 microphone so we can all hear you? Thank you. We want
24 to hear what you've got to say.

25 HOLLY ALEXANDER: I'm sorry. I'm really here
26 just to bear witness to an incident that occurred at
27 Mr. and Mrs. Lund's home last fall. I was there and a
28 witness to some of the what I'm going to term reckless
29 shooting off of a weapon. Just very close to where her
30 and I were standing with no really rhyme or reason.
31 There was no target shooting going on. It was just a
32 matter of walking out the front door and shooting off
33 guns. So I'm really here just to back her up and be a
34 witness to that. I would like to say that my personal
35 opinion is this. I know how to shoot a gun. I have no
36 problem with guns. I would in no way want to refrain
37 someone's rights when it comes to a gun or gun control.
38 However, to me this is an issue of safety against
39 reckless behavior. You know, we have laws as a society
40 that curb reckless behavior when it comes to being
41 behind the wheel of a car. You know, we have laws that
42 require or curb reckless behavior when it comes to
43 driving, owning a pet, so on and so forth. And to me
44 this is really no different than trying to protect
45 one's self from reckless behavior. Thank you.

46 MIKE PITTS: William Lund.

47 WILLIAM LUND: William Lund, La France,
48 District Four. Item Twenty. I'm the -- been suspected
49 or been subjected to people shooting for the last two
50 years. Reckless endangerment to my property, myself

1 involved. The last incident about not even three
2 months ago, a boy shot -- an unsupervised boy about
3 thirteen, fourteen years old shot a two seventy rifle.
4 I got around the corner of my garage just in time to
5 see the boy pick up the gun, the muzzle pointed
6 directly at me. This is about thirty to fifty feet
7 away maximum. I tried to talk to them about this. It
8 does no good. So it just goes on and on. I've had
9 contractors come out to do some work for me. He came.
10 He's walking up the driveway. The shooting started.
11 He turned. Walked away, got in his truck, told me, I
12 do not need this. Three hundred yards. DNR says three
13 hundred yards for deer hunting. Okay. So a deer is
14 more precious than human life or property. I don't
15 think so. I think we need to stick with this. This is
16 not just about me. There are many other people I'm
17 sure that have this situation and they're not happy
18 about it either. Thank you very much.

19 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.
20 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm speaking on regards to
21 putting the park police under the Sheriff and other
22 items that are fiscal responsibility. If you'll pass
23 those out please for me. The first ten years of the
24 twenty-first century have been plagued by economic
25 turmoil. Events such as 9/11, the Iraq war, Hurricane
26 Katrina, Four Dollar gas, major California forest fires
27 and political corruption have overwhelmed us. When our
28 leaders like Clinton's Buff?? Order group and Cheney's
29 Haliburton profit from the public's need to protect
30 America. We know something must be done. South
31 Carolina is doing it. Despite Governor Sanford's
32 indiscretion he was honest enough to admit it and
33 apologize. Sanford has been one of the few to realize
34 that the economic black hole is just beginning. The
35 gift of stimulus money is just putting off the eventual
36 pain of more debt and no money to pay for it. South
37 Carolina House member Jim Wilson's exuberant remark to
38 Obama, You Lie, should be understood as indication that
39 the mostly solid conservative majority will no longer
40 take the bulldozing and shove down your throat of
41 political leaders' liberal agendas. As for Anderson
42 County politics, yes you may see fewer people in
43 council since 1230 WAIM streams the meeting in real
44 time. And you may still see the uncouth, unruly,
45 uncivilized, rude and dishonest try to disrupt. But
46 make no mistake this hardworking, intelligent,
47 educated, honest Anderson constituent majority, once a
48 sleeping giant, has awakened. Beware. We will not
49 tolerate politics of the past. We elected three new
50 council members and a new Sheriff who pledged honest,

1 sound, transparent government. South Carolina now
2 leads the states is sunshine laws of openness and
3 transparency. In nine months this new council has
4 worked to correct the old myths, cut the new budget by
5 eleven million and has put in place a fair and legal
6 bid process. We will vote out the old cronies and
7 anyone of the new elected who do not fulfill the will
8 of the people.

9 EDDIE MOORE: You need to stay on the
10 agenda.

11 ELIZABETH FANT: I am.

12 EDDIE MOORE: The agenda items.

13 ELIZABETH FANT: It's the economy. But the
14 federal government is lying to us. Banks and auto
15 industry may be less shaky but national recovery will
16 be a long way out and affect only certain pocketbooks.
17 South Carolina made headlines as the third highest in
18 unemployment, but there are no immediate prospects for
19 enough jobs. Columbia legislators have estimated
20 another five percent shortfall. Add to that the South
21 Carolina foreclosure rate is up. Local revenues will
22 be cut. If you'll look at the agenda that I handed to
23 you, this is what I suggest to council for economics.
24 Bottom line to council. You need to cut. However, one
25 and a half million off of this year's budget. However,
26 whenever, but now. Do whatever you can to help
27 existing business thrive. Start saving ...

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

29 ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you.

30 EDDIE MOORE: I remind everyone, please
31 stay on the agenda items on citizen's comments on Item
32 Four. At later in the meeting we have another
33 citizen's comments and you can comment on anything you
34 want to. But Item Four is for agenda matters. And I'd
35 appreciate it if you would pick an agenda item and talk
36 about that agenda item. Thank you. Who's next?

37 MIKE PITTS: Tommy Henderson. **

38 TOMMY HENDERSON: Hey, council. How y'all
39 doing this evening? I'm at 512 Lewis Drive. My name
40 is Tommy Henderson. And I'm on the gun thing too. I'm
41 a gun owner and I believe in the rights of the American
42 people to have guns. But like this couple of people
43 said while ago I've been in the same situation. Had
44 somebody shoot and it hit my building and my young'uns
45 was out there. Well I agree in the rights to hunt
46 cause I like to hunt and fish. But I also believe the
47 rights of the American people should own their guns,
48 but I think most of it that when they're firing off
49 they shouldn't be there to start with. Or they's
50 either on something, or drunk or someway like that.

1 Because accidents happen and I'm not saying that
2 because an accident can happen to anybody. What I'm
3 saying is I propose that maybe Anderson County does
4 like they do on the night on the fire. If you're going
5 to burn in your yard you got to call and get a number.
6 Well if a man knows he's going to be shooting tomorrow
7 or something he needs to have some way to call because
8 911 has all of people how much land we all got. And if
9 you call them and say, hey, I'm going to be shooting
10 tomorrow at a certain time, then it'd be fine if they
11 look at the map and say, well he's got enough room to
12 shoot. But if he don't then if he shoots off anyway it
13 ought to be a fine to that person. Or if somebody's
14 out there just shooting because they out -- feel like
15 they're having fun, then I think that's wrong. Then
16 the Sheriff ought to get involved. But I don't think
17 the Sheriff ought to get involved every time that
18 somebody shoots a gun. And the reason -- and the way I
19 think that they could maybe stop this is have some kind
20 of thing where they can call in and get some kind of
21 permit, say I'm going to shoot. Thank you.

22 MIKE PITTS: Candy M. Kern-Fuller.
23 CANDY M. KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chair, I'm Candy
24 Kern-Fuller. I live in Mr. Allen's District. I'm the
25 proud owner of twenty-five acres of land. I'm also a
26 proud gun owner. I'm speaking tonight on Ordinance
27 8(a) and 8(b). I ask this council not to approve this
28 ordinance. I ask this council if they want to pass an
29 ordinance like this such they can give the Sheriff
30 authority to come out and do something when there is a
31 violation that any ordinance passed be consistent with
32 the DNR regulations. As the proud or semi-proud owner
33 of a fur bearer depredation permit which is a permit
34 that we were required to get to shoot a coyote that's
35 on our land, I would not be able to protect myself and
36 my animals if this ordinance were to pass. Because the
37 last time that I saw the coyote he was about twenty
38 feet from me when I got out of my car. I got my hand
39 gun out of the car and I have to have the permit
40 physically on my body if I'm going to shoot that coyote
41 at night. I also speak against Ordinance 8(b). I
42 would like the council as they discuss this to discuss
43 what the reasons are behind what we're doing. Is the
44 purpose of what you're doing under 8(b) to replace the
45 current head of the public safety? Is it to replace
46 the current head of public safety with another
47 unposted, unannounced replacement for a new position
48 that's created? And if that is the purpose then state
49 that it's the purpose. Address those issues another
50 way rather than reorganizing departments. Thank you.

1 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

2 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman
3 and council. First let me speak to 2009-021. I happen
4 to know the Sheriff has been working very hard with
5 this and with all the people involved. I know his
6 heart is in the right place. I know he's looking to
7 save us money. I know he's looking to make this county
8 more efficient. And from everything I've heard from
9 everyone involved I think it's a good deal. More to
10 the point the reason I'm here to speak tonight is on
11 Item 2009-020. God is definitely looking onto the
12 representative from District Four. He gave us a little
13 bit of rain to cool this issue off. I know this
14 individual is a good man. I know he's a fair man. I
15 know he is not a gun owner hater. I actually have a
16 lot of respect for the representative from District
17 Four because he didn't choose to play politics with
18 this issue. He stood up like a man and he's
19 representing the people of his district. I know him to
20 be a very good man. That aside, no one has the right
21 to relinquish the property rights of one person over to
22 another and make that property owner have to ask
23 permission to do anything on their land. That needs to
24 be struck from this thing. I am quite certain that is
25 probably a very unconstitutional action there. I've
26 heard the three hundred yards, three hundred feet
27 bandied about. If it was my way it wouldn't be three
28 centimeters. The right to keep and bear arms is
29 something that was given to us by God. No man has a
30 right to rule over it. Period. We've gotten away from
31 that understanding of that very fundamental principal.
32 However, being the way things are, if there exists
33 something that says three hundred feet to go hunting,
34 which I like to do, I think what's good enough for the
35 state is probably good enough for the county. I don't
36 say I appreciate it or approve of it, but three hundred
37 yards I think is overbearing, outrageous and just, just
38 another attempt by government to expand into an area
39 where they have no business expanding. Property rights
40 of the property owner belong to them exclusively.
41 Period. Thank you.

42 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.

43 MARK POWELL: Short people. Mark Powell,
44 District Seven. Got to live up to my representation.
45 You guys are doing a great job. I appreciate what you
46 do. I heard District Four representative speak about
47 how this issue came up and I do appreciate any council
48 member who brings forth to you guys to discuss and have
49 open forum on issues within your individual districts.
50 I would hate to think though that if a neighbor of mine

1 hated the fact that my cat gets up on top of their car
2 and puts little cat paws all over it. I'm not saying
3 my cat does that but most cats do. I'd hate to think
4 that someone could come up with an ordinance saying
5 cats have to be on a leash or cats have to be in a
6 cage. I know there's not a lot of similarities there
7 except for the fact that just because some people have
8 issues, some people have problems. Laws to restrict us
9 all don't have to come -- be enforced. The burning ban
10 you guys tried to do years ago or a few months back.
11 Last year maybe or first of this year. I don't
12 remember where it was. But you know, the community
13 spoke out and there's people with respiratory problems
14 so you voted against that and we didn't have a burning
15 ban within the county. Cause I mean who's going to
16 pick up the stuff that we get rid of by burning if you
17 didn't have it? The gun issue. You know, I have -- I
18 heard these people's problem. If a gun's pointed at
19 you in a malicious way I am shocked if the man who sat
20 in that position before Skipper did or Skipper can't
21 come out and do something to a person who points a gun
22 at you in a malicious way. If we don't have laws for
23 that we've got bigger problems. Park police or public
24 safety. You know, I hear on the radio and I hear
25 people talk about we can go from seventy something
26 thousand, eighty thousand dollars per person to thirty
27 thousand by going to security guard. I know a lot of
28 policemen. I know even more constables who won't be a
29 policeman because policeman don't make enough money.
30 Now I don't know where this seventy, eighty thousand
31 dollars came from, but if that's how much the benefits
32 cost for an employee of this county you need to cut
33 some benefits. Because I know the actual officers
34 don't make that much money so if it becomes the total
35 package because of benefits, y'all need to solve some
36 budget problems by cutting a whole lot of benefits. I
37 cannot comprehend seventy, eighty thousand dollars per
38 park police is what we're hearing and I have no clue if
39 there's any truth to that. But please don't pass the
40 gun ordinance. I own twenty-one acres. I could shoot
41 in several directions and I do understand you don't
42 have a problem unless a neighbor complains. These
43 people's neighbor have a problem. So if -- unless a
44 neighbor complains if I heard, heard you correct it
45 ain't a problem. In other words as long as nobody says
46 nothing about it, you can shoot your gun all you want
47 because your neighbor's probably going to be shooting a
48 gun. In my case they would be anyway. You know, so as
49 long as nobody complains it's not really an issue.
50 It's a moot point. Except for the fact we can't always

1 come up with laws just because it's a good thing for a
2 few people in our county. And I know cats don't really
3 relate to guns being pointed and houses being shot with
4 bullets. But we can't come up with an ordinance every
5 time somebody has a complaint. But I do appreciate
6 your bringing it forth for your people. But it ain't
7 an issue if your neighbor don't complain.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Before we go on to Item 5, I
9 would like to make a little comment here. We got our
10 Chase back there. He was elected to Senate and I
11 wanted to congratulate him, at Anderson University.
12 And also today we have with us Mr. Silas Crisp. He's
13 the student body president. And I'd like to recognize
14 both of you. These young men are our future leaders.
15 Everybody give them a big hand.

16 APPLAUSE

17 EDDIE MOORE: They're going to be studying
18 the Parliamentary procedure format. Y'all might want
19 to go someone else to learn it. Sometimes we get a
20 little bit off on it. We try hard though. We're
21 better. We'll now go to 5, Item (a), Resolution to
22 Cadets. Ms. Cindy Wilson.

23 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
24 would like to put this in the form of a motion. And
25 then have these wonderful young folks and their
26 teachers to come forward please. This is a resolution
27 honoring the Cadets and dedicated leaders of the
28 Palmetto High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer
29 Training Corp. Air Force Junior ROTC for performing
30 above and beyond normal expectations for distinguishing
31 themselves through outstanding service to their school
32 and community and for receiving the distinguished unit
33 award for the third consecutive year, and other matters
34 related thereto. This is in the form of a motion.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor. Do I
36 have a second? We have a second. Any discussion? All
37 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.

38 CINDY WILSON: Tonight we have the honor of
39 recognizing these wonderful young people. They
40 actually won this award but took off to their
41 deployment I suppose before we could honor them.

42 Whereas, Anderson County Council recognizes
43 that young people are the leaders of the future and
44 desires to honor those programs and activities that
45 foster strong leadership, citizenship, patriotism,
46 responsibility and life skills; and

47 Whereas, the Air Force Junior ROTC develops
48 young citizens of character by teaching cadets the
49 values of personal responsibility and pride and
50 accomplishment and service to country and community and

1 by building self reliance, leadership skills,
2 orderliness, precision, respect for constituted
3 authority and basic military skills; and

4 Whereas, the Air Force Junior ROTC
5 Distinguished Unit Award recognizes units that have
6 performed above and beyond normal expectations,
7 distinguishing themselves through outstanding service
8 to their school and community while meeting the Air
9 Force Junior ROTC mission or producing better citizens
10 for America; and

11 Whereas, the Palmetto High School Air Force
12 Junior ROTC has been honored with the Distinguished
13 Unit Award for the third consecutive year and is one of
14 only three hundred and ninety-three units nationwide to
15 receive this designation; and

16 Whereas, Anderson County, a body politic and
17 corporate and political subdivision of the State of
18 South Carolina, acting by and through its county
19 council wishes to recognize those individuals and
20 organizations that promote the development of
21 citizenship, leadership and responsibility in our youth
22 and to honor the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior
23 ROTC for these great accomplishments; and

24 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by
25 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that
26 Anderson County, acting by and through its county
27 council hereby, recognizes and honors the Palmetto High
28 School Air Force Junior ROTC, Lieutenant Colonel Mike
29 Creamer, Master Sargent David Livingston and the
30 deserving Palmetto High School students for their
31 dedication to the goals of the Air Force Junior ROTC
32 and for bringing this great honor home to Anderson
33 County. Anderson County further honors and recognizes
34 all of the parents, teachers and volunteers who enable
35 the youth of Anderson County to participate in
36 worthwhile events such as the Air Force Junior ROTC and
37 hereby encourages the citizens of Anderson County to
38 support the Air Force Junior ROTC and other similar
39 organizations. This resolution shall take effect and
40 be in force immediately upon enactment.

41 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 15th
42 day of September, 2009. Let's give all of these
43 wonderful people a hand.

44 APPLAUSE

45 CINDY WILSON: I would like to introduce
46 Lieutenant Colonel Michael Creamer and we'll hand out
47 some of these awards. I don't think we have all
48 twenty-five but ...

49 MICHAEL CREAMER: While he's doing that I
50 would just like to say one of -- these kids from --

1 kids -- young people from last year, They have to come
2 up with goals. And one of their goals is community
3 service. School and community service. Their goal
4 from last year was to do thirty-five hundred hours of
5 school and community service. They did just under
6 seven thousand hours of school and community service.
7 So when we put that forward to the Air Force that's one
8 of the major reasons they were presented this award.
9 Another one is they said they want a hundred percent of
10 our seniors to graduate. And for three years a hundred
11 percent of our seniors have graduated. I'd like to
12 introduce our -- well I'll get our Deputy Commander --
13 Group Commander, Felicia Edwards, Fourth Year Cadet.
14 It's her time to speak. This is about the young
15 people. Not us. We've, we've had our time.

16 FELICIA EDWARDS: We have David Dial, Bree
17 Simpson, Mikala Mauldin, Brian Woodso, and Tyler
18 Cunningham. Four of these cadets are color guard
19 members and drill team members. We work hard. We try
20 to do everything we can to help. And these -- we love
21 them. They're awesome. They'll help us. They, they
22 just help anyway they can. And thank you on behalf of
23 the Cadet Corp.

24 DAVID DIAL: I wasn't planning on this
25 one. It's a joy to be with this, this unit here. I'm
26 a Palmetto graduate and coming back here is like a
27 dream come true. Getting to share the time with the
28 kids. They work hard. You know, they had a choice to
29 do one or two things. They could go out and do a lot
30 of drill competition or they could do community
31 service. And they do community service like you would
32 never believe. It's a joy to watch them work. When
33 they go to some of the retirement facilities and do
34 balls and stuff for them, You just would not believe
35 what they, what they do. We're very proud of them.
36 And again I'm so glad to be part of Anderson County.
37 Thank you.

38 MICHAEL CREAMER: I'd like to add one thing.
39 He was talking about the ball. Last year we went to
40 assisted living. What was it ... To their Valentine
41 ball. It was amazing to see a sixteen year old guy
42 dancing with a hundred and two year old woman. And
43 they had a blast. So that's the kind of things these
44 young people are doing. And thank you, council
45 members. Thanks for this honor.

46 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item (b) on the
47 agenda. R2009-52, a resolution recognizing and
48 honoring Hugh Oldham, the volunteers, employees and
49 businesses who gave their time, effort and service to
50 plan, organize and orchestrate the successful Second

1 Annual Snowbirds over Anderson Air Show and other
2 matters. Mr. Allen.

3 TOM ALLEN: We need to put that in the
4 form of a motion. I'd like to put it in the form of a
5 motion.

6 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the floor
7 and we have a second. Any discussion? All in favor
8 raise your right hand. Unanimous.

9 TOM ALLEN: I'm about to introduce a
10 gentleman here that I honestly believe has more pull
11 than any dairy farmer I ever met because he managed to
12 pull things off this past year that were quite
13 impressive.

14 A resolution recognizing and honoring Hugh
15 Oldham, the volunteers, employees and businesses who
16 gave their time, effort and service to plan, organize
17 and orchestrate the successful Second Annual Snowbirds
18 over Anderson Air Show, and other matters related
19 thereto.

20 Whereas, the Second Annual Snowbirds over
21 Anderson Air Show was held on May 13, 2009 at the
22 Anderson Regional Airport and would not have been
23 possible without the dedication and leadership of Hugh
24 Oldham who stepped forward giving countless hours and
25 personal resources to plan, organize, delegate,
26 orchestrate and -- this significantly successful event;
27 and

28 Whereas, the Second Annual Snowbirds over
29 Anderson Air Show was opened by the eleven member
30 precision flying team RV followed by the aerobatic
31 stunt pilots Gary Ward in his MX2 stunt plane and Greg
32 Connell in his Pit Special Bi-plane. Spectators were
33 then treated to a spectacular exhibition by the United
34 States Golden Knights parachute team and the United
35 States Air Force A10 Thunderbolt II Warthog
36 demonstration flight before enjoying an outstanding
37 performance by the world renowned Canadian Snowbirds;
38 and

39 Whereas, Anderson County's Second Annual
40 Snowbirds over Anderson Air Show not only showcased the
41 capabilities of Anderson County and advanced the
42 County's reputation as a premier location for such
43 events, but it also displayed the capacity and
44 versatility of the Anderson Regional Airport, which
45 will undoubtedly stimulate more business and future
46 expansion at the Anderson Regional Airport; and

47 Whereas, Anderson County wishes to acknowledge
48 and commend Hugh Oldham, the volunteers, businesses and
49 the employees of Anderson County for their individual
50 and collective roles in the success of the Second

1 Annual Snowbirds over Anderson Air Show and for working
2 to fund the air show completely, providing free
3 admission and free parking to residents and visitors.

4 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by
5 Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that
6 Anderson County acting by and through its County
7 Council hereby thanks each of the individual Anderson
8 County employees and volunteer citizens who helped make
9 the Canadian Snowbird Air Show a resounding success;
10 and Anderson County further honors and recognizes Hugh
11 Oldham for his dedication and loyalty to the Anderson
12 Regional Airport, commitment to inspiring an interest
13 in aviation, and his leadership in seeking the
14 betterment of Anderson County and its citizens. And
15 Mr. Oldham, thank you for your efforts to promote the
16 Anderson Regional Airport and Anderson County...

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18 TOM ALLEN: ... back to your community and
19 an invaluable asset to Anderson County.
20 Congratulations on another job well done.

21 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 15th
22 day of September, 2009.

23 APPLAUSE

24 HUGH OLDHAM: The -- I do have a -- on the
25 way down I scribbled on the back of a card a couple of
26 the individuals. I really accept this -- proudly
27 accept this on behalf of the team that we were able to
28 assemble to put this show together. My greatest claim
29 to fame is I had the best Rolodex. I had all the
30 telephone numbers. That we were able to bring these
31 people together. Mr. Roy Ivey, Design Concepts, is the
32 man who stepped forward at the time that we really
33 needed the shot in the arm financially and helped us
34 get really roaring. Colonel Barry Wood, a retired Air
35 Force fighter pilot, combat pilot over North Viet Nam
36 was our leader. He was the man from the airport's
37 advisory commission. He stepped forward in a very
38 important leadership position. I've also got Linda
39 Gunnings' name down here. She's the administrative
40 assistant out at the airport. This lady and her
41 husband, Paul, were both instrumental in getting things
42 done. They put in more hours than we'd better talk
43 about on -- to go to there because they did it both on
44 their private time and working out there. Linda kept
45 me straight with the FAA and those people. Matthew
46 Littleton over at Emergency Services. If you were out
47 there and you were able to get off the field in forty-
48 five minutes, it's because of our emergency services
49 here at Anderson and their expert planning. They did a
50 fantastic job. Sharon Gundrand, who's sitting out

1 there on the back row with us right now from the
2 economic development. Sharon took it on her own
3 initiative to do all the social functions and put
4 everything together that so impressed the Air Force,
5 the Golden Knights from Fort Bragg and the Canadians.
6 Thank you, Sharon. And also the other one I've got
7 down here is Ralph Bulldog as I named him Driver.
8 Ralph is our -- one of our line employees out at the
9 airport. He's also very active in the Civil Air Patrol
10 and gives thousands of hours each year for our youth
11 and others. And Ralph is the type person -- the reason
12 I named him Bulldog, you gave him an assignment and he
13 wouldn't let go until it was done. The A10 team was
14 just totally blown away with the level of service and
15 commitment that we got from Ralph. And finally a man
16 that's just received a promotion here in the county is
17 Glenn Brill down at the Convention and Visitor's
18 Bureau. Glenn was an -- just an unwavering advocate.
19 A man who helped us with the publicity. He solved
20 problems. He just very simply was the Johnny on the
21 Spot and another one of the people that we have here in
22 Anderson that operates here under the radar. The most
23 amazing thing that I've found here is that here in
24 Anderson County that the community came together for
25 the common goal, subjugating their own interests,
26 subjugating their own agendas to improve and make
27 Anderson be highly visible on an international scale.
28 I've even had people from way up in the Moose Jaw
29 Sasquatchian that talked about the reception that they
30 got in Anderson County. Because of you the citizens,
31 because of the team that we pulled together. All
32 volunteers. All doing it for that common goal. And I
33 really appreciate it. It makes me proud to be from
34 Anderson, South Carolina. Thank you, Tom.

35 APPLAUSE

36 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item (c), Pride
37 award. Pride award for Benji Barbare for exhibiting
38 calmness and quick thinking during a near drowning
39 situation at Lake Hartwell on June 27, 2009. Mr. Dunn.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

42 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion. Do we have
43 a second? And we have a second. All in favor raise
44 your right hand. Unanimous.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Chairman, I don't believe --
46 Benji Barbare is not here tonight. I was told he's not
47 -- wasn't going to be able to make it. But I'll, I'll
48 make sure with the help of Ms. Eddleman that he gets
49 this and I would like to read this into the -- for the
50 record.

1 Anderson County acting by and through the
2 Anderson County Council and the County Administrator --
3 Administration in special recognition of your heroic
4 act that saved the life of Brooklyn Irvin, Anderson
5 County and its people hereby confer upon you, Benji
6 Barbare, the Anderson County Pride Award for exhibiting
7 calmness and quick thinking during a near drowning
8 situation at Hartwell Lake on June 27, 2009. We
9 commend your split second decision to come to the aid
10 of a complete stranger and administer CPR. Your
11 actions saved the life of a two year old, Brooklyn
12 Irvin. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item (d) on the
14 agenda, Pride awards for West -- Hanna Westside
15 Extension Campus Interior Design students. Ms. Floyd.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to put this in
17 the form of a motion that we extend this award.

18 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
19 floor and we have a second. Any discussion? All in
20 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Will the young ladies
22 involved in this and their director/teacher please come
23 to the front. Oh yeah. I'm talking about you, ladies.
24 Come on up front. It gives me, it gives me great
25 pleasure to introduce to you these young ladies and
26 their instructors. What did they do? They have done
27 something that I will never achieve in my lifetime and
28 some of you will never achieve in your lifetime either.
29 These young ladies went to Nashville, Tennessee for
30 their annual conference Interior Design and Decorating.
31 Fashion. Okay. All of the above. And they received
32 national recognition. National recognition. I would
33 like to introduce to you Sarah, thank you, Jordan.
34 Okay. Sarah Jordan, their supervisor or teacher or
35 instructor, will tell you a little bit more about what
36 happened to these young ladies and how they have made
37 us so proud back here in little ole Anderson, South
38 Carolina. Please.

39 SARAH JORDAN: I wasn't prepared to speak,
40 but I will be happy just to quickly tell you what these
41 students did. They represented our state for an
42 organization called Family Career and Community Leaders
43 of America which is located in our school. It is only
44 open to interior design, fashion design and culinary
45 art students. My students are both interior or fashion
46 designs students. And we also had a culinary arts
47 student to represent our school as well who couldn't be
48 here. He's serving in the Army and just started boot
49 camp. And we have one interior design student who
50 could also not be here. She has just started Anderson

1 University and so she was with classes tonight. But I
2 just want to say that these students represented our
3 school and FCCLA which is the organization at the state
4 and won first place and then they went on to national
5 competition where they received gold -- excuse me --
6 silver medals. Each and every one of them. So I'm
7 just very proud of them. This is the first time ever
8 in our state we've had fashion or interior design
9 represented on a national level and it came from
10 Anderson, South Carolina. So thank you.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: We are proud. We are proud.
12 I would like -- it says acting ... Yeah. Thank you.
13 Thank you. Acting by and through the Anderson County
14 Council and the County Administration in special
15 recognition of your outstanding representation of
16 Anderson County and the State of South Carolina in the
17 Family Career and Community Leaders of America
18 competitions in Nashville, Tennessee July 2009 and for
19 earning the silver medal. Anderson County and its
20 residents hereby confer upon you the Anderson County
21 Pride Award. I hope that you will keep this with you
22 forever. Okay.

23 SHARON JORDAN: Dustin Brown was in the
24 Army. I mentioned his name. And Alyssa Gardner is our
25 student who is at Anderson University and just started
26 in interior design. And this is Leah Deutsch.

27 APPLAUSE

28 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item (e), Pride
29 award for Coach Randy Scott. Ms. Wilson.

30 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
31 I'd like to have Mr. Scott come forward shortly. First
32 we'll read the caption. A resolution to command and
33 honor Honea Path Middle School Cubs football coach
34 Randy Scott for his dedication to the athletic program
35 at Honea Path Middle School and congratulate him for
36 his outstanding twenty-one year coaching career at
37 Honea Path High School -- excuse me, Honea Path Middle
38 School -- and his lifetime achievements both on and off
39 the field, and other matters related thereto. I put
40 this in the form of a motion.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor. Do I
42 have a second? And we have a second. Any discussion?
43 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.

44 CINDY WILSON: Is Mr. Scott here? Oh good.
45 Come forward.

46 Whereas, the Anderson County Council considers
47 it a privilege to recognize the Belton Honea Path Cubs
48 football coach Randy Scott and his significant
49 achievements during his twenty-one year coaching career
50 at Honea Path Middle School; and

1 Whereas, under the leadership of Coach Randy
2 Scott the Honea Path -- Belton-Honea Path Cubs won
3 eleven Little River conference football championships,
4 had seven undefeated seasons and compiled a one hundred
5 and twenty-one/thirty-eight record; and

6 Whereas, Coach Randy Scott was recently
7 honored at the Laurens game, the birthplace of his
8 coaching career, where he coached at Ford Middle School
9 for fifteen years; and

10 Whereas, Scott taught his players by example,
11 pushing them to the very best they could be and all the
12 while reminding them to never stop til the buzzer
13 sounds, and birds fly but eagles soar; and

14 Whereas, the success of the Honea Path Middle
15 School athletic program could not have come about
16 without the dedicated leadership and excellent coaching
17 abilities of Randy Scott who has trained and coached
18 the Cubs for twenty-one years; and

19 Whereas, Scott had the privilege of coaching
20 all three of his sons beginning and ending his tenure
21 at Honea Path Middle School with one of his sons
22 wearing a Bear -- excuse me, wearing a Cub uniform.
23 Ryan in 1988 and Charlie in 2008; and

24 Whereas, Scott may officially have retired
25 from coaching and teaching but his legacy lives on in
26 the hearts and minds of those who played football and
27 basketball for him; and

28 Whereas, Anderson County Council and the
29 residents of Anderson County are pleased to acknowledge
30 the Honea Path Middle School Cubs football team for
31 their many outstanding and undefeated seasons which is
32 a direct reflection on the dedication and excellence
33 exhibited by Coach Randy Scott; and

34 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
35 Anderson County Council, Coach Scott, you have
36 demonstrated character and integrity in addition to
37 good sportsmanship both on and off the field. By
38 example you have taught the players within your charge
39 more than athletics. You've taught them how to live.
40 Your influence will continue to have a lasting and
41 positive impact on the lives of young people you have
42 touched. We the council extend the warmest wishes and
43 success in all your future endeavors. This resolution
44 shall take effect and be in force immediately upon
45 enactment.

46 Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 15th
47 day of September, 2009. Coach Scott.

48 APPLAUSE

49 RANDY SCOTT: I'm very appreciative of the
50 fact that the council has called on me today for this

1 honor. It's a great honor for me and I would like to
2 thank them very much for taking the time out of their
3 busy schedule to do this for me. I've coached for
4 thirty-six years and I've taught for thirty-six years.
5 And I started out in Laurens County at Ford School. I
6 spent fifteen years there. And I've always lived in
7 Honea Path, South Carolina. And I moved to Honea Path
8 as far as my job and school in 1988. And I decided to
9 retire this year. I felt like thirty-six years was
10 long enough for those children to be looking at me. So
11 I decided to retire. I enjoyed every, every year I
12 had. We didn't win a championship every year, but we
13 always put a team on the field that we could be proud
14 of. I'd like to thank all those people that helped me
15 along. All the principals. I worked for five
16 principals. Ms. Floyd was an assistant principal there
17 at Honea Path Middle School when Mike Hall was
18 principal. So I worked for five principals and I
19 enjoyed every year. I had a lot of support from the
20 community of Honea Path. From my family. From
21 everybody that came in contact with our program, I
22 think they supported us. And I had some fine assistant
23 coaches. You know as well as I do it takes eleven good
24 football players to make a good football team and you
25 cannot do it alone. There's no way in the world. And
26 one thing that we tried to teach our players was team
27 work. And I'm just very appreciative of this honor. I
28 didn't get the phone call till four o'clock today. I
29 called back over here and the lady said, can you be
30 here at six o'clock. I said, yes, ma'am. I'll be
31 there. But I'm very appreciative of this and I want to
32 thank you very much, council.

33 APPLAUSE

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: I cannot let Mr. Scott sit
37 down without saying something about this man. The
38 entire time I was there, I think it was for about eight
39 years, he was there for the kids and he was there for
40 me. Folks, take a look at a man with integrity, with
41 class, with character and with style. We worked
42 together to try to promote education among the
43 athletes. I went to him one day and told him my idea.
44 I don't know whether he liked it or not but he made me
45 feel like he liked it. And he implemented it. Randy,
46 it's been good knowing you all these years. I'm glad
47 you're retired. There is life after school.
48 Congratulations to you and to Mrs. Scott.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 6

1 on the agenda, Cancer Association. Ms. Kathryn Smith.
2 Ms. Smith. Is she here? Okay. She's not here. So
3 we're going to take a five minute break right now.

4 BREAK

5 EDDIE MOORE: Did Ms. Smith ever show back
6 up? Ms. Kathryn Smith ever show back up? Okay. We'll
7 go ahead and go on to Item 7(a), 2009-18 an ordinance
8 amending Ordinance 99-004 Anderson County Zoning
9 Ordinance as adopted July 20, 1999 by amending the
10 Anderson County Zoning Map to rezone from R-20
11 Residential and R-10 to PD Planned Development District
12 that parcel of land consisting of 6.07 acres in
13 Hopewell School Precinct on Concord Road, South
14 Carolina. The zoning application prepared by Palmetto
15 Acquisitions dated June 16, 2009. The plan prepared C.
16 E. Property Solutions, LLC. The parcel is further
17 identified as TMS 145-00-07-005 and 145-00-07-008. Mr.
18 West.

19 BILL WEST: I'm just here to answer any
20 questions. You passed this on first reading at the last
21 -- at the public hearing at your last meeting. As I
22 said, I'm just here to answer any questions if you have
23 any more of me and a representative of the owner is
24 here as well.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make a
26 motion to adopt this to get it on the floor.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion made to adopt.
28 Do I have a second? Second. Any discussion?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

31 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to ask Mr.
32 West, any comments from the citizens in the community.
33 I've heard none. I went out there and looked, but I
34 didn't know if you'd heard anything.

35 BILL WEST: We have not heard any
36 further comments either.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. West.
38 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Hearing none
40 we'll now vote. All in favor of moving this ordinance
41 raise your right hand. All opposed. Seeing none.
42 Unanimous. Now go to Item (b), 7(b), 2009-0019. An
43 ordinance prohibiting former members of Anderson County
44 Council from accepting employment with the county or
45 performing consulting services for the county and
46 matters related thereto. This is a public hearing.
47 Public hearing is now open.

48 BROOKS BROWN, IV: Brooks Brown again, Mr.
49 Chairman. Did a little bit of homework on this. The
50 United States Congress has a one year moratorium on its

1 members coming back as lobbyist. I believe, if I'm not
2 mistaken, Mr. Waldrep, isn't that the same in the State
3 House that there's a moratorium?

4 BOB WALDREP: I believe so, Mr. Brown,
5 particularly with lawyers and people that are running
6 for judgeships and things of that nature.

7 BROOKS BROWN, IV: Right.

8 BOB WALDREP: So that's the policy.

9 BROOKS BROWN, IV: My feeling is if it's
10 good enough for Congress and it's good enough for the
11 State House then by God it's good enough for us. And I
12 encourage y'all to pass this. Thank you, sir.

13 THOMAS CULBERTSON: Mr. Chairman, Thomas
14 Culbertson, County Council District One. On this
15 ordinance here it doesn't have any time limit where a
16 former elected official can come back to work for the
17 county. But I -- and it doesn't prohibit relatives for
18 getting very exclusive, very exclusive consulting jobs.
19 So I think that should be put in there and this thing
20 should be passed to prohibit this in the future, for we
21 have been taken for a ride, I'll tell you. Thank you.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

23 RICK FREEMANTLE: Mr. Chairman and council,
24 I too am in favor of this action. You know, in today's
25 world we look at the federal government and we see
26 individuals like Mr. Geitner and Charlie Rangle, Acorn
27 Organization. It's becoming very apparent that
28 governments everywhere from little local governments
29 like this all the way to the White House are just
30 racked full of corruption. People filling their
31 pockets full of money, getting family members jobs, you
32 name it. Our government has gone astray. It's costing
33 us trillions of dollars. I'm all for this. Probably
34 wherever your ordinance is written, it details that
35 this would be a year. If that's the way it is I'm all
36 for that too. I'm also in favor of building on this if
37 need be to deal with sitting council members and anyone
38 that happens to be related to them having any kind of
39 position with the county. It shouldn't happen. It
40 doesn't look good. It may be perfectly fine, perfectly
41 legit, but it doesn't look good if it looks like there
42 might be some kind of a favor here, there or anywhere.
43 If you hold an elective office I feel you have an
44 obligation to guard against that kind of thing. And
45 again if need be and you must -- if you have to build
46 on this ordinance to take care of two problems in one,
47 I think it'd be a good idea. But as you have it here
48 I'm all for it. I hope it is a one year moratorium. I
49 think like the previous speaker said that's more than
50 fair. Thank you.

1 MARK POWELL: Always coming up after short
2 people. Mark Powell, District Seven. Let's think
3 about this thing. We understand that about seven
4 thousand bucks was spent for a council member that was
5 dis-elected. What does dis-elected mean? It means as
6 of the primary he was no longer a council member coming
7 January the 1st. This dis-elected council member at
8 our expense spent over half that Seven Thousand Dollars
9 in transportation, hotels and meals for training for a
10 job with this county. Now I'm told as I read through
11 the Blogosphere of this Anderson County area that oh
12 that's okay. He's an employee. All employees of
13 Anderson County have the right for educational
14 enhancement and reimbursement by the county. Okay. I
15 found out about January or February that I happen to be
16 an Anderson County employee. I worked as a poll
17 worker. I got an Anderson County paycheck. Sixty
18 bucks. I along with all the other members who do that
19 or receive any county paycheck, I'd like to be educated
20 too. If he deserves to be educated because he was a
21 sitting council member, an unelected one though, a
22 sitting council member on the payroll, I therefore
23 qualify. I don't know, the administrator job looks
24 pretty good. Makes your hair turn gray, but it's all
25 good. But it may 1.14 Million Dollars when you want
26 to get out of it with a supposedly anticipatory breach
27 of contract which I hope is part of the reason why this
28 ordinance is being looked at. You know people, you
29 can't help but to anticipate, there was going to be no
30 breach of contract. If he wanted to quit he could've.
31 But we can't help but to think, at least in my opinion
32 and many others, that a lot of the actions that
33 happened toward the end of last year, along about
34 September 18th, a month or so before the buy out, gravy
35 train strawberry contracts were given. You can't help
36 but to think the last evening before his last day in
37 November, giving away 1.6 Million Dollars to a
38 consultant, something weird about a hotel room in
39 Anderson over near I-85 or something. I don't know.
40 That's a strange one to me. But you can't help but to
41 think there's a lot of things that have happened in
42 this county as a buyout and a payoff and something that
43 it is there through you do this for me and I'll do it
44 for you. That council member did not deserve Seven
45 Thousand Dollars worth of reimbursement on our money.
46 He wasn't a council member in my opinion because he was
47 unelected. He was no longer going to have a job come
48 January. And if council members or any other employee
49 deserve education I want my Master's Degree so I can
50 apply for the administrator's job. Fair's fair. If

1 that's truly is the policy. I can't imagine how much
2 it's going to cost us to educate people. Pass this
3 ordinance. If it's -- I think I remember it being two
4 years instead of one year. I'm hoping it's a minimum
5 of two. Hopefully enough contacts and warm and fuzzy
6 type associations will be gone within two years. I'm
7 hoping. I think I remember two. I hope it's two.
8 Change it to two. Amend it. Please don't allow
9 employees of the past or council members of the past to
10 come in on a gravy train job at my expense. Thank you.

11 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else. Seeing none,
12 hearing none, the public hearing is now closed. Can I
13 entertain a motion on this.

14 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

16 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to move it.
17 And we have a second. Any discussion? Mr. Waldrep.

18 BOB WALDREP: This bill is an interesting
19 one because it does have a history. I think Ms. Wilson
20 and I have introduced similar legislation a couple of
21 years ago when a composition of the council was
22 somewhat different. I think that if we had been able
23 to pass that bill at that time we would have saved a
24 fair amount of money as a county. And I just hope that
25 the council will see fit to pass this because I think
26 it's good for the public to know that we're up here for
27 public service. That's the main thing. And we need to
28 give the public all the confidence that we can. So I
29 just ask for your consideration of this vote.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Now vote. All
31 in favor raise your right hand. All opposed. May it
32 be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr.
33 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd
34 voted no. We now go to Item 8(a) on the ordinance's
35 first reading, 2009-020. An ordinance to prohibit
36 discharge of firearms within three hundred yards of a
37 dwelling, house or a place of business located within
38 the unincorporated areas of Anderson County and to
39 provide for certain exceptions thereto. Mr. Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 First of all I'd like to preface this by saying that
42 the purpose of this ordinance is to provide a degree of
43 protection and safety for residents in Anderson County.
44 There are people that feel their safety and health and
45 indeed their lives may be in jeopardy because of some
46 of the actions that occur out there. It also does
47 something else and that is it'll protect gun owners'
48 rights to keep and bear arms. I don't want an accident
49 to occur. I don't want anyone to get hurt. I'm afraid
50 if that does happen, who knows, some group could come

1 in here that really wants to lay some heavy duty gun
2 laws onto the books. So I hope that this ordinance
3 will serve a two fold purpose. I was just going to
4 note that some of the complaints that I've had on this
5 really don't seem to fit in anywhere into any of the
6 current laws. But I'd like to go on then and read the
7 ordinance and get it into the records.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I would like to say
9 one quick thing.

10 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

11 EDDIE MOORE: I heard a phone go off.
12 Everybody please remind you that your phones should be
13 cut off and any electronic devices that make any kind
14 of noise, I'd appreciate it if you'd cut it off. Thank
15 you. Okay. Mr. Allen, sorry to interrupt you.

16 TOM ALLEN: Ordinance Number 2009-020.

17 An ordinance to prohibit the discharge of firearms
18 within three hundred yards of a dwelling, house or
19 place of business located within the unincorporated
20 areas of Anderson County and to provide for certain
21 exceptions thereto.

22 Whereas, Anderson County desires to promote
23 the safe handling of firearms in certain unincorporated
24 areas of Anderson County;

25 Whereas, Anderson County desires to make it
26 unlawful to discharge firearms within three hundred
27 yards of any dwelling, house or place of business
28 located in the unincorporated areas of Anderson County
29 and to provide for certain exceptions to that
30 prohibition;

31 Now, therefore, be it ordained by Anderson
32 County Council in meeting duly assembled that it is
33 hereby unlawful for any person in the unincorporated
34 areas of Anderson County to discharge any rifle, gun,
35 pistol, revolver or other similar instrument from or by
36 means of which any bullet, shot, projectile, or missile
37 of any kind may be projected within three hundred yards
38 of any structure occupied as a dwelling, house or place
39 of business regardless of intent. Nothing contained in
40 this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the
41 following. These are the exceptions. A lawful act of
42 defense of life or property; (b) lawful enforcement or
43 code enforcement duties by a law enforcement officer;
44 (c) the shooting of any rabid dog or other dangerous
45 animal that might be jeopardizing your life; (d) where
46 express permission is granted by the adjoining
47 landowner or the Anderson County Sheriff; (e) where an
48 individual is on their own property and the discharge
49 is more than three hundred yards from the closest
50 adjoining dwelling, house or place of business; (f)

1 lawful game hunting upon an individual's property or
2 the property of others with express permission of the
3 landowner provided all South Carolina laws and
4 regulations pertaining to game hunting are complied
5 with; or (g) shooting ranges in compliance with the
6 South Carolina Code Section 31-18-10 and Section 38-178
7 of the Anderson County Code. Any violation of this
8 ordinance shall be punishable as provided for in
9 Section 1-7 of the Anderson County Code. The remaining
10 terms of this provision of the Anderson County Code of
11 Ordinances not revised or affected hereby remain in
12 full force and effect. Should any part or provision of
13 this ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or
14 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction
15 such determination shall not affect the rest and
16 remainder of this ordinance all of which is hereby
17 deemed separable. All ordinances, orders, resolutions
18 and actions of Anderson County Council inconsistent
19 herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only,
20 hereby repealed, revoked and rescinded. This ordinance
21 shall take effect and be in full force from the day and
22 after the third reading enactment by Anderson County
23 Council.

24 Ordained in meeting duly assembled this 15th
25 day of September, 2009.

26 I'd like to put that in the form of a motion.
27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a form of a
28 motion. Ordinance 2009-20. Do I have a second?

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd seconds. Any
31 discussion?

32 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

34 BOB WALDREP: I wanted to say first that I
35 truly applaud and respect Mr. Allen for bringing up
36 probably the touchiest subject that we've had in a good
37 while. I guess everybody's phones have been ringing
38 about this particular issue and it certainly has
39 stirred up a good bit of discussion both pro and con.
40 I think it's an important issue that we need to be
41 looking at. Listening to some of the comments made by
42 law enforcement officials on this issue makes me I
43 guess a little bit more conscious of the dangers that
44 have been out there and some of the personal
45 experiences that people have had. Tom, anyone that
46 takes on the NRA and the gun toting public in Anderson
47 County has got to be a man of considerable courage and
48 so I wanted to tell you that. But nevertheless, I do
49 have some problems with the bill and what I'm hoping,
50 and I know that you're last thought, Tom, was to -- go

1 shoot pretty good.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Y'all hold it down.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: I shoot pretty good. If you
4 don't believe me come around about three o'clock
5 tonight and ring the door bell. Okay. And if I can do
6 it to me, you know, I'm not too afraid to do it to
7 anybody else who threatens me or threatens my property.
8 But my point is this, my point is this, no I'm not
9 going to give up my gun. I'm not. Because I have
10 people who comes to my house -- people who come to my
11 house who are not invited, but they just try to come in
12 anyhow. I'm going to protect Gracie Floyd. But I
13 don't want bullets flying around my neighborhood in my
14 backyard around my children. Around my neighbors'
15 children. Around my neighbors. We will never get this
16 ordinance passed here in Anderson County. We will
17 never. We know that. We know that. It's going to
18 take a couple of people getting killed first. And we
19 haven't had enough for that to happen. But yes, yes, I
20 do shoot. But I'm smart enough to go somewhere where
21 shooting is allowed. Oh yes, I am. I go places where
22 shooting is allowed to shoot. Because I don't want to
23 subject my neighbors, my community to an accident
24 because I just had to shoot in my yard because nobody
25 can tell me what I can do on my property. Thank you.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

27 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman. Okay. Yeah.
28 I'd just like to have for a reference. Sheriff, if you
29 could point out on the chart over there the number of
30 calls that come in each year and approximately where
31 they're located regarding gunshots.

32 SHERIFF: What Mr. Allen had asked for
33 was some information from the Sheriff's office so we
34 printed out this. And my -- Katie Brown, our crime
35 analyst, made up this map. So on the break or at the
36 end please feel free to go over there and look at it.
37 Make sure you look at the little ledger at the bottom.
38 There are large circles which represent ten to
39 seventeen incidences and then they go down to small
40 ones which represent one. And you can see over at the
41 lake and up toward Pendleton. Obviously you have some
42 in the city limits of Pendleton. Those are shots
43 fired. And what we did is we printed this out and
44 these are the signal 57s. When we put out a call we
45 give the officer signal 57 which means shots fired in
46 the area. We did a comparison from September 1 of
47 2008, September 14th which was yesterday, so we're just
48 over a year. There were nine hundred and eighty-two
49 signal 57s given out for the year. And I've got a
50 monthly breakdown. Seems like the biggest month, and

1 this is a no brainer like I said on the radio, we've
2 got little charts here too, but the biggest month is
3 obviously September and October. Dove season and deer
4 season. But these are calls where people call. Now
5 there are also those calls similar to these people here
6 where we went and people were shooting in the
7 neighborhood. Yeah, we do have a lot of hunting in our
8 area and we do check those out. Earlier someone
9 mentioned that the Sheriff and Sheriff deputies
10 shouldn't be going out and checking out these calls and
11 spending our time. But here's the deal. If somebody's
12 shooting in anybody's neighborhood and you hear shots,
13 you don't know if your neighbor has shot your neighbor.
14 You don't know if the wife has shot the husband. The
15 husband has shot the wife. So we have to respond. If
16 we just didn't respond my phone would be lit up with
17 people not responding. So basically in a year's time
18 nine hundred and eighty-two. On those there's a little
19 chart here, and I'll be glad for somebody to see this,
20 we didn't make a bunch of copies. I have it broke out
21 by regions too since we're now patrolling by regions.
22 It's got -- we've got completed, gone on arrival,
23 incident report made, so we've got totals for that. No
24 action taken, two hundred seventy-six of those was no
25 action taken. And of those unfounded when we got
26 there, there was nobody there for us to see shooting or
27 to talk to, was four hundred and thirty-two. So we do
28 have a lot of calls where we go, I hear shots out
29 behind my house, out behind wherever. So when a deputy
30 gets there, you know, there's nothing to find. So that
31 just gives you kind of a quick snapshot of what's
32 happening in the county. Like I said the total of the
33 numbers were nine hundred and eighty-two for a year.

34 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask the Sheriff a
36 question please?

37 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Sheriff, I need to -- I want
39 to ask you one question and this is a sincere question.
40 Now in the city they don't have this. They don't have
41 -- they have a no shooting.

42 SHERIFF: Yeah. The city council's
43 passed the ordinances.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: The city right? Okay. All
45 right. The city did this because their houses are
46 close together and the yards are small; right?

47 SHERIFF: That's my question. It's
48 like I spoke this morning when -- I spoke with several
49 people in here. You know, why these cities pass those
50 ordinances and usually there's no, you know, there's no

1 ruffle about it. It's because of density population.
2 Obviously people are a lot closer together. And I'm --
3 I don't know the answer to this question or the answer
4 to this problem from a law standpoint. Because we do
5 live in a country where we can -- you know, we have a
6 right to have a gun and we have a right to shoot. I'm
7 a concealed weapons permit instructor and, you know,
8 I'm all for people having guns. Seems like there ought
9 to be somebody that can come up with a formula. I
10 think Mr. Waldrep alluded to what I said on the radio
11 this morning. Let's come up a formula on density
12 population. X number of house ...

13 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

14 GRACIE FLOYD: ... and I don't -- I think
15 we have about a half acre lots in my neighborhood. We
16 own property elsewhere, but the -- where we are, little
17 lots; right? So what makes it okay for the city people
18 to be able to do this to protect their families, but I
19 can't do it to protect mine? Is this, is this a case
20 of one law can't suit everybody?

21 SHERIFF: Well obviously I think the
22 cities do it because they're incorporated so they
23 usually act upon a few different rules and the county
24 doesn't allow it. And you're probably right. I mean
25 we, we have a vast array within the county, a lot of
26 farm land, a lot of wide open space where shooting is
27 not a problem. And we're growing. It's just like any
28 other place, we're growing. We -- in talking to Mr.
29 Pitts and Mr. Allen, I talked to him, we checked
30 around, and as I understand it, and I don't want to put
31 words in Mr. Pitts' mouth, but we checked with other
32 counties. What are they doing? Greenville County,
33 they don't have a gun ordinance either for the county;
34 right? They don't have one in the county either. And
35 Greenville's a metropolitan area. So you have the same
36 issues.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

38 SHERIFF: I'd like to take a minute to
39 tell the story. I see, I see Mr. McClellion came in.
40 I used him as an example this morning, just for those
41 that didn't hear the radio. You know, we were out at
42 the airport a couple of years ago and I heard a round
43 go off. I thought it was a car going by us. So I
44 chased the car down. Come to find out when I was
45 talking to these teenagers it wasn't a car -- there
46 wasn't a gun in the car. I heard the round go off
47 behind me. So we go find out, there's a guy down Old
48 Portman Road shooting at a target, a little paper
49 target he had sitting in front of a hill. The hill
50 wasn't but this big. He's not that good of a shot and

1 he's hitting out there some place. The bullet bounced
2 over the hill, goes through Mr. McClellion's airplane
3 and goes in and hits Mr. White's building and goes in
4 and hits the desk in front of where the -- his daughter
5 works. What's the charge? He was shooting at targets.
6 He was on his property. He just happened to be almost
7 a half a mile away. So there is no charge because
8 there is no gun ordinance in the county. So with that
9 we've got issues that we kind of -- and I think maybe a
10 committee is the way to go, Mr. Waldrep.

11 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

13 BOB WALDREP: I don't think there's any
14 law against shooting at a lawyer though in Anderson
15 County.

16 SHERIFF: Not shooting at a lawyer.
17 Did you hear that Mr. McClellion? Exactly. Exactly.

18 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, sir. That was
19 all I had.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Mr. Wilson.

21 RON WILSON: Yes. I believe there's laws
22 on the books to deal with this. The Second Amendment
23 is not written for shooting or for hunting. It's for
24 one reason. It's to protect a populous from tyranny.
25 There's never been one brought to power anywhere in the
26 world that it didn't first disarm the public. This one
27 -- particular ordinance doesn't do that. It simply
28 infringes on our right. It's not about shooting or
29 hunting. It's about freedom. A well armed society is
30 a polite society. A well armed society is always free.
31 I do not support this nor will I ever support anything
32 that restricts the Second Amendment. The Second
33 Amendment in my opinion makes all the other nine
34 possible. And that's where I'll stay.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Hearing none
36 we'll now vote. All in favor raise your right hand.
37 All opposed likewise. Let it be shown in favor was Mr.
38 Allen, Ms. Floyd. Opposed Mr. Wilson, Mr. Moore, Mr.
39 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson. The matter fails.

40 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, may I make a
41 comment?

42 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, sir.

43 TOM ALLEN: All right. Oftentimes with
44 the best intentions things don't work out just right.
45 And sometimes when you try to correct a problem with a
46 broad brush stroke it doesn't work out real well. I
47 had I don't know how many phone calls on this thing. I
48 want to say to the people that do feel their lives are
49 in jeopardy, their health and safety's in jeopardy, we
50 won't give up yet. We'll find some way to work this

1 either using state laws or density areas or something
2 like that and try to find someway to give the Sheriff
3 some kind of a leg to stand on. I haven't given up
4 yet. When I have constituents that need my help that
5 feel their life and safety is in danger, I'm going to
6 do something about it whether it's one or one hundred
7 people. Thank you.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Allen. We
9 now go to Item (b), 2009-021 Ordinance consolidating
10 certain departments of the Anderson County Public
11 Safety Division under the office of Sheriff of Anderson
12 County and to amend Anderson County Code Section 42-73
13 and matters related thereto. Mr. Dunn.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At
15 this time I would like to ask Mr. Pitts if we need to
16 read this into the record, I'd ask him to read this
17 into the record for me. I've had a little surgery done
18 today and my jaw is getting a little sore here. I'm
19 going to try to save my talking until the important
20 stuff if I need to. I'll ask Mr. Pitts if he'd read
21 into the record and I'll -- after he reads it into the
22 record I do make that in the form of a motion.

23 MIKE PITTS: Be happy to. This is
24 Ordinance Number 2009-21. An ordinance consolidating
25 certain departments of the Anderson County Public
26 Safety Division under the office of the Sheriff of
27 Anderson County and to amend Anderson County Code
28 Section 42-73 and matters related thereto.

29 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a
30 body politic and a corporate and political subdivision
31 of the State of South Carolina currently maintains the
32 Public Safety Division which contains, among others,
33 the following department: Department Number 5628
34 Environmental Enforcement and Department Number 5181
35 Public Safety, formerly known as Park Police and
36 Compliance;

37 Whereas, the Environmental Enforcement
38 Department has been performing litter control and
39 animal control duties;

40 Whereas, the Public Safety Department has been
41 providing security at facilities owned and operated by
42 Anderson County;

43 Whereas, certain Code Enforcement Officers
44 have been commissioned by the Anderson County Council
45 pursuant to Section 42-71 of the Anderson County Code
46 for purposes of performing their duties as members of
47 the Environmental Enforcement and Public Safety
48 Departments;

49 Whereas, County Council believes that it is in
50 the best interest of Anderson County to consolidate and

1 restructure both the Environmental Enforcement and
2 Public Safety Departments in order to transfer the
3 duties and responsibilities of those departments under
4 the office of the Anderson County Sheriff in order to
5 increase efficiency and promote the best use of
6 Anderson County resources;

7 Whereas, the Anderson County Sheriff consents
8 to the consolidation and restructuring;

9 Whereas, Code Enforcement officers assigned to
10 county departments other than the Environmental
11 Enforcement and Public Safety Departments shall be
12 unaffected by this change; and

13 Whereas, County Council desires to amend
14 Section 42-73 of the Anderson County Code in order to
15 effectuate the consolidation and restructuring
16 contemplated herein.

17 Now, therefore, be it ordained by County
18 Council in meeting duly assembled that, (1) The
19 Anderson County Environmental Enforcement Department
20 Number 5628 and Public Safety Department Number 5181
21 departments are hereby restructured and consolidated in
22 order to provide that all responsibilities and duties
23 of those departments are transferred under the
24 supervision and control of the Anderson County Sheriff;
25 (2) All Code Enforcement officers assigned to the
26 Anderson County Environmental Enforcement and Public
27 Safety Departments are hereby decommissioned and shall
28 be trained, commissioned and classified as deputy
29 sheriffs subject to the supervision and control of the
30 Anderson County Sheriff; (3) Code Enforcement officers
31 assigned to county departments other than the
32 Environmental Enforcement and Public Safety Departments
33 shall be unaffected by this change; (4) All property
34 and equipment currently being utilized by the Anderson
35 County Environmental Enforcement and Public Safety
36 Departments shall be transferred to the custody and
37 control of the Anderson County Sheriff; (5) Section 42-
38 73 of the Anderson County Code is hereby amended in
39 order to add the following language at the beginning of
40 the section. And that language is as follows unless
41 expressly provided by law and consented to by the
42 Sheriff, this division and then it would go on with the
43 language that's already in there; (6) The remaining
44 terms and provisions of the Anderson County Code of
45 Ordinances not revised or affected herein remain in
46 full force and effect; (7) Should any part of this
47 provision of this ordinance be deemed unconstitutional
48 or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction
49 such determination shall not affect the rest and
50 remainder of this ordinance all of which is hereby

1 deemed separable; (8) All ordinances, orders,
2 resolutions and actions of Anderson County Council
3 inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such
4 inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked and
5 rescinded; (9) This ordinance shall take effect and be
6 in full force from and after the third reading and
7 enactment by Anderson County Council.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Pitts.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have it. Do I
10 have a second on that?

11 TOM ALLEN: Second.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And we have a second.
13 We're in discussion. Ms. Floyd.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Today when I was studying
15 this thing again -- I have been working with this the
16 entire weekend. And today I was working with it again.
17 And I have to ask a question here; okay? It says, all
18 Code Enforcement officers assigned to the Anderson
19 County Environment Enforcement blah blah blah are
20 hereby decommissioned and shall be trained. Now we
21 have some -- do we have anybody on the Environmental
22 Enforcement and Public Safety Department that has been
23 commissioned? And I would like for someone else other
24 than the Sheriff to answer the question for me please.
25 Mr. Burns?

26 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, we have officers
27 with various classifications. Code Three -- excuse me,
28 Code Three -- Class Three.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we have officers who are
30 commissioned?

31 RUSTY BURNS: They hold a ...

32 GRACIE FLOYD: And can be classified as
33 deputy sheriffs already?

34 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sure that we probably
35 have some. I don't know that number, Ms. Floyd.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And if we do are we
37 going to decommission them and make them through the
38 thing again?

39 RUSTY BURNS: I believe that they would
40 not have to be commissioned. I cannot speak with
41 authority on that. But the ordinance says that they
42 would go to the Sheriff's Department. If they weren't
43 commissioned they would be commissioned.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But if they were
45 already commissioned they're going to be
46 decommissioned. See, if you have not been commissioned
47 then you can't be decommissioned. And I don't know if
48 there's such a word as decommission. But if you, if
49 you have been commissioned then you can be
50 decommissioned. But my answer is this, can you be

1 decommissioned if you're already commissioned and you
2 can work as a deputy sheriff? Now see, you're supposed
3 to know these answers because, you know, like this is
4 our department right now.

5 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. It is our
6 department. But it's not our department to have
7 engaged in decommissioning officers and sending them to
8 the Sheriff's office.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. No. I know that.
10 But my question is, do we have officers already on the
11 road who are commissioned already as deputy sheriffs?

12 RUSTY BURNS: And I cannot answer that
13 question.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Who can? From the --
15 who?

16 EDDIE MOORE: The Sheriff.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don't want the Sheriff
18 to answer it. I want the Anderson County Administrator
19 to answer it. We have, we have a department. Where is
20 the department head for these guys?

21 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, the way that
22 department operates now, those officers have the
23 sufficient authority to do what they need to do. Under
24 this transition they would be going to another level of
25 authority. I have not looked into what is necessary
26 for them to go to the Sheriff's Department. For what
27 we're doing they're fine.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.
29 Burns, I'm going to ask you to please look into it for
30 the next meeting. Okay?

31 RUSTY BURNS: I'd be delighted.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Since this is our department
33 now.

34 RUSTY BURNS: It is. Yes.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: We should know what we're
36 giving away or what we're accepting. Also here, number
37 four, it says all property and equipment currently
38 being utilized by the Anderson County da da da da.
39 Does that include the boat that now sits on Lake
40 Hartwell -- excuse me, Broadway Lake?

41 RUSTY BURNS: I believe that boat belongs
42 to Emergency Preparedness Division.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: So the boat will go too?

44 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. The Emergency
45 Preparedness Division is not, is not up for discussion.
46 Just these three items are up for discussion. Park
47 police ---

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Okay. All right.

49 RUSTY BURNS: -- control and animal ---

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. The

1 Emergency Preparedness folks is not up for discussion?
2 RUSTY BURNS: It's not part of this
3 process.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: So they're going to stay
5 where they are?
6 RUSTY BURNS: The boat is at Lake
7 Succession, yes, ma'am, where it is now.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: The boat is not on Lake
9 Succession though.
10 RUSTY BURNS: Well it's at Lake
11 Succession. I don't know exactly where ---
12 EDDIE MOORE: Broadway Lake.
13 RUSTY BURNS: -- it is. I can find. Not
14 Lake Succession, excuse me, Broadway Lake.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Broadway Lake.
16 RUSTY BURNS: And it is at Broadway Lake.
17 EDDIE MOORE: They're close.
18 RUSTY BURNS: They're close. I'm sorry.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: They're not close. And I,
20 and I thank you for making the correction.
21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You had heads shaking
23 up and down like, yeah that was right. We're going to
24 have to look at this again. We're going to have to
25 look at this again. Who is currently over that
26 department?
27 RUSTY BURNS: Which department?
28 GRACIE FLOYD: The one that we're about to
29 let go into the Sheriff?
30 RUSTY BURNS: The Interim County
31 Administrator are over those departments at this point
32 in time.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Okay. Who's over the
34 department that knows about it? You don't.
35 RUSTY BURNS: The gentleman from each one
36 of those departments, they know exactly what they're
37 doing and they're performing their jobs.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good. But I need
39 someone to tell me.
40 RUSTY BURNS: But Ms. Floyd, I'll be happy
41 ---
42 GRACIE FLOYD: I need someone to answer ---
43 RUSTY BURNS: -- to provide you with that
44 information.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: -- the question that you
46 cannot answer.
47 RUSTY BURNS: I'll be happy to get you
48 that information.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you.
50 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

2 BOB WALDREP: May I ask some questions to
3 the Administrator? I just wanted to check out some
4 things. Glad we got the boat settled. It's still
5 going to stay at Broadway Lake and be under. As I
6 understand it the Emergency Services is not on the
7 table at all in this and that's a separate department.
8 But I kind of wanted to talk to the Sheriff a little
9 bit about -- Sheriff, are you here -- about this issue
10 about commissioning and decommissioning. It sounds
11 like a battleship or something.

12 SHERIFF: Yes, sir.

13 BOB WALDREP: Is the purpose of going
14 through this process so that when that person is
15 shifted over to your department then your criterion for
16 being a deputy sheriff will be evoked so to speak that
17 you'll be able to use ---

18 SHERIFF: That's pretty much it. The
19 issue right now is all the people in these divisions,
20 Animal Control, and I always want to say compliance but
21 it's Code Enforcements. There's a lot of Code
22 Enforcements. But we're talking about the litter and
23 the compliance people in this issue. We're not talking
24 about people that go out and inspect buildings, those
25 code enforcements. Okay. So we're only talking about
26 the people that have got guns over at Public Safety and
27 go out. So with that the county ordinance allowed the
28 administrator to commission officers to do those
29 functions, which means they are given a Class III
30 commission and they do some training to get that. With
31 that you can't -- under our state law there's a lot of
32 discussion about it, you can't have dual commissions.
33 So I think what the ordinance is to say is -- Mr. Pitts
34 is saying, at the time that this ordinance is finalized
35 they will be decommissioned from under the county
36 administrator which then allows me to commission them
37 as deputy sheriffs. Deputy sheriffs have two
38 commissions. One is a Class I. The other is a Class
39 III. Class I is a full fledged deputy sheriff that
40 goes to the academy for nine weeks. A Class III deputy
41 is one that has a specific function which many of these
42 deputies -- officers already are Class IIIs. So it's
43 just a matter of the law allowing them to be
44 decommissioned by the county administrator and then me
45 giving them the swearing in and saying you are now
46 commissioned under me the Sheriff and then you work for
47 me. Okay.

48 BOB WALDREP: How many personnel, and
49 maybe both of you can help me with what we're talking
50 about here, with regard to park police, how many people

1 are involved in that?
2 SHERIFF: That's about, I think it's
3 twenty-two.
4 BOB WALDREP: Twenty-two people?
5 SHERIFF: I think it's right at
6 twenty-two.
7 BOB WALDREP: And then -- excuse me.
8 RUSTY BURNS: But I believe that number
9 includes park police, litter control and animal
10 control.
11 BOB WALDREP: All.
12 SHERIFF: That's correct it's that
13 whole three units.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Not just park police.
15 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So you would be
16 taking over animal control as well.
17 SHERIFF: That's correct.
18 BOB WALDREP: And you want to do that?
19 SHERIFF: I've thought about it long
20 and hard. It came from, without going into a long
21 history unless you want to hear it tonight, be glad to
22 do this, all this came from law enforcement years ago
23 anyway. Half of the sheriffs in the county or in the
24 state had their own -- they do the animal control
25 compliance. The other half doesn't. Each one has
26 their own reasons for doing that and so I'm willing.
27 BOB WALDREP: Have you done somewhat of a
28 study on this issue? Apparently you have.
29 SHERIFF: A study?
30 BOB WALDREP: A study as to what you think
31 is the best procedure. Is this going to improve our
32 services I guess you know if we ---
33 SHERIFF: I certainly think it is.
34 And I think, and I think where all originated from and
35 it started out is the building security that we have as
36 you know and many of your -- the people in this
37 audience came up, and this is back up in the previous
38 administrator, previous council's days, talking about
39 when we had officers up here and they're carrying guns
40 and well you can't do anything, you can't arrest me and
41 which pretty much they were right. Because under the
42 county -- under the administrator form of government
43 it's my understanding and Mr. Pitts has researched it,
44 we've talked to Jeff Moore at the Sheriff's
45 Association, that they can't commission people to do
46 building security.
47 BOB WALDREP: Right. Was it true that you
48 could shoot someone, you just couldn't arrest them?
49 SHERIFF: Well that's a -- in my
50 opinion it's like some of y'all have talked about in

1 the gun ordinance previous, everybody has a right to
2 protect their own self to whatever happens. So if that
3 came up, technically, yes.

4 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I guess -- so
5 the total number of personnel we're talking about is
6 twenty-two? Is that right?

7 SHERIFF: I believe so.

8 BOB WALDREP: And that would carry with it
9 the equipment that goes with them, the rolling stock
10 and ---

11 SHERIFF: Yeah. The vehicles, guns,
12 and that stuff.

13 BOB WALDREP: And you're going to change
14 their uniforms?

15 SHERIFF: Yes, sir.

16 BOB WALDREP: Okay. And be responsible in
17 the budget. And I just wondered about if the issue
18 comes up about the fiscal impact of this. Thank you
19 Sheriff very much. The fiscal impact, Mr. Burns, of
20 this?

21 RUSTY BURNS: The fiscal impact, if we --
22 if council decided to go this route we would actually
23 save some money by doing this. But then if you look at
24 it another way -- I mean going from the way it is right
25 now, going to the Sheriff's Department would save us
26 some money.

27 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

28 RUSTY BURNS: But understand this. Under
29 this proposal right here the Sheriff has set millage.
30 This money would remain in the general fund because in
31 essence the Sheriff's millage is full. This money
32 would be under the direction of the Sheriff, but it
33 would still be voted upon by members of county council.
34 Just as the Sheriff's budget is, but it wouldn't be
35 going into the Sheriff's millage which currently is set
36 and grows as the rest of the millage grows.

37 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I wondered -- the
38 last thing that I wanted to bring up was, in the event
39 that this turns out not to be a good idea in some way
40 -- Mr. Pitts, this not irreversible, is it? Can this
41 altered in the sense that we do control the budget and
42 pass ordinances for reorganization?

43 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe it will be
44 irreversible to the extent you've got control over the
45 budgetary process.

46 BOB WALDREP: Oh. All right. Okay. And
47 the last, again the last thing was, I know that there's
48 been a lot of discussion about private versus public
49 and ways to save money. I just wanted to comment on
50 the fact that I do believe we have a very good and

1 professional Sheriff and my concern and my thought was
2 that this action would improve the professional level
3 of the people that we'll be dealing with or that will
4 be dealing with the public. Particularly with the
5 criterion that the Sheriff will be imposing as far as
6 standards of commission, standards of conduct and
7 control. And that I think it will be a positive.
8 That's just an opinion. Never a fact. Okay. Thank
9 you.

10 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

11 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

12 CINDY WILSON: There are lots of merits to
13 this proposal, but I have some questions. First of all
14 I want to commend the Sheriff. I think our Sheriff has
15 been the most visible, most responsive Sheriff I've
16 known in my tenure here. And I want to tell him how
17 much I appreciate it. And I did go out and talk with
18 him yesterday. I've been trying to catch up on the
19 financial aspects of this and all the logistics. From
20 my perspective, having gone through the animal control
21 ordinance a while back, moving our animal control to
22 the Sheriff would be very beneficial because they could
23 then enforce the state laws. I still have some
24 questions about the budgetary issues. I have some
25 concerns that I didn't quite have enough time to get
26 into. I don't know if anyone can answer some of these
27 questions tonight. But under the 5181 compliance
28 office do we have any idea what the Thirty-Six Thousand
29 Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars in program expenditures
30 are? I didn't have a chance to check into this. There
31 was also another issue. I talked with our prior litter
32 officer in the county and he was -- I think he retired
33 back around '95 or so -- and he was very successful in
34 running our litter program. It seemed that the county
35 had very little litter issues to deal with. He and a
36 couple of other officers I believe manned that job.
37 And they were state constables and they were
38 commissioned to enforce county and state ordinances.
39 And I do want to set up some time to talk further about
40 that. Is that something that the Sheriff would manage?
41 They would be state constables under you or would they
42 be like deputies?

43 SHERIFF: (Inaudible.)

44 CINDY WILSON: And I do understand that the
45 Sheriff's office has had to place a number of people
46 over at the new annex at their expense, unexpectedly,
47 and that's certainly something that we need to address.
48 I do have some questions about the park police or
49 former park police situation. I feel like we need
50 further analysis on that because of some issues

1 involving possible bid procedures that I never quite
2 understood that because I did miss that meeting while I
3 was out of town on a medical issue back in May. But I
4 think that there are a lot of things to commend the
5 plan, but I still have a lot of questions and I hope we
6 can answer these questions soon. Thank you.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Mr. Wilson.

8 RON WILSON: Mr. Burns, you said that
9 there would be in -- if we vote to do this, we'll be
10 shifting all these people under the Sheriff, but the
11 money will stay in the budget but he's directing that
12 money.

13 RUSTY BURNS: Well, we would transfer it
14 to the Sheriff's control. But council would have
15 ultimate control over that money as they do all county
16 monies.

17 RON WILSON: How much is it?

18 RUSTY BURNS: How much would the total be?

19 RON WILSON: Yeah.

20 RUSTY BURNS: I think it's around a
21 million -- Million Dollars. I can get you the exact
22 figure.

23 EDDIE MOORE: It's public safety division
24 5181 is One Million Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand
25 Four Hundred Thirty Dollars. The environmental
26 enforcement is a Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand One
27 Hundred and Fifty Dollars. The whole total we're
28 talking about is One Million Five Hundred and Five
29 Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Dollars.

30 RON WILSON: Well that answers that
31 question, doesn't it?

32 RUSTY BURNS: And the Sheriff would have
33 control of that money. Yes, sir.

34 RON WILSON: All right. Now this
35 includes the old park police bunch? The litter, --

36 RUSTY BURNS: Includes the ---

37 RON WILSON: -- litter pick up bunch or
38 whatever?

39 RUSTY BURNS: Animal control, litter
40 control, park police.

41 RON WILSON: Do you have any bids on what
42 this could be done privately?

43 RUSTY BURNS: We put out request for
44 proposals. Those request for proposals were received
45 back into the county and there were varying numbers
46 available.

47 RON WILSON: What are they?

48 RUSTY BURNS: I can't remember all of them
49 right off.

50 RON WILSON: The highest?

1 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Moore.
2 EDDIE MOORE: I really don't want to say
3 all the numbers, but if we did privatize part -- in
4 other words if we left compliance -- maybe shifted
5 compliance over to the Sheriff and then like the
6 security here at the old court house and some of the
7 other places, if we did it that way we could save
8 hundreds of thousands of dollars by doing that. If we
9 did privatize it. Now the reason I can't get into
10 numbers is because I talked with Mr. Pitts is -- on
11 contractual matters and things and the bids -- really
12 the bids are still floating out there. If we discussed
13 what came in from these different contractors we would
14 compromise our position with the county. But I can
15 tell you by doing it privatized we could save hundreds
16 of thousands of dollars.
17 RON WILSON: May I continue?
18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
19 RON WILSON: My concern with this is -- I
20 would agree with something Mr. Waldrep said earlier,
21 where, you know, if we do this is it undoable? It's
22 not undoable?
23 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir. Three readings and
24 if it passes first reading, second reading and third
25 reading then it becomes law. But it can be undone with
26 three readings also.
27 RON WILSON: Okay. So we're talking
28 about 1.5 Million Dollars that will go -- effectively
29 about three mils that we're shifting. I mean we're in
30 control of it but the Sheriff is using it.
31 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
32 RON WILSON: And I've, I've always sort
33 of generally been in favor of this. But I'm beginning
34 to have serious reservations if we can save the kind of
35 money that the Chairman mentioned. I mean I haven't
36 seen those figures so I don't know. But I don't know
37 what I'll do here as far as voting to move this on
38 because I ... Thank you very much.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, you just said
41 that the bids are still floating out there. So you
42 haven't -- the bid process has not been closed yet;
43 right?
44 EDDIE MOORE: No, ma'am.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If it has not been
46 closed yet then are we correct to be voting tonight to
47 pass this on to the Sheriff if the bids are still
48 coming in for privatizing?
49 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I add to
50 ---

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. I have the floor
2 and I'm talking to the Chairman.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Explain your question again.
4 I'm not exactly sure what your question is.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You said that the
6 bids were still coming in. He was asking about
7 privatizing. Am I correct? And you said you couldn't
8 tell us the high bid -- now wait a minute -- because
9 the bids were still floating out there, they were still
10 coming in. So the bids -- and you told me the bid
11 process has not been closed yet. If the bid process
12 has not been closed and people are still sending bids
13 in then are we correct in voting tonight on first
14 reading to turn this over to the Sheriff's department
15 without all the bids -- without the bids being closed?

16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns.

17 CINDY WILSON: May I?

18 EDDIE MOORE: Wait one minute. I want to
19 get this clear about bids. What I was trying to
20 explain was there's still questions that's coming back
21 and forth from the three bidders that we had -- you
22 know, the three bidders that come in and bid. There
23 were still questions that are floating back and forth.
24 Some of the questions have not been answered.

25 CINDY WILSON: The request for proposal.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Now Mr. Burns.

27 RUSTY BURNS: The county solicited
28 requests for proposals. They received three proposals.
29 Those proposals had the right of rejection in that
30 language. If the council decided that there was a
31 better or different way to go, having checked with our
32 legal representative there would be no repercussions on
33 us not following through on those requests for
34 proposals.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: I'd like to have information
36 on the proposals. I'd like to see what they were. I
37 would like to see who they -- who, who did the bids.
38 And I would like to have a statement saying that the
39 bids were closed before we pass this on to the, to the
40 Sheriff. Something's just not right. Now this man
41 said that the bids are still floating out there. He
42 didn't say about questions and answers. He said the
43 bids were still floating out there. And which led me
44 to believe that people were still making bids to this
45 thing. Okay. But he didn't say that now. I'm -- I
46 can only go on what I can hear here because I have no
47 back-up information. I have talked with the Sheriff
48 about this but no one from county. No one from county
49 has discussed any of this with me. So I have to go on
50 what I'm hearing. And right now I'm getting mixed

1 signals here. I'm getting misinformation here. But
2 you know, I thought that we were going to be able to
3 vote on this thing and it was going to be okay, but I'm
4 having second -- second -- second whatever you call it
5 right now.

6 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. May I
7 quickly?

8 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, are you through?
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, thank you.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Wilson.
11 CINDY WILSON: I'm sorry. I misspoke. I
12 said bids, and requests for proposal is a different
13 animal. I think that's more of a precursor to a bid
14 situation in that, as I understand it, the county was
15 looking for some other ideas and it's not a complete
16 process as yet. I think requests for proposal are very
17 good instruments because we can learn a lot about other
18 ideas that we can possibly incorporate if we don't go
19 that way. I think it's a good learning curve for us.
20 And I'm sorry I referred to it as a bid because I
21 should have said requests for proposal.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Because of all the questions
23 on this, I would like to make a motion that we table
24 this for a couple of weeks until all the answers so we
25 can get them back out here to the next meeting.

26 RON WILSON: Second.

27 EDDIE MOORE: And I have a second on it on
28 tabling it. Any discussion?

29 GRACIE FLOYD: No discussion on tabling.
30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
31 TOMMY DUNN: No discussion on tabling.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: I told him that.
34 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor of tabling it
35 then, raise your right hand, for two weeks. All
36 opposed. Let it be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen,
37 Ms. Floyd and Mr. Moore and Ms. Wilson voted yes to
38 table. Mr. Waldrep and Mr. Dunn voted no. So we will
39 table this for two weeks.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, may I please
41 ask that ---

42 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: -- all council members be
44 given all the information that you may have and that
45 Mr. Burns may have concerning this proposal, this
46 project, this bid, or whatever y'all want to call it at
47 this time. I really would like to have all of the
48 documents that I can get my hands on so that I can know
49 just as much as you do.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Carroll, would

1 you make sure she has that. I think those are all
2 those folder books. I thought every council member had
3 them. But make sure that she has one of them. If not,
4 she can have mine.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wilson, do you have one?
6 RON WILSON: No.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
8 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I very
9 quickly?
10 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
11 CINDY WILSON: Would it be possible maybe
12 this Friday to have kind of a working session to go
13 over some of this and get some information?
14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. If that would be
15 okay. Next Friday ---
16 GRACIE FLOYD: No. It's not okay.
17 CINDY WILSON: This Friday.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I have, I have an obligation
19 already for this Friday.
20 EDDIE MOORE: Next Friday.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: I'll be out of town. Yeah.
22 Uh-huh (affirmative).
23 CINDY WILSON: what about ---
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we need a workshop?
25 Couldn't we just get the information and, and read it
26 over, study it the way that we -- in our own way and
27 then call whoever we need to ask questions about it?
28 Mr. Burns, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Whoever else is involved in
29 this thing. I don't think a workshop is always the
30 answer to everything.
31 CINDY WILSON: A working session where we
32 could get some information and not have to get it kind
33 of piecemeal. I think it's more of an inclusive
34 program to do it that way.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I haven't gotten any
36 information period. Piecemeal or no meal. So you know
37 ...
38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
39 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted
40 to -- I was all set to vote for this thing tonight.
41 But some questions have come up, and I believe about
42 three or four weeks ago I saw them, the bids that came
43 in. And I thought each council member received those.
44 And I don't know that we're allowed to mention those
45 numbers. That's why I didn't vote for this tonight.
46 Or voted to table it, because that information is
47 available and I do think it needs to be brought out.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
49 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I just want to say one
2 thing. It's perfectly clear that and if Mr. Carroll
3 wants to step to the mike and speak to this. There
4 have been no bids. You've got to say there's a bid
5 process to go out. And if there was I know nothing
6 about it. There was some questions asked about
7 privatizing the system. What, what would the cost be.
8 Four companies passed -- sent in -- submitted a request
9 or proposals. One company did not submit a proposal.
10 Three of them did. And I'm very interested to see
11 also, a workshop or whatever, the hundreds of thousand
12 of dollars that's going to be saved. Because on the
13 three proposals I've seen I didn't see it. And on the
14 -- the only thing that they bidded out was building
15 security which right now our park police, public safety
16 officers or whatever you want to call them do not have
17 the authority to do. They've got to be -- that's fact.
18 You can check with the Sheriff. You can check with
19 anybody else you want to do that. That's just fact.
20 But that's all I'll say on it.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any other council
22 member? Okay.

23 SHERIFF: Is it appropriate that I
24 speak?

25 EDDIE MOORE: We're going to talk about
26 this thing. Maybe we'll have a -- I might call a
27 meeting on it, have a special called meeting on it.
28 We're going to go now to Item (b), 2009-021. Excuse
29 me, 22. An ordinance authorizing negotiation,
30 execution and delivery of debt service payment
31 agreement among the City of Clemson, South Carolina,
32 Town of Pendleton, and Anderson County, South Carolina
33 and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Burns.

34 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if you don't
35 mind I would like to ---

36 EDDIE MOORE: Let's get it on the floor
37 first. We have a motion on this ordinance's first
38 reading. Do I have a second?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Now we'll go into
41 discussion. Now Mr. Burns.

42 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I could
43 have Greg approach the microphone and explain this in
44 detail. We also have the engineer for the project here
45 with us also, Mr. Chuck Joy.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Before we do that. Mr.
47 Burns and Mr. Pitts, when I received my packet the only
48 thing I had in there concerning this was just two
49 sheets of paper. I don't have any information
50 regarding this. I could not study it because I didn't

1 know what it was all about. All right. Do you have
2 back-up information for -- not back-up. But do you
3 have information that explains what this is all about?

4 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. There should
5 have been. It was inadvertently left out.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: It wasn't.

7 MIKE PITTS: I know it wasn't. It wasn't
8 in my packet either. It was a copying error. There's
9 an exhibit to this ordinance that's the sample
10 contract.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Y'all use that a lot. Where
12 is it now?

13 MIKE PITTS: Ms. Eddleman should have it
14 and she distributed copies this afternoon.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Again I have to tell you
16 this, that when I come to council county meetings I
17 don't have time to read and study. Okay. So please if
18 we could quit having so many of these errors being left
19 out I sure would appreciate it. Thank you. Greg.

20 GREG SMITH: Good evening, Mr.
21 Chairman, members of council. Basically what we've got
22 is the partnership started in 1988 with Pendleton.
23 Pendleton and Clemson have a waste water treatment
24 plant. Anderson County needed some for -- some
25 capacity for economic development and all that. So
26 Anderson County purchased a hundred thousand gallons
27 per day of capacity which helps with industry coming
28 in, residential areas and all that to put in sewer.
29 And basically in the agreements and all that and a
30 little research with it, it seems that everything was
31 stated that when we bought that we actually kind of
32 bought five percent of the plant. Okay. We bought it
33 from Pendleton. So what's happened since then, we also
34 are leasing three hundred thousand gallons for future
35 developments with economic development. And basically
36 this is serving us in Anderson County, the Clemson
37 Research Park, Highway 76, Clemson Boulevard up above
38 Sandy Springs, up past Michelin and all the way up that
39 way. It's time for them with DHEC regulations to do
40 some upgrades to the plant. There's a Phase I-A and a
41 Phase I-B. Basically the total project's probably
42 going to be about 5.4 Million Dollars. Anderson
43 County's responsibility in this becomes -- five hundred
44 thousand was found in grant money, 1.8 million in
45 stimulus money. So actually what is being borrowed is
46 1.62 -- 1.62 Million Dollars I think is what it is.
47 Basically all Anderson County is going to be
48 responsible is their five percent which is a little bit
49 over Eighty-One Thousand Dollars paid back over twenty
50 years at a 3.5 percent interest which is probably just

1 about a little less than Six Thousand Dollars per year
2 that Anderson County is putting into future economic
3 development. And that's kind of the nutshell right
4 there. And this has -- I believe some money in the
5 past before I came in had already been placed in there.
6 About Forty Thousand Dollars was put in there over the
7 years to help with minor upgrades and all that. But
8 it's time for a pretty good upgrade to keep them in
9 with the regulations and all that that DHEC is asking.
10 And basically we're just asking council to give us
11 permission to go ahead and put this in writing to go
12 ahead and do so.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member
14 have a discussion?

15 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Yeah.
16 Since this is in my district I've seen information on
17 this, oh, probably about three or four weeks ago. And
18 it is crucial up that way because that's what gives us
19 room to develop economically up Clemson Boulevard. If
20 we don't have that sewer capacity we lose that. We
21 don't have anything to offer a prospective developer.
22 So I would certainly like to see that approved.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
24 We now vote. All in favor raise your right hand.
25 Unanimous.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: I voted on it for the first
27 reading, but I want to have to read everything. Thank
28 you.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item (d),
30 2009-23. Ordinance authorizing Anderson County to
31 enter into a transaction for the sale of certain real
32 estate and matters related thereto. Mr. Hopkins.

33 HOLT HOPKINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If
34 you'll give me just a second. I want to pull up a map
35 to be able to show everybody what we're talking about
36 here.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: This is a revisit of Stevens
38 Road while he's waiting. Stevens Road is in District
39 Three.

40 EDDIE MOORE: It is.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I visited that road a couple
42 of years ago. I went down that road and the road goes
43 into -- it's a well traveled road for a few minutes and
44 then it goes into the swamp and out again on the other
45 side. I was also shown another road that could take
46 the place of the traffic and it would be something like
47 three minutes around. I was surprised to see this
48 coming back even though that money was set aside for
49 years. I really was surprised to see that this thing
50 had come back up again. And it hasn't gotten any

1 better.
2 HOLT HOPKINS: Okay. Mr. Chairman.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Hopkins.
4 HOLT HOPKINS: Again we have been working
5 on this project for many, many years.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: How many in fact?
7 HOLT HOPKINS: Probably been about five
8 years.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Five years. Yeah.
10 HOLT HOPKINS: There has been a debate back
11 and forth on whether it should have been fixed or not.
12 However, a commitment was made two years ago that ...
13 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE
14 HOLT HOPKINS: What we're here to talk
15 about tonight is trying to get the right-of-way
16 straightened out for this project. We had some
17 opportunities on this to do some swapping of lands if
18 council approves that so that we can save on some of
19 the right-of-way costs. And I'll show you why it's
20 good for everybody involved here in just a second. If
21 you don't mind I've got one map that covers all three
22 -- the next three ordinances here. Let me just kind of
23 show you the whole picture then you can go -- you will
24 need to vote on each one individually. This is the
25 property. Okay. And let me make sure everybody
26 understands. If you go past the Starr landfill,
27 Stevenson Road turns off to the right off of 81. Go
28 about half way down that road where on the back side of
29 Starr landfill there's a bridge down there. All right.
30 This land or this part in gray is what Anderson County
31 currently owns. And a big chunk of that goes on off
32 the screen where the landfill is. This first ordinance
33 deals with Tract E and C. And let me get to the right
34 page here. Well, wait a minute. I'm going to have to,
35 have to jump around just a little bit. All right. C
36 and E here is properties that -- I'm sorry. I
37 apologize. We're wanting to sell these two to Mr.
38 Stevens. All right. He -- but I'm sorry. He has kind
39 of wanted this property here. In return -- I don't
40 know what's -- I'm tongue tied. Mike.
41 MIKE PITTS: Okay. I'll just do it then
42 real quick. I'm not up on the technology stuff but
43 I've reviewed the contracts that were prepared on this.
44 Here's what's going on here is the county owns Tracts C
45 and E on that map. And then Mr. Stevenson owns Tract D
46 on that map up there. So what the county is
47 essentially doing is swapping its Tract D -- or I'm
48 sorry its Tracts C and E for Mr. Stevenson's Tract D.
49 And the difference of -- and I want to make sure this
50 is correct. The properties have all been appraised.

1 The county owned land is -- has been appraised at
2 sixteen three ten. Mr. Stevenson's land appraised for
3 twenty-one seven. So the difference would be Five
4 Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars. The county
5 would be paying Mr. Stevenson Five Thousand Three
6 Hundred and Ninety Dollars and swapping this land.
7 That, that's the essence of the transaction.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Question.
9 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Tracts C and E, what's on it
11 now?
12 HOLT HOPKINS: Tract E is mostly swamp land
13 and Tract C, it's right on the edge of the swamp.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: So we're going to give him
15 -- we're going to trade Tract D. What's on Tract D?
16 HOLT HOPKINS: It's very similar to Tract
17 C.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Almost swamp but not quite;
19 right?
20 HOLT HOPKINS: On the edge.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: So what we're going to do is
22 we're going to give them -- give him a pretty good
23 piece of land, Tract D, and we're going -- he's going
24 to swamp -- he's going, he's going to swap out some
25 swamp land for it; right? I've got some swamp land I
26 want to swap for the Civic Center.
27 HOLT HOPKINS: It's -- yeah. And the
28 appraisals that were done took that into account, the
29 values of the properties based on what's useable and
30 what's not.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Holt, you aren't serious are
32 you? Are we serious?
33 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: So we're going to swamp --
35 we're going to swap Tracts C and E ...
36 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, Ms. Floyd, when we
37 first -- I mean this -- before we even had the bridge
38 over -- had water over the bridge on this project, I
39 mean this was eight years ago Mr. Stevenson approached
40 us about trying to fix the road and could we swap some
41 land around and you know. So this idea's been on the
42 table for many, many years.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Not the swamp part now.
44 Not the swamp part. But what was on the table was the
45 fact that he wanted that road fixed. Okay. When it
46 would have cost -- when it will cost us a lot more
47 money to fix that road when, when there's another
48 access to get, to get around it. But now this swapping
49 business, that wasn't on the board five years ago. Uh-
50 uh (negative).

1 HOLT HOPKINS: No. I mean it was being --
2 it was an idea of that we ---
3 GRACIE FLOYD: An idea. But nobody heard
4 it until tonight.
5 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
6 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, are you through?
7 We're swamped out, aren't we? Ms. Wilson.
8 CINDY WILSON: I was here when Stevenson
9 Road first was born. There are some real issues there.
10 But correct me if I'm wrong. My understanding is that
11 we're -- in order to get permission from the Corp of
12 Engineers and other regulatory agencies we have to bank
13 some wetland. Is that what ---
14 HOLT HOPKINS: That comes up on a later
15 one. I'll go ahead and speed it up and go up to it.
16 That's this gold area that's being reserved as a
17 wetland. It is a wetland. It is swamp. But we're
18 having to preserve it for the mitigation for this
19 project.
20 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Most of that land out
21 there, when I drove out there some years ago, it's a
22 good deal of flood plain, a great deal of swamp. And I
23 do want to let you know I appreciate the efforts to
24 finally get this project going. There was even money
25 from a general obligation bond I think in 2002-2003
26 that had been set aside to do the bridge and that
27 amount of money proved to be inadequate. And I'm not
28 sure we found -- if we ever knew what happened to that
29 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars. But it turns out to be
30 a project I guess along the same lines as Cox Road
31 where we had to go in and raise the elevation of the
32 road bed to get above the plain. Is that correct?
33 HOLT HOPKINS: That's basically what this
34 project is. A true bridge -- a span bridge is not
35 what's being planned here. It is a series of box
36 culverts but raising the road bed up out of the danger
37 of being flooded in the future.
38 CINDY WILSON: And that probably works
39 better, I would think, in preserving the wetland
40 aspects of the property without compromising the
41 integrity of the road. Okay. Thank you.
42 HOLT HOPKINS: And if I could go ahead and
43 explain Tract A. That's ---
44 GRACIE FLOYD: But wait a minute. I have
45 some more questions about this one, Tract D thing. Mr.
46 Chair, if I may?
47 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. On the, on the
49 wetlands here. Whatever Ms. Wilson was talking about,
50 she said it had to be -- it was mandated by who?

1 HOLT HOPKINS: The Corp of Engineers.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: The Corp of Engineers that
3 this be set aside for wetlands; right?
4 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, ma'am.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, if we get it -- if
6 this man keeps it will it still be set aside for
7 wetland?
8 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am. He won't be
9 getting the 6.81 acres that is highlighted in gold.
10 That has to forever be Anderson County property and it
11 will be preserved as a wetland.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But I thought that
13 the Tract D was his property.
14 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am. Everything in
15 gray is our -- is currently Anderson County property.
16 Everything ---
17 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Turn back to
18 that first one.
19 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. All of that is
20 Anderson County property right now.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now go back to what
22 he wants to swap. He wants to swap what for what?
23 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. He wants to own
24 Tract E and C. And we will be getting Tract D along
25 with the right-of-way.
26 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
27 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
28 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Hopkins, isn't this a
29 dump site?
30 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. It's ---
31 EDDIE MOORE: It's below it.
32 HOLT HOPKINS: I mean it's part of the same
33 contiguous -- contiguous land. But it's -- the
34 landfills further away. I mean it's not even on this
35 map here.
36 BOB WALDREP: I notice a monitoring well.
37 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. Yes, sir. And
38 we would have to keep that property for the monitoring
39 well purposes.
40 BOB WALDREP: Is the monitoring well --
41 isn't it associated with the dump site?
42 HOLT HOPKINS: It is. And -- but see,
43 we're not proposing selling the land where the
44 monitoring well is. Matter of fact there's a buffer of
45 a hundred feet from that monitoring well. We have to
46 keep that. But we don't necessarily need these two
47 parcels.
48 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
49 HOLT HOPKINS: We don't need it for the
50 road. We don't need it for the landfill or the

1 monitoring well or anything else. It's, it's on the
2 other side of the gas line that's running at an angle
3 down through there. It's really no -- it serves no
4 purpose to the county in anyway. It would -- for
5 whatever reason it would benefit -- at least Tract C
6 would definitely be connected to Mr. Stevens' current
7 property.

8 BOB WALDREP: Is there any hope for this
9 land?

10 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Stevens is willing to
11 pay the -- what's listed here for it. Or swap in the
12 value of it.

13 BOB WALDREP: I just wonder what its best
14 use would be, I guess is the term that's used about
15 real estate. And one thing I was going to say was that
16 whenever we do have these agenda matters here, and I
17 think the lady in the audience was correct, that we
18 need to try to be a little bit more specific as to what
19 real estate we're talking about on the agenda so that
20 people would have an opportunity to realize what it is
21 that's going to be on our agenda. And would that be a
22 problem to be a little bit more definitive on
23 describing.

24 HOLT HOPKINS: Well, it's, it's kind of
25 hard to get it too much on the, on the front page of
26 the agenda but it is in the packet. I mean it has the
27 agreement ---

28 BOB WALDREP: I understand. We get the
29 packet, but the public doesn't get the packet. That's,
30 that's what my point is that if you could say something
31 like Tract D and C of maybe refer to a plat in, you
32 know, Anderson County in School District such and such,
33 you know, on Stevenson Road or something like that.
34 Just something that the public could have an idea.
35 They seem to be interested in what we do up here with
36 their real estate.

37 HOLT HOPKINS: We normally don't go into
38 these land swapping things because they are
39 complicated.

40 BOB WALDREP: Right.

41 HOLT HOPKINS: As we can see already
42 tonight. But normally we're just buying right-of-way
43 for a road or whatever our need is. But the
44 complication comes is when you're trying to dispose of
45 it.

46 BOB WALDREP: So if you were to sum up the
47 overall benefit for what you're trying to do what would
48 you say?

49 HOLT HOPKINS: We're saving a considerable
50 amount of money in getting the land we needed for the

1 road and just cleaning up some property lines by doing
2 -- swapping land around.

3 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

4 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

6 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

8 CINDY WILSON: I appreciate the difficulty
9 our roads and bridges department has in acquiring
10 right-of-way. It can be a very difficult operation.
11 So it looks like a lot of work went into this and I ...

12 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Now vote. All
13 in favor raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it
14 be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn,
15 Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd had voted
16 no.

17 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. And on Ordinance
18 ---

19 EDDIE MOORE: 24.

20 HOLT HOPKINS: -- 24.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Yep.

22 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. This is just a
23 straight out sale. It really has very little to do
24 with the road right-of-way except that we're preserving
25 what we need for the road. This gentleman in this
26 process just approached us. He already has a driveway
27 and that's on the bottom of your screen, the blue
28 triangle. His driveway -- he has an easement to cross
29 county property to get to his house or his land behind
30 it. We see no use for this property. It's stuck off
31 by itself. The gas line keeps it separated from
32 anything else. The road keeps it separated from
33 anything else. We didn't -- we don't see a need for
34 the county to hold on to it. We recommend that you go
35 ahead and sell it at the appraised value to Mr. Walker
36 for Forty-Two Hundred Dollars.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: What is he going to use --
38 excuse me. Mr. Chair.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: What is he going to use it
41 for?

42 HOLT HOPKINS: Just to -- I'm not sure. He
43 just wanted to be able to continue keeping his driveway
44 on it.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay.

46 HOLT HOPKINS: And it was bordering his
47 current property.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Is that the man that shut it
49 off?

50 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: That's not the one who had
2 already shut it down for ... Okay. All right.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have an ordinance
4 24. Do I have a second on it? Is there any more
5 discussion on this one? All right. We now vote. All
6 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
7 HOLT HOPKINS: And this one is the
8 mitigation, wetland mitigation site is the next
9 ordinance. Just allowing us to preserve it forever.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Need a motion to adopt 25 on
11 its first reading.
12 BOB WALDREP: So moved.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second? I have
14 a second.
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?
17 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
19 BOB WALDREP: Wetlands. This is again a
20 requirement that we put -- impose a wetlands
21 restriction on it?
22 HOLT HOPKINS: It is. We will be impacting
23 some wetland in this project so we have to mitigate
24 some of it. And this has been approved by the Corp as
25 a suitable solution.
26 BOB WALDREP: Why are we required?
27 HOLT HOPKINS: It's a federal law that you
28 -- if you damage any wetland whatsoever you have to
29 make up for it somewhere else.
30 BOB WALDREP: So we've used up wetlands
31 somewhere else, so this is substituting for that?
32 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. We're using a
33 little -- a few more feet beside the road as we build
34 the road up so we have to preserve a lot of land to
35 make up for that.
36 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So we're not being
37 over wet here then are we? We're not getting too much,
38 wet?
39 HOLT HOPKINS: You can't build anything in
40 there anyway. It's a swamp.
41 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Are ducks in this?
42 HOLT HOPKINS: Beavers and everything else.
43 BOB WALDREP: Ducks. Okay. All right.
44 Thanks.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Now vote. All
46 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
47 HOLT HOPKINS: And Mr. Chairman, I
48 apologize for freezing up there for a minute.
49 EDDIE MOORE: It's okay. Now go to 2009-
50 26. An ordinance authorizing Anderson County to enter

1 into a transaction for the sale of certain real estate
2 located in the Stonehaven Subdivision and matters
3 related thereto. Mr. Burns.

4 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Smith will
5 address that.

6 GREG SMITH: Good evening again. What we
7 have is the Stonehaven pump station. It's in the
8 Stonehaven Subdivision. What we're looking at doing,
9 there's a pump station. You go down a dirt road and it
10 goes way back in on the property. We're wanting to
11 move it out of a flood plain. Move it more toward the
12 front. And we had existing property. In the yellow
13 where you see the little circle, that's where we were
14 looking at putting it. The homeowner, Mr. Branyon, had
15 talked with Mr. Singleton about would it be possible to
16 swap that and not have it behind his house and put it
17 on the other property which is in red right there.
18 Basically what we would be giving him is 2. -- excuse
19 me .22 -- .286, I'm sorry. .286 acres, a small minute,
20 and he giving us .226 for the swap. In moving the pump
21 station up to that area, it puts it closer to the road,
22 less chance of vandalism, easier access for us and we
23 won't have to maintain that dirt road back into that
24 property. So it's a benefit for Anderson County. It's
25 a benefit for the sewer department and the -- you know,
26 in the future we are going to have to upgrade that,
27 that pump station. And there's no money exchanging
28 hands, so ...

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. On 2009-26. Motion
30 on the floor. Do I have a second?

31 CINDY WILSON: Second.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?

33 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

35 BOB WALDREP: Is the same amount of land
36 involved in this swap or is it ---

37 GREG SMITH: We're actually giving him
38 just a little bit more. Like I said ours -- what we're
39 going to be getting is .226. We're giving him .286.

40 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

41 GREG SMITH: So that's just kind of
42 closing off the back end of his property. You can see
43 the house right there, but -- and behind it. And
44 that's what -- he had talked with Mr. Singleton. He
45 actually brought it up in the first place that he would
46 really prefer us not to put the pump station behind his
47 house and move it over to here. And we think it's to
48 the best benefit of the resident and us too.

49 BOB WALDREP: All right. Thank you.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? We now vote.

1 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.

2 GREG SMITH: Thank you.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to 2009-27.

4 Ordinance amending Anderson County Code Section 42,
5 Division Five, Section 42-146, Subsection (b) dealing
6 with litter. Ms. Wilson.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8 There's was a mix-up and we didn't get this ordinance
9 prepared so I'm going to briefly describe it and then
10 withdraw this from the agenda until we have it actually
11 written. There were issues with what we'd had in place
12 for several years and that was the tarped load. The
13 state law basically reads a covered load. And there
14 have been many complaints from citizens in a number of
15 our districts that they were being ticketed because
16 they didn't have a tarp but yet their load was covered.
17 And it would be hoped that by switching back to the --
18 or to the state language, covered load, then we would
19 put the emphasis on actually catching the perpetrators
20 and prosecuting the perpetrators instead of penalizing
21 people coming into the convenience centers who weren't
22 necessarily spewing trash but didn't have their tarp
23 quite the way it was done. And I can give you an
24 example from what I do and what I've seen other people
25 do. A lot of people have maybe two and three trash
26 cans double and triple strapped, which is very safe,
27 keeps the garbage in. But the worse problems I've seen
28 is the tarped loads, especially with the big trucks,
29 because there are pieces of litter flying out from
30 underneath. But anyway I just wanted to alert you as
31 to what that is and we'll have it on the agenda first
32 reading next meeting.

33 EDDIE MOORE: You're going to withdraw
34 this one from ---

35 CINDY WILSON: I'd like to make a motion to
36 withdraw.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

38 CINDY WILSON: If we need to do it as a
39 motion.

40 EDDIE MOORE: So we have a motion to
41 withdraw and we have a second. All in favor of
42 withdrawing 27 raise your right hand. So that one will
43 be off the agenda until next meeting. We now go to
44 Item 9, Resolution 2009-71. Resolution designating the
45 month of October 2009 as Gang Awareness Month in
46 Anderson County, South Carolina. Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Starting ever
48 since last year -- last year was the first time that we
49 set aside the month of October as Gang Awareness month.
50 And it was done all over the state of South Carolina

1 thanks to a statewide coalition that I am president of.
2 This year we'd like to do the same thing. What it did
3 last year was it brought the gang criminal activity to
4 the forefront. It was discussed. It was discussed and
5 it was approved. All right. I don't want to have to
6 -- I don't think it's necessary for me to read all of
7 this to you. But what it says is that Anderson County
8 desires to promote public safety for the citizens of
9 the county by drawing attention to the problem of
10 criminal gangs. Encouraging parents, teachers, faith
11 based and community leaders and the general public to
12 educate themselves about gang violence and gang related
13 activities. And urging the citizens of Anderson County
14 to support law enforcement and other organizations in
15 their effort to educate the youth of Anderson County
16 and their families on how to explore positive
17 alternatives to life in a criminal gang. I would like
18 to put this in the form of a motion please.

19 EDDIE MOORE: I'll second it. We have the
20 motion on the floor and it has been seconded. Any
21 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Mr.
22 Waldrep. Unanimous.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I
24 noticed that on this resolution I would like to have my
25 name added to it. I know in some resolutions we have
26 done that in the past, especially to the person who,
27 who sponsored the resolution. Okay. But I really
28 would like -- I'm proud to add my name to this one.
29 And I thank you. Ms. Eddleman. Thank you.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I see no problem with
31 that. We now go to Item 10, Acceptance of Winding
32 Stream Subdivision into the county road system.

33 BILL WEST: Mr. Chairman, this, this one
34 is a little difference from previous road acceptances.
35 In this case we need to accept this road in order to
36 allow the county to enter into the property which is
37 now private property and finish the construction of the
38 road that the owner has defaulted on. This is an
39 example of our ordinance having worked. We have
40 collected the funds. They are sitting in the bank and
41 -- but because it is still private property until you
42 accept it, we, you know, have to wait for this action
43 before we can complete the construction of it.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Can I make, make that in the
45 form of a motion we accept this road.

46 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and we have
47 a second. Any discussion?

48 GRACIE FLOYD: What district is this in?
49 Did you tell?

50 BILL WEST: This is in District Five.

1 This is -- runs between Whitehall Road and New Prospect
2 Church Road and it's right behind the New Prospect
3 Church. A little one street subdivision.
4 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
6 BOB WALDREP: I assume there's enough
7 money there to bring it up to our standards?
8 BILL WEST: It's the estimate that was
9 made and it, it should be enough to do it. Yeah.
10 We're pretty sure it's enough.
11 BOB WALDREP: Roughly how much are we
12 talking about?
13 HOLT HOPKINS: I don't have the exact
14 number, but it was Thirty, Thirty-two Thousand Dollars
15 is what we collected and I talked to my staff at roads
16 and bridges this afternoon and they said it would be
17 plenty enough to finish the work.
18 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well this is good
19 news in a sense that we do have an ordinance now that
20 requires some kind of deposit for these developers so
21 that when they leave the scene -- and we've got lots of
22 those apparently all over the county. So this must be
23 a fairly recent default then.
24 BILL WEST: It is. It's only been in
25 this calendar year.
26 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't remember putting it
28 in.
29 BOB WALDREP: Thank you.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair. Mr. West,
31 haven't it been our practice to wait until the roads
32 have been brought up to code before we inducted them or
33 brought them into the county system?
34 BILL WEST: Or to re -- the practice
35 under our ordinance, and which this is allowing us to
36 do, is that we get a bond for the completion of it in
37 case the developer does not do so. And he didn't do
38 so. We're now -- we've called the bond. We have the
39 money, you know, in the bank. And we will finish it
40 now since he can no longer do it.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But in the past, in
42 the past haven't we always waited until this was
43 brought up to code by somebody before we inducted it
44 into the ---
45 BILL WEST: Well we were -- and then we
46 release the bond.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Okay. All right.
48 Whatever. There's no need. I understand. Thank you
49 anyway. Go ahead.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? We now vote.

1 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go
2 to Item 11 on the agenda, the appointments. Start with
3 Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.
4 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this
7 time.
8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn. Mr. Waldrep. Ms.
9 Wilson. And I have none. Now go to Item 12, requests
10 by council members. Start with Ms. Wilson this time.
11 CINDY WILSON: None. Thank you.
12 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like
14 to request Two Thousand Dollars out of my rec account
15 for Westside High School Athletic Department. They put
16 on a wrestling program -- a tournament every year and
17 it brings in numerous area high schools and actually
18 brings in a good bit -- a little economic development
19 impact and they count on this money to be able to put
20 this forward and I would like to put that in the form
21 of a motion.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Second it. Any discussion?
23 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
24 TOMMY DUNN: That's all, Mr. Chairman.
25 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to put this in the
26 form of a motion. I have a -- for the Town of Iva out
27 of my paving account for New Street to resurface, Five
28 Thousand Dollars to the Town of Iva.
29 BOB WALDREP: Second.
30 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
31 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
32 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
33 Unanimous. I would also like to appropriate a Thousand
34 Dollars to the Belton Senior Citizens.
35 CINDY WILSON: Second.
36 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
37 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
38 Unanimous. That's all I have. Ms. Floyd.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to
40 appropriate, I would like to appropriate Seven Hundred
41 Dollars to the United Way Fund that they hold for the
42 Gang Task Force. We are planning on doing -- we're
43 having a guest to come in from out of state to talk
44 with us about gang activities and we have some plans of
45 holding an awareness whatever. And this will assist
46 with that. This is in the form of a motion from
47 District Two's rec account.
48 CINDY WILSON: Second.
49 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
50 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Anymore, Ms.

1 Floyd?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, no. Thank you.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
4 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I would like to --
5 from my recreation account I'd like to donate a
6 Thousand Dollars to the Balloons Over Anderson. Mr.
7 Lambert's done a great job trying to pull this together
8 for November and I understand he could use may be a few
9 more dollars, so I'd like to contribute a thousand.
10 CINDY WILSON: Second.
11 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
12 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
13 Anymore, Mr. Allen?
14 TOM ALLEN: No, sir.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson. I would like to
16 also go back and make a motion to allocate a Thousand
17 Dollars to the Balloons, also out of my rec account.
18 BOB WALDREP: Second.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Second. Any discussion?
20 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
21 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, while we're
22 going back if I may. I would also like to add some
23 money to the Balloons out of my recreation account for
24 a Thousand Dollars.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay, Mr. Waldrep. And we
26 have a second. Any discussion? All in favor raise
27 your right hand. Okay. We now go to Item 13,
28 Administrator's Report.
29 RUSTY BURNS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 The first thing that we would like to do is ask members
31 of council if they could, and if they need any
32 assistance we will be happy to provide it, to put
33 together a list or a priority list of houses that they
34 would like to have demolished that are already ready to
35 be demolished. And if we could have that list and if
36 we could have a priority basis we would appreciate
37 that. And we're hoping that we can start to take down
38 a few of these houses. Hopefully we can take down some
39 more. Yes, ma'am.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: I was just looking at that
41 list yesterday. The list has already been done by Jeff
42 Ricketson. It's in a little folder. You may can find
43 it in his files. But a list has already been done for
44 each county council district of the houses in there
45 that was scheduled to be torn down.
46 RUSTY BURNS: But -- and we will take
47 advantage of that list. But if we could have them in a
48 priority basis, the ones that mean the most to you to
49 get down right now, we would appreciate that
50 information.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

2 RUSTY BURNS: The next thing. Just thank
3 Mr. Brantley Jordan for donating a wheelchair to the
4 court house annex. It's very nice of him and it's
5 already available for service. We hope to receive, if
6 we haven't already received today, the new plans for
7 the Animal Shelter. It would be nice if that
8 appropriate committee might want to sit down and take a
9 look at them first and then we could share them with
10 the rest of the council and then make them available
11 for public viewing. Also a reminder, on Friday that we
12 will have our Energy Expo at the Civic Center. There's
13 going to be all kinds of things for people who for
14 their own house on up to major industries. Duke
15 Power's partnering in this, Blue Ridge and a lot of
16 other people are. It will begin at eight thirty and it
17 will last until three thirty. And we hope that
18 everybody can make an effort to attend. Thank you.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 14,
20 Citizen's comments.

21 MIKE PITTS: We have three citizens
22 signed up tonight, Mr. Chairman. First is Mark Powell.

23 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District Seven.
24 It's kind of interesting when you discuss this park
25 police thing, giving it to the Sheriff and council
26 members are concerned that we're giving away assets. I
27 do believe our Sheriff's Department is one of the best
28 assets we have to protect each and every one of us, so
29 I'm kind of bumfoggled as to thinking we're giving up
30 something to somebody. We're not. We're giving it to
31 the man who protects each and every one of us as far as
32 his department. I don't understand how the word we're
33 giving up assets means anything. Except for to be
34 troublesome. The pump station. I sure hope that
35 something's in the contract that you're going to swap
36 the land for the gentleman until we get the new one
37 built. I'm told we have to have a new one. That one's
38 going to be old and outdated. So if you give him the
39 land, he now owns it and, I don't know, can he turn the
40 pump off? It's kind of interesting that you're giving
41 away land with something on it that pumps poop from
42 house up the hill to the other side of the hill.
43 Hopefully that's in the contract. The gun thing. I
44 understand why you did what you did. I understand why
45 it's brought up. I do think something needs to be
46 done. I can't imagine a man can put a hole through a
47 very expensive piece of aircraft, go into a desk and
48 almost kill someone and the Sheriff say, there's
49 nothing we can do about it. Property damage. I mean
50 if something I do causes damage, I'm liable. I can't

1 imagine a bullet that came out of a gun, that you know
2 what gun it came out of, the person's not responsible
3 for fixing the damage of what happened. The ordinance
4 on giving away land. You know, it's, it's a land swap.
5 I'm confused as to why that got to be such a hilarious
6 thing. It's land we're never going to use. It is
7 swamp land. And we've got land we can't use but it is
8 attached to our land and it sounds like a good thing.
9 I have no clue as to why that seemed to be such a funny
10 thing. And then the last thing I want to say is I
11 found this thing up here. Read through it. I don't
12 know if any of you have seen this. It's some kind of
13 questionnaire asking we citizens I guess. I don't
14 know. And part of it says, do you go along with the
15 county giving incentives to schools for the farm to
16 school program. Oh my God. Give my money incentive
17 from the county to schools in order to promote
18 strawberries. We're already giving a half a million
19 dollars over the next three years. I can't imagine
20 we're actually going to give an incentive. This thing
21 has a lot of interesting questions on it. You're
22 talking about some wacky stuff in here. Heck no on a
23 lot of it. Highly disagree with a lot of it. Agree
24 with a lot of it. I don't know how many people saw
25 this, but it scares the daylights out of me because
26 there's all kinds of stuff in here about the county
27 giving assistance. Which means spending our tax
28 dollars in order to make something happen. Uh-uh, no
29 way. Please get a copy of it and look at it. It's
30 very scary. Thanks.

31 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.

32 LESLIE WHITE: I am so sorry. I'm one of
33 those short people. I can't help it. I have to bend
34 it down to talk. Two quick things that I would just
35 like to mention. Well actually three. Quickly Mr.
36 Waldrep, thank you for acknowledging the point that I
37 was trying to make earlier tonight. Because I'm
38 sitting in the back of the room and frankly some of the
39 charts that were up there it was difficult for me to
40 read what the subtitles were on them and of course it
41 was the first time I'd had a chance to look at it. So
42 I do appreciate your acknowledging the point that I was
43 trying to make earlier about letting us know what real
44 estate transaction we're talking about so that we can
45 research it a little and be more informed ourselves.
46 Secondly, I would like to commend Sheriff Skipper for
47 -- I happened to have a family situation this week that
48 necessitated a phone call to your office and a deputy
49 came out. And I just wanted to tell you, thank you
50 very much. He was quite cooperative and very

1 conciliatory towards my eighty-five year old mother.
2 So I appreciate that very much. The next thing I'd
3 like to talk about just -- for just a moment is, I've
4 asked this before that we all try to use a little
5 modicum of kindness with each other. I see it is
6 getting a little bit better. But tonight I was a
7 little distraught. I would like to see that from
8 members of the audience when you stand and make citizen
9 comments to your council, to your elected
10 representatives, that we use just a little bit of
11 kindness with each other. And I would like to
12 apologize to Mr. Burns because I think you were spoken,
13 spoken to tonight in a most unacceptable way and I've
14 seen it happen before from council members. And I
15 would just remind each council member that you were
16 elected. You chose to run. You sought this and you
17 were elected. Mr. Burns is an employee and I would be
18 horrified if one of my employers spoke to me the way
19 that I heard him spoken to last council and this one.
20 So from a citizen who appreciates the job that you're
21 doing, Mr. Burns, I apologize.

22 MIKE PITTS: Last is Elizabeth Fant.
23 ELIZABETH FANT: I didn't finish what I said
24 before but let me, let me kind of summarize maybe some
25 of my feelings. I think we've got some great things
26 going on in Anderson County. I did not go to the
27 Celebrate Anderson. But the Cancer Bike-a-Thon was
28 just wonderful. And it's great to see a variety of
29 people from both the city and the county participate
30 together in events like that that really help all of
31 us. Because cancer knows no boundaries. I do think
32 that probably the park police and so forth would be a
33 good idea to be under Sheriff Skipper, but I want to
34 make sure that what happens is that if they get moved
35 to him and get retrained that that money stays for
36 employees and not for physical type improvements.
37 Because I think animal control particularly needs to be
38 under the Sheriff's Department. But we want to make
39 sure that we keep our good employees that we already
40 have. I do think that the economy is not as in good
41 shape as the federal government would have you believe.
42 I think it's really worse than the media -- the
43 national media present it to be. So I would like to
44 read my little list that I have here and think about
45 ways that maybe we can cut. The bottom line is though
46 that we need to cut about one and a half million
47 dollars off of this year's budget from where we stand
48 right now. However you can, wherever, but now. And
49 council needs to do whatever they can to help existing
50 businesses so we don't have anymore that default. Make

1 it user friendly wherever you can. Whatever ordinances
2 or whatever little things that you can do to help the
3 businesses that are already employing people. Let's
4 try not to let anymore go down the drain. And we need
5 to start saving money now to pay off the bond debt
6 because we've got some coming up shortly that we're
7 going to need to have that money for and I think times
8 are going to get tighter before they're going to get
9 better. In any of the department, even though we've
10 already cut eleven million out, we need to cut out any
11 unnecessary purchases, not buy anything new if we can
12 unless it's maybe a bulldozer or something that was --
13 absolutely go to have. And just a common thing is as
14 they wear out replace any county building or road
15 lights with energy saving lights. I noticed some of
16 the local businesses like Little Pigs are already doing
17 that with fluorescent bulbs. And always to keep a
18 rainy day surplus in the budget. Two things that have
19 happened in the media that I think are great. I'm very
20 excited about Glenn Brill's new assignment and I think
21 he's going to bring a lot to Anderson. I also noticed
22 in the classified ads that Reality Check -- I'm not
23 sure what that organization is.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Time is up. Thank you. Now
25 go to Item 15, remarks from council members. Ms. --
26 Ms. Wilson.

27 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Several quick
28 little things. I wanted to commend our administrator
29 and county staff and my fellow councilman, Mr. Bob
30 Waldrep, for a very successful bike project for the
31 Cancer Society. That was a very, very, very cute idea,
32 Tour de La France. Did you know that Mr. Waldrep out
33 peddled me. I pulled up at six miles and he went the
34 whole way.

35 APPLAUSE

36 CINDY WILSON: And I thought ...

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38 CINDY WILSON: ... that took place I think
39 in lower Greenville County involving an accident and
40 Anderson County's quick response to help with our
41 equipment and, yes, the Palmetto 800 radios did their
42 job, along with Mr. Scott Stohler and all of our staff.
43 So I want to give kudos to that. Also we had a
44 wonderful visit to Columbia, Mr. Moore and Mr. Burns,
45 our administrator, and Mr. Burris Nelson. I think it
46 can be safely said that we have a wonderful rapport
47 with our state Department of Commerce now. There will
48 be a proposed meeting coming up maybe in a couple of
49 weeks where we'll have county staff, Department of
50 Commerce people coming, and inviting all of our

1 brokers, agents, landowners, anyone who might have a
2 piece of property that would be suitable for economic
3 development so that we can have a database here and in
4 Columbia so prospects can have a ready assortment of
5 properties to choose from. And also I want to commend
6 our Sheriff and everyone working on the proposed
7 reorganization. I will get my numbers together and be
8 prepared to vote in two weeks. And I appreciate
9 everybody's efforts on that. Thank you.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

11 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask
12 the members of the council to come out next year for
13 that ride. I think it was a wonderful ride and I think
14 you'd really enjoy it. The bad part was when we have
15 to pedal by McDougall Funeral Home and there was some
16 people that came out from the staff and looked
17 expectantly as I came by. But it was, it was a
18 wonderful opportunity.

19 EDDIE MOORE: For McDougall?

20 BOB WALDREP: For McDougall I guess. But
21 there's one other thing I wanted to get out on a
22 serious note here. That I have received some calls and
23 I want to get some help from the county attorney on
24 possibly looking into this issue of handicap parking in
25 our county. That it just seems there's a kind of
26 violation of that by lots of folks. And I realize that
27 the state law has recently changed to kind of firm it
28 up a little bit. And they might even be requiring
29 photographs of people who are actually handicapped in
30 some way. And I was just hoping -- I just wanted to
31 mention that a constituent of mine, Mr. Hawkins, has
32 called me a couple of times and I wanted to make sure.
33 Mr. Pitts, if you could do that I would greatly
34 appreciate it. Just take a look to see what
35 Greenville's doing. Richland County has got a very
36 good enforcement down there and they give a walloping
37 fine to folks who violate the handicap parking down
38 there. Thank you.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

40 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to say again,
41 along with the other two fellow council people, I want
42 to -- appreciate the job Mr. Burns and everyone
43 involved in the Tour de La France putting that
44 together. It's a great cause. And I'm still -- look
45 at Bob and then look at you and say well you made it.
46 But I never had any doubt, Bob. Everybody else kept
47 saying it like they had a doubt you was going to make
48 it. But glad of that. Had a great time at Celebrate
49 Anderson. I thought it was a well, well organized
50 event and appreciate everybody that pulled that off.

1 And I went to a grand opening of the new Anderson
2 County Burn building this past week and I thought it
3 went real well. And appreciate the folks at all that
4 and the fire service and I see Chief Gibson and all.
5 And appreciate what all you and your firefighters do.
6 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Okay. I have
9 some comments tonight regarding the new person that we
10 just hired. The parks and recreation person, Mr.
11 Burns. Nicely, Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns, we -- this man
12 used to work at the partnership development Innovate
13 Anderson. At that time twenty-five percent of his --
14 of the salary went to -- was paid by the county and
15 twenty-five percent was paid by the city and the
16 partnership development. In other words people from
17 the private sector paid fifty percent. And out of this
18 money his salary was, was taken. Right?
19 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Innovate
20 Anderson remains just as it was. Mr. Brill is now a
21 county employee.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: No, sir, you, you missed my
23 whole point.
24 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sorry.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: You missed my whole point.
26 When he was working the money -- his salary came out of
27 the money that was collected from the county and the
28 city and the fifty percent that came in from the
29 partners. Now with him being employed by the, by the
30 county now, well is the city going to put any money
31 into it?
32 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Is the Innovate Anderson
34 going to put any money into it?
35 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: So his Eighty-Two Thousand
37 Dollars will come from the county budget; right?
38 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now is
40 Michelle Strange still employed?
41 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now her salary was
43 Seventy Thousand Dollars. I think it's either Seventy
44 or Seventy-Seven Thousand. Okay. Now, and she was in
45 charge of the things that Mr. Brill is going to be in
46 charge of now. She was in charge of those things that
47 he's going to be in charge of now. Am I correct?
48 RUSTY BURNS: Some. Not all.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I can't
50 not -- I cannot see how that is -- that's a savings to

1 us when we have taken on another salary. Okay. Also
2 what -- where do we find the money for Mr. Brill's
3 salary.

4 RUSTY BURNS: By tightening our belt.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Are we still looking
6 at furloughs for employees?

7 RUSTY BURNS: We had a financial
8 department round table yesterday and we may not be
9 looking at furloughs. We will defer that decision
10 until January the 15th. But right now with our fingers
11 crossed we may get through it because some of the
12 revenues are coming in stronger than we predicted.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So if we
14 have to could we tighten our belt to keep these people
15 employed?

16 RUSTY BURNS: That is, that's the goal,
17 that's the desire.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Brill's expertise
19 is in the area of tourism.

20 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Does he have any
22 expertise in parks and recreation?

23 RUSTY BURNS: We have -- yes, ma'am. He
24 does have expertise in parks and recreation. The
25 expertise that I'm looking for, that the county's
26 looking for, is in strong management. Somebody who has
27 a background in government and primarily and most
28 important is marketing skills. And Mr. Brill has
29 exhibited those very well.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Could we have not saved some
31 money and tightened our belts a little bit more as the
32 lady in the front seat was talking about making some
33 cuts and stuff. Could we have done that if we had left
34 him where he is under the Innovate Anderson board and
35 hired from within for parks and recreation?

36 RUSTY BURNS: I believe ---

37 GRACIE FLOYD: This was a new department
38 and we do have somebody on staff who is capable, who
39 knows Anderson County and who is very, very familiar
40 with our park situation here. Could we have saved some
41 money if we had done that?

42 RUSTY BURNS: I believe that the situation
43 the way I examined it and following what I understood
44 to be council's prerogative was to try to make some of
45 these entities more productive. In other words
46 bringing more people into Anderson and generate more
47 money for the city and the county of Anderson.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Burns, could we
49 have not used that money to employ or to search for a
50 highly effective management skilled economic developer

1 who could have spent his or her time bringing jobs and
2 things to Anderson County? Did -- it seems like we
3 misplaced -- we're misplacing our priorities. People
4 are without jobs here. Without jobs they can't do too
5 much tourism and parks and recreation. I wish that
6 some of the money -- his eighty thousand, coupled with
7 the seventy-seven thousand, coupled with whatever our
8 last economic developer was making, to find someone
9 else who could guide us through this critical situation
10 that we're in now, no jobs. Okay. Also where will Mr.
11 Brill be housed?

12 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Brill is downstairs in
13 the historic courthouse.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Downstairs?

15 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. First floor.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Is he
17 going to be provided with new furniture and stuff or
18 ...

19 RUSTY BURNS: He found some old furniture
20 at the Woolworth Building.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: So he'll be using that?

22 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. One other
24 thing, Mr. Burns. I take exception with the fact that
25 you're hiring people without posting the positions.
26 That position was not posted. You said in the
27 newspaper, and that's where I get all my information,
28 you said in the newspaper that he was the best person
29 for the job. How did you know that?

30 RUSTY BURNS: In my opinion, Ms. Floyd,
31 having worked with him and seen what he's done for
32 Anderson and the tournaments and the events that he's
33 brought here and those that he is working on right now,
34 I believe he has the knowledge, he has the background,
35 he has the contacts and the skills. I have seen that
36 with him working with every town in Anderson County. I
37 know that he has that cooperation with the city of
38 Anderson. I know he has it with former Innovate
39 Anderson Board. And I believe that he is ready and I
40 know for a fact that he has hit the ground running and
41 I believe that you will see great re -- great results
42 in a short period of time. I will also agree with you
43 that the biggest challenge that we face in Anderson
44 County right now is jobs. And I think there are two
45 things that we can do to that. One is promote tourism.
46 Bring people in here. Help some of these restaurants
47 provide some of the these jobs. And the other one is
48 to focus on economic development. That was the purpose
49 of the meeting on Friday. We're going to have that
50 thing -- Mr. Joe Taylor who's over the commerce

1 department is going to come up here and speak with
2 people in Anderson County. And I can assure you we're
3 working full tilt on economic development and you will
4 see results in October.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

6 RUSTY BURNS: You're very welcome.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, it's your
8 opinion, it's your opinion that he would make a good
9 person. That's good. That's good. But it's my
10 opinion that it needs to be a fair situation. A
11 balanced situation so people can apply for jobs. You
12 can't go around choosing this person or choosing that
13 person because in your opinion they would make a good
14 person. It has to be done fairly. I noticed that the
15 last couple of people we've hired, the job was not
16 posted at all. And they all have been white males.
17 There are some females out there who would like to be
18 considered for jobs. There are some minority out there
19 who would like to be considered for jobs from Anderson
20 County. And you're not giving them a chance to.
21 You're not following the rules of the, of the Anderson
22 County ordinances as it applies to position. And I
23 would like to ask you, please, sir, when you have a job
24 available in this county I would like to ask you to --
25 not, not when you have a job. When we have a job
26 listed or available here in Anderson County I would
27 like for you to please make it a fair opportunity, not
28 only for those that, that in your opinion would make a
29 good person, but those who need a job, who can do the
30 job, who has experience for the job and who would like
31 to have a fair chance. And let's see now. I think
32 that's all of -- I think that's all of my questions.
33 Like I said we have seventy-seven plus eighty-two
34 thousand dollars tied up in this, in this thing. And I
35 thank you for listening. And I hope, I hope you have a
36 good day.

37 RUSTY BURNS: And Ms. Floyd, I will like
38 to say one thing, that the first two black
39 professionals ever hired by Anderson County, I did that
40 and everybody gets a fair chance at a job. Mr. Brill
41 was at Innovate Anderson. He was already on the county
42 payroll. And that was a lateral position moving in, so
43 we in essence hired from within.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: It was not -- he was not on
45 the Anderson County payroll. He was paid twenty-five
46 percent by the County, twenty-five percent by the city
47 and fifty percent by the -- by private sector. Okay.
48 He did get the, he did get employment benefits,
49 whatever you call it, from the county. Okay. But he
50 was not considered a county employee. Thank you.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
2 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. I have a question.
3 I'd like to go back and revisit something we looked at
4 earlier and that was combining the departments which we
5 had talked about. And as I said I was -- I'm all for
6 that. I think it's a good way to go. But I do have a
7 question that's bothering me. And I may have to ask
8 Mr. Carroll to help out on this. Well I'll ask first
9 on council. How many people saw the -- what would we
10 call those, Mr. Carroll, estimates or quotes or what
11 were they?
12 MR. CARROLL: We solicited requests for
13 proposals.
14 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
15 MR. CARROLL: Back in May 20th, 21st. I
16 don't remember the exact date.
17 TOM ALLEN: There were a total of -- I
18 think I saw four. One came in late maybe but were
19 there four?
20 MR. CARROLL: We had four companies that
21 responded with a proposal. We had one company that
22 responded with basically a no bid. So we had five
23 vendors to respond. Four ---
24 TOM ALLEN: Are we allowed to mention
25 any of those numbers?
26 MR. CARROLL: No, sir.
27 TOM ALLEN: Okay. We can't mention
28 those numbers. How many of the council saw those
29 booklets? I did. Tommy did. Eddie. All right.
30 That's why I didn't vote for this tonight. All right.
31 I just want everybody to understand that. I like the
32 idea. I want to get these things moved over. But
33 there are some numbers that definitely need to be
34 brought out. Okay. Thank you.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.
36 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 Concerning the Glenn Brill thing, I have had limited
38 exposure to him, but I can't imagine anyone who would
39 be more qualified to do what he's been asked to do than
40 Glenn. And I know in my little bit of exposure to him
41 he's been highly professional. And so I think Glenn is
42 absolutely the right choice and I think we've made the
43 right decision there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
44 EDDIE MOORE: I also mirror that comment
45 because I think what he did with the Snowbirds, helping
46 out with the Snowbirds and different events, Celebrate
47 Anderson, everyone seems to get along with him. I
48 think it's a real good choice. He's really a go-
49 getter. I know when he went down to the town of Iva
50 and talked to some of my citizens, constituents down

1 there, they really liked him a lot. And I had a couple
2 of calls about that. And he works real well with the
3 towns. I think that was a very good choice. And also
4 I'd like to make a comment as far as on the Sheriff and
5 everything. We will try to get all the information
6 together and maybe have a little work session or
7 whatever in the next week or so and then at the next
8 meeting I think we can move this thing on. But there's
9 some questions out there and everybody needs to know
10 it. And with that I entertain a motion to adjourn.
11 All in favor raise your right hand. We adjourn.
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – October 6, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

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

PRESENT

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
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ABSENT

Ron Wilson - District #6

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:
RON WILSON

1 EDDIE MOORE: Invocation and Pledge by
2 council member Tom Allen.
3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN
4 EDDIE MOORE: Before we go to approval of
5 minutes please let it be shown that on 9(c) the
6 ordinance pertaining to the driveways, that has been
7 pulled from the agenda so that will not be on the
8 agenda. That is 9(c). It has been pulled from the
9 agenda. We'll now go to the approval of the minutes.
10 Do we have any corrections?
11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, hearing no
12 corrections I move we accept the minutes.
13 CINDY WILSON: Second.
14 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made and we have a
15 second. All in favor raise your right hand. Let the
16 minutes also be -- show that Mr. Wilson is out tonight.
17 He had called me and he had something that he had to
18 take care of that came up at the last minute so he will
19 not be here tonight. We now go to Item 4 on the
20 agenda. Citizen's comments.
21 MIKE PITTS: The first citizen signed up,
22 Mr. Chairman, is Elizabeth Fant.
23 ELIZABETH FANT: I'll make it short and sweet
24 tonight. A little bit of preliminaries. We have asked
25 that on the agenda that items be listed as specific so
26 that we can research them ahead of time. We have two
27 different items tonight that has not happened. Number
28 6, news you can use tells nothing. And Number 8, real
29 estate 2009-23 and 2009-24, we have no idea what those
30 items are. Second little bit of business. The
31 Chairman has asked that the cell phones, computers, and
32 so forth be turned off. The Chairman has asked that
33 nicely. If you can't do it then please hand your phone
34 to the Clerk of Court during the meeting. If you act
35 like a disruptive youth you need to be treated like
36 one. And the third thing is 9(c) has been removed, but
37 any item that is added to the agenda, the Chairman
38 needs to know that ahead of time, before it gets on the
39 agenda. He does not need to know that to approve it,
40 but he is the Chairman and does need to know what is
41 going to be on the agenda for the meeting. Thank you.
42 MIKE PITTS: Next is Bennie Sue West.
43 BENNIE SUE WEST: Thank you. I appreciate
44 this opportunity to speak. A concern has come to me
45 that a person is being interviewed and possibly
46 accepted to run the Farmer's Market. And this person
47 does not have a degree in agriculture nor do they have
48 any experience. So I don't know what the situation is
49 and why, you know, we're not delving in more to
50 credentials. I don't know if it's a friend of a friend

1 of a friend situation. We have had that in the past
2 and I hope we don't have it in the future. Many of us
3 work too hard to get our new council members and our
4 new majority and it -- we know what it feels like to be
5 in the minority. And now we're in the majority. And I
6 hope that you will hire very carefully. And also keep
7 in mind the economy. I use the illustration of a
8 hurricane and I think we're in the eye of the storm and
9 I think things are only going to get worse. You don't
10 print trillions and trillions of dollars. You've got
11 to pay the piper sooner or later. And I don't know how
12 much we owe in the county and I don't know if you all
13 have that figure yet or not. But I hope you will
14 release it to the public. Thank you so much.

15 MIKE PITTS: Next is Charles Crowe.

16 CHARLES CROWE: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
17 members of council, my name is Charles Crowe and I'm
18 from the Five Forks precinct. I'm going to speak
19 tonight on the agenda matters number 6, news you can
20 use. Normally news that comes out of nothing but talk,
21 talk, talk are normally cheap and not worth anything.
22 But this talk this week on the -- either the continual
23 use of the park police or going to a private security
24 or dismissing it altogether and giving it to the
25 Sheriff's Department. Of course you all should know
26 several things before a decision could be made. First
27 of all there have been more figures thrown out on cost
28 than the figures you see in the audience here tonight.
29 The administrative people that you look to to provide
30 you with accurate information, at best, did the
31 lousiest job of -- in history of providing you with the
32 information that you needed to show the difference
33 between private security and in-house security. Now
34 whether or not this was done on purpose, I do not know
35 and have no idea. But seems at least they wanted you
36 to think that there would be no huge savings or even a
37 large savings. I'm surprised I'm able to read what my
38 attorney wrote down for me. Now I'm not here to
39 promote private security even though that was my
40 livelihood. Everybody's aware of the fact that I at
41 one time owned and operated Crowe's, Incorporated. I
42 had more government contracts than any other security
43 firm in the state. I had more than most of them all
44 put together. But I'm not here to promote that. I'm
45 here tonight to tell you, forget all of ever -- all
46 this stuff that you've been told and everything else
47 and get all the facts. Get the difference. Find out
48 the difference between the costs and this that and the
49 other. But -- and another thing, in the future please
50 understand this. Information you always receive needs

1 to be checked and double checked. Whether it appears
2 to you or not it appears to me that we still may have
3 some Joey disciples amongst us. And if that's the case
4 they'll throw nothing but stumbling blocks in this
5 council's way. Please double check all advice ...
6 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.
7 CHARLES CROWE: Please -- and the advice you
8 get in the future.
9 EDDIE MOORE: Time has run out.
10 CHARLES CROWE: Thank you.
11 MIKE PITTS: Mark Powell.
12 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District 7. I
13 just want to speak real quick pertaining to the
14 employment of past council members. I think it's one
15 year. I wish you would change it to two. I wish you
16 could change it to a lifetime, but I know there's
17 probably some statutory limit as to what can be put on
18 that. I think from the things that we had happen back
19 in November, it's more than obvious that people were
20 rewarded because of positions they held. And we
21 certainly don't want to reward people once they leave
22 council because unless you decide to retire you leave
23 council because we, the public, kick you out. And if
24 you've been kicked out, especially, you shouldn't be
25 able to hop right in on some gravy train job with this
26 county. I appreciate you for passing that ordinance to
27 protect us for at least a year. I wish you could go
28 for whatever the legal limit is which is maybe two,
29 three or four. Thank you.
30 MIKE PITTS: Last is Terry Chapman.
31 TERRY CHAPMAN: My name is Terry Chapman.
32 I'm community leader at Old Town New Town, Appleton
33 Mill section, District 2. Ms. Floyd's district. I
34 would like to speak just a little bit on the ordinance
35 talking about securing the loads. I don't know which
36 way this is going or what kind of amendments, because
37 like I say a lot of the things that are put on here is
38 not really spelled out for what we're looking at. But
39 I know when working with KAB and with my district and
40 different ones in our community and other communities
41 down at Homeland Park and all around Hartwell Lake.
42 Maybe some people don't have a problem with litter.
43 But there are a lot of places that do. Highway 24,
44 Whitehall Road and all those places look a hundred
45 percent better. My neighborhood looks a hundred
46 percent better. Why? Because there's a law that says
47 you can't let your trash fly out. I hope we don't go
48 back fifteen years. I hope we keep the litter law and
49 even make it stronger. A lot of counties is -- has
50 even tougher laws. And I hope you as the county

1 council look at that and ask your constituents. Like I
2 say sometimes we vote as individuals but vote -- or ask
3 your people in your community what do they want. We're
4 trying to better our communities and the best way to do
5 it first is start by cleaning up. And trucks, cars,
6 whatever going down the road throwing trash out, I hope
7 we don't go back to where it don't matter. Let thy
8 neighbor pick it up. I ask the council to really look
9 at that. And I too, I didn't see on the agenda and I
10 hope we haven't tabled it so much that we lose sight of
11 it but hope we bring back up about the compliance
12 officers, park patrol, whatever you want to call them
13 being under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff. They'll
14 be better utilized and it'd be better for our
15 communities as well as our county. Thank you.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 5 on the
17 agenda, 2005 Upstate Roundtable Report.

18 RAY ORVIN: Mr. Chairman, members of
19 council, my name is Ray Orvin and I'm the Executive
20 Director of Renewable Water Resources. You probably
21 know us by another name. We changed it last year. We
22 were known as Western Carolina Regional Sewer
23 Authority. We've changed our approach to some of the
24 things we've done and as a result of that wanted a name
25 that reflects more of where we're going to be going in
26 life. Tonight I'd like to take a few minutes and
27 present to you our strategic plan for the next twenty
28 years. It's a take-off of a plan we did back in 1994
29 and we have updated that plan. I'd like to go over
30 just for a few moments the planning goals, the
31 membership, the 2030 growth patterns and policy
32 initiatives that we are putting in place as well as the
33 next steps in implementing the plan. Last year in the
34 Spring of 2009 we became aware that each county was
35 required to do a comprehensive plan every ten years.
36 Greenville County was beginning theirs and I believe
37 Anderson and some of the others were on the verge of
38 looking into their plans. So we moved up our planning
39 process about two years and decided that we would be
40 looking at what we needed to do because we are an
41 infrastructure provider. We're a wholesale provider of
42 waste water treatment which is an underpinning for
43 economic development in parts of Anderson, Spartanburg,
44 Laurens, Pickens and Greenville Counties. So we wanted
45 to be able to provide our input into those plans as
46 well as look at updating our 208 water quality plan
47 through the state of South Carolina. So we've done
48 that and we have coordinated with each one of the
49 county planning agencies and provided that input for
50 their deliberations as they do their plan. The

1 membership of the organization consisted of about
2 seventy different groups. We asked the various county
3 councils or the county administrators to get involved
4 with some of their folks. Many of them did. We also
5 asked the planning agencies to get involved and they
6 were very active in what was going on. But there are
7 also a group of others that I'll go over in a moment.
8 But the key to this entire process was trying to make
9 it transparent and trying to make it public. We have a
10 nine member board appointed by the Governor. Five of
11 those members were co-chairs with community activists
12 or other co-chairs in each one of the five committees.
13 That being a regulatory and policy community -- policy,
14 technical, finance and communications. They are the
15 ones who really drove the train to make sure that this
16 plan stayed on track and got done and got done in a
17 reasonable time. The membership consisted of a lot of
18 involvement. We had the COG. We had members of the
19 legislature. We had the SRF folks involved. DHEC was
20 involved. The planning agencies were involved. We had
21 realtors, developers, bankers, environmental groups who
22 were engaged as well as the engineering community in
23 putting this plan together. What they came up with was
24 a group of cross-cutting issues that were sent over to
25 a separate committee called a growth committee where
26 they looked at where growth would occur in the next
27 twenty years within the Three River Basin to be served.
28 Those being the Enoree, the Saluda and the Reedy. That
29 group looked at engineering studies that we had done on
30 each basin and they deliberated for about six months
31 and came out with a plan. And I will go over that in a
32 moment. But also at the same time there were other
33 studies that were done. One by the Census Bureau, one
34 by Upstate Forever and the Strom Thurmond Institute.
35 Another was done by GPATs people and the Highway
36 Department and we had each one of the basin studies
37 done that were to identify where growth would occur and
38 what the population densities would be in five year
39 increments. With that they came out with this graph
40 that showed where growth would occur. In your area
41 we've identified growth contiguous to the Saluda River
42 and on over towards Highway 8 and Highway 101. In
43 addition to that we're also working with Pelzer and
44 West Pelzer to bring their waste water treatment plants
45 off line and into a new regional plant that we will
46 build on the Saluda that is about a half a mile south
47 of the current Piedmont facility. So the best minds
48 are saying here's where growth will occur, here's where
49 we think it will occur and to a certain degree what the
50 density will be and what plants that those growth

1 patterns are assigned to. As I said we tried to
2 calibrate this map and we looked at the growth patterns
3 on the two top 2012 census study. There is a definite
4 correlation there. We also looked at GPATs 2030
5 projection and there is a correlation to it as well as
6 the Strom Thurmond study. One thing about it, being in
7 research myself, we either had a very heavy cross
8 pollination of folks that were on those studies or
9 there is a fairly good chance you will see growth occur
10 there under the current patterns and the current
11 approaches that the counties have put in place for
12 growth to occur. So we can expect that to continue
13 unless the councils decide the change their approach to
14 permitting and their approach to growth. We invite you
15 to do that when you do your comprehensive plan. If you
16 do that we do need that information because we will
17 modify our plan to adjust it to your new growth
18 patterns. The only thing we've been asking folks to do
19 is to keep in mind that once that's done utilities will
20 be spending a substantial amount of money for
21 infrastructure. If the future of those decisions are
22 changed there's a chance we will have stranded costs
23 out there. So we need a close working relationship
24 with the councils as well as with the developers,
25 planning commissions in the counties we serve. So what
26 does this mean? Well it means that we have estimated,
27 according to our engineers, about Eight Hundred and Ten
28 Million Dollars worth of infrastructure improvements in
29 the next twenty years. That's a lot of money. We're
30 working on an implementation plan to identify where
31 that money comes from and how it's assigned to uses.
32 So we will spend a great deal of money. In 1994 we
33 estimated Three Hundred and Sixty Million Dollars of
34 capital needs. When we finish next year or year after
35 next in fact, it'll be around Three Hundred and Seventy
36 Million Dollars. So the estimates are pretty close.
37 Look at inflation. Some of the policy initiatives that
38 have been recommended from the group is to extend our
39 boundaries whenever new service is requested. That is
40 to do quite a few things. One it insures the viability
41 of the system. It protects the bond holders who loan
42 us the money to put the infrastructure in place. And
43 gives us a service area that we know we can rely on
44 growth to occur in. We have broken down that growth
45 into five year increments. In the first ten years
46 there's a lot of emphasis on trunk lines and expansion
47 of services into new areas for development. The last
48 ten we'll look, we'll look heavily at expansion of
49 waste water treatment plants for growth in that
50 particular area. We've been requested to continue our

1 system of reducing the infiltration of inflow coming
2 into the system. We have agreements with all of our
3 folks that are the what we perceive as retail
4 providers, who include folks such as Pelzer, West
5 Pelzer and Piedmont. They have entered into agreements
6 to reduce their excess of rainwater coming into the
7 system which will extend the life of our facility. We
8 appreciate that. And we have also -- want to continue
9 working closely especially with the development group
10 of the counties to insure that our plans stay
11 consistent. One of the things that we learned as we
12 grew was that we can have a very large impact on the
13 system and on the community. This is an example of a
14 trunk line that we had to replace in Greenville. You
15 don't really get an appreciation for it but that
16 opening is seventy-five foot wide. We recognize that
17 that's a mighty big opening to put a line in and we're
18 looking at new ways to try to do that where we minimize
19 that impact by doing different shorings reducing the
20 width that has to be opened. In addition we are trying
21 to work with all of our communities to make sure we do
22 not have an impact on their activities. For example in
23 the Cleveland Park area we have went in and cleaned and
24 tv'd that area in the winter. It was scheduled for
25 July, a very heavy time of use. So we want to work
26 with the various communities to make sure we are
27 complementing what they're doing and not necessarily
28 hindering their activities. Additional initiatives is
29 to promote sustainability. We are heavily dependent on
30 electrical use. One of the issues we're dealing with
31 is what it cost. We spend about Five Million Dollars a
32 year. Two Million of that is on demand charge. We are
33 now looking at generating electricity on site through
34 some of our out falls as well as some hydro electric
35 and some electric generation, methane gas. I think I
36 made a comment earlier that we're sort of getting away
37 from just treating waste water and putting it in the
38 river. We're taking the products that we generate
39 which is methane gas that we'll use for energy. Water
40 which is very capable of being used for other purposes
41 other than just going into the river such as for
42 irrigation, for industry use, as well as any non-
43 potable water use. And then our bio solids which are
44 currently used for land application on hay fields. We
45 are now in the process of identifying where we can use
46 those bio solids for energy production as well as
47 extracting the nitrogen and hydrogen -- nitrogen and
48 phosphorus from them and putting it back into the
49 marketplace as fertilizers. So there's a lot of
50 activity going on in our industry that's changing the

1 character of it. We're preparing for that change. In
2 addition we're using our bio waste for more than one
3 use and we will be looking at some changes in
4 legislation that will promote that. A good example
5 here is over at one of our treatment plants, there is a
6 Five Million Dollars baseball complex that's been put
7 in by the county rec department. We have facilities
8 that we are reserving for future use. We would like to
9 work with the rec people over in this area to identify
10 some of the uses for some of that property. You'll
11 notice the bottom picture there is one of the lagoons.
12 That will be drained and backfilled and will be
13 converted back into additional ballfields, additional
14 parking. There's about thirty acres of land next to
15 the river we converted into a park. So there are
16 opportunities there to get a better use of facilities
17 other than just locking it up and using it to treat
18 waste waters. Additionally we're asking DHEC to work
19 with us to reduce what is called the unit contributory
20 loading. That is where we have to dedicate four
21 hundred gallons per house -- bedroom house. In reality
22 we're getting about two hundred and eighty gallons. If
23 we can get them to reduce that to three hundred gallons
24 it would immediately create twenty-five percent more
25 capacity in the plants. It doesn't cost anyone a dime
26 and still very protective of the environment. So you
27 may be seeing some activity in that area. We are
28 asking the legislature to also look at making us a
29 wholesale user of electrical energy to put us in a
30 position to negotiate rates with Duke to get away from
31 that to demand charge. We're also working with Duke on
32 generating renewed energy, the green energy, and
33 selling it back. They're under a requirement from
34 North Carolina to have twenty percent of their energy
35 generated from new sources by 2030. There's a lot of
36 activity going on. And we're also going to be changing
37 our legislation to allow us to get into water re-use as
38 well as development and things such as bio solids
39 energy as well as potentially growing algae. For you
40 folks who have heard of algae in Lake Greenwood. Well
41 algae also has a useful purpose. It can produce oil.
42 We're looking carefully at that avenue there. So
43 there's a lot of activity going on changing the
44 character of what we do in the industry. We're also
45 looking at refining our rates to make them focus more
46 closely on who gets primary services and insuring our
47 historical customer base picks up those charges that
48 are, that are necessary, but if new growth is there we
49 will be looking to new growth to pay for some of the
50 trunk lines and plant expansion. And we will be

1 looking for the lowest cost of capital and we want to
2 increase public awareness of what we do and how we do
3 it and why we do it. We think transparency is very
4 important. No hidden secrets of what we do. No hidden
5 secrets about where we come up our numbers or where we
6 get our money from, which by the way is rate payers.
7 We have no state, federal, or local tax dollars.
8 Periodically we may wind up getting a grant from
9 somebody or co-oping with developers. But most of it
10 comes from rates we generate for services that we
11 provide which is in line with our charter. That's what
12 we supposed to do. We have had several workshops for
13 the community. We continue to want to have those. We
14 have recommended to folks that want to know more about
15 this plan or want to know more about what we do to
16 please contact us. We think it's important that people
17 understand that. And we will offer that to you folks
18 if there's more you want to know or you have other
19 groups that'd like for us to present to them, we'll be
20 glad to do that. Where are we going from here? Our
21 board approved the plan last May. We're out presenting
22 it as we are here tonight. We would welcome a letter
23 of support if you feel that's appropriate for our plan.
24 We want to incorporate it into the 208 plan so that
25 everyone who is in development, everyone who is in
26 economic growth will have a basic reference point they
27 can go to and find out what we're doing and why we're
28 doing it. And we're also in the process of
29 implementing a -- the plan. So we're -- between now
30 and the end of the year each one of those thirteen
31 recommendations will have an implementation strategy, a
32 cost assigned to it, who we will partner with and who
33 we want to partner with, how we will plan to go about
34 implementing those recommendations. We will also have
35 the rate study done in early spring which will identify
36 exactly where we intend to get the revenue to support
37 the plans. There's still a lot of activity to go. But
38 with that I will wrap up and be glad to answer any
39 questions you want.

40 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

41 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

42 CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. Thank you
43 very much for coming. One of the issues that I've had
44 concerning our water quality and there are a lot of
45 water quality issues that we should be concerned about.
46 But in looking at increasing capacity at a number of
47 our water treatment plants a lot of that would appear
48 to be because capacities have been reserved for
49 entities that aren't necessarily using them but there's
50 some type of a threshold that once the capacity is

1 allocated then we have to look at expansion. And from
2 a personal perspective I'd really like to see more
3 focus on upgrading the water treatment capabilities and
4 doing whatever we need to do legislatively to be more
5 sensible in our handling of the capacity issue. I know
6 in looking at one of our sewer plants I found a phantom
7 project that had been allocated like twenty-five
8 thousand gallons per day and it -- no one had ever even
9 heard of it. The other issue on treating clean enough
10 to discharge and be drinkable. You were mentioning
11 something about the ultraviolet process that you do and
12 I'd really like to know more about that. And also in
13 the 208 Water Quality Plan, is this the plan that is
14 pretty much governed through the COG? Okay. How --
15 what are the finances of going to ultraviolet. I know
16 you were telling me that it treats such -- even far
17 better than chlorine.

18 RAY ORVIN: It used to be ultraviolet
19 was quite an expensive process but there's been a lot
20 of people going to it because of -- I don't want to get
21 into all of the technicalities, but chlorine and
22 particles in the water will create a trihalomethane
23 which can be carcinogenic, so a lot of the folks have
24 moved away from chlorine and into UV because they
25 create ?? through the process. That's driven the cost
26 of UV down to where it's competitive with chlorine.

27 CINDY WILSON: Is that in addition to like
28 ...

29 ROY ORVIN: Chlorine is much more
30 difficult to manage because it's a chemical. And
31 you've got to have alert plans, notification plans,
32 you've got to go through a whole lot of hoops to use
33 chlorine and that's driven people away from it and
34 going into UV which will get you down to single digit
35 numbers on fecal chloroform discharge. Generally in
36 our UV plants we're looking at numbers of ones, twos,
37 and threes. Where when we had UV Chlorine we were
38 looking at a hundred, two hundred, periodically up to
39 four hundred. Which is still within federal standards,
40 but you do get a better quality product using the UV
41 once you set it up. It's a little different set up.
42 Because you've got to have fairly clear water to do it.

43 CINDY WILSON: I know that in years past
44 our solution to pollution was dilution and
45 unfortunately we are growing so rapidly that can no
46 longer be considered. But I appreciate this and I'll
47 look forward to learning more with your group. I
48 appreciate your helping Pelzer and ---

49 ROY ORVIN: I'll get some more
50 information on the other, the other thoughts you had.

1 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
3 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
5 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, sir, for coming
6 tonight. This was very interesting. Wanted to ask
7 though. You're appointed -- your committee's appointed
8 by the Governor?
9 ROY ORVIN: Our board's appointed --
10 it's recommended from the delegations.
11 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
12 ROY ORVIN: And appointed by the
13 Governor and you actually have an Anderson County
14 representative on our board.
15 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. So your roll is
16 primarily advisory and ...
17 ROY ORVIN: No. We actually process
18 waste water.
19 TOM ALLEN: You actually -- okay, that's
20 why I wanted to get clear on it. Okay. You actually
21 ---
22 ROY ORVIN: We have two facilities on
23 the three rivers.
24 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So for instance this
25 one picture in here of the seventy foot wide sewage --
26 sewer line being put in.
27 ROY ORVIN: Right.
28 TOM ALLEN: What was your roll in that?
29 What ---
30 ROY ORVIN: That was a relief line that
31 went up the Reedy River all the way to Cleveland Park
32 in downtown Greenville to relieve an overflow situation
33 in the park.
34 TOM ALLEN: Okay. What I'm getting at
35 is, as we all know budgets are very, very tight right
36 now and it sounded to me like one of the things you
37 eluded to was possibly increasing fees on sewage
38 treatment and so on to pay for these kinds of things.
39 I'm wondering where's the money going to come from
40 because I don't think something like that's going to
41 fly real well right now.
42 ROY ORVIN: We're looking -- we have
43 different classes of customers. One class being the
44 development community. The other is our historical
45 customer base and our industrial customer base. And
46 what we try to do is segment our fees. If it is
47 something that directly benefits say -- let's say our
48 industrial base we put that cost on the backs of those
49 folks. Don't put it on the backs of the historical
50 customer. On development most of our costs, at least

1 probably seventy-five percent of that cost, goes on the
2 development community. Not the historical customer
3 base. But things that are common such as permit
4 requirements on plants where we have to upgrade the
5 plants because of environmental compliance or we have
6 to put in relief lines because the lines have aged.
7 Those go on the backs of all the customers equally.
8 But we try to look at who is getting served, what is it
9 going to cost, and what's the fair way of allocating
10 that cost out. I mean that's what we will be doing to
11 this plan. That's what we did in '94 and we did have
12 rate increases if you will remember over a period of
13 years, but we tried to keep those rate increases down
14 low. We think we can do this with this plan here. All
15 right. And I will say that about Three Hundred and
16 Sixty Million Dollars of that Eight Hundred Million is
17 actually plan expansion scheduled in 2025 to 2030. And
18 our view is we do not want to wait until then to have a
19 rate increase so we will probably be looking at putting
20 in low rate increases through those funds so that
21 they're reserved for that activity when it does have to
22 happen.

23 TOM ALLEN: All right.
24 ROY ORVIN: We've learned from our peers
25 and Hawaii is a good example where they got a One and a
26 half Billion Dollar spent order to do it because they
27 did not do it. We do not want -- think that's good
28 public policy nor good business.

29 TOM ALLEN: All right. Okay. Thank you
30 sir.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: You alluding to the fact
33 that we had a member on the board? Could you please
34 tell us who that is?

35 ROY ORVIN: Butch Merritt.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thanks.

37 ROY ORVIN: Piedmont.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Clemson.

39 TOM ALLEN: He actually works over at
40 the tech center.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Tri County Tech. Okay.
42 Thank you.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

44 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Orvin, thank you for
45 being here. Can't -- where's your office located?

46 ROY ORVIN: We're on Mauldin Road. We
47 rebuilt an office building right where we were before.
48 If you'll get off on Exit 48-C. It -- that's Mauldin
49 Road.

50 BOB WALDREP: And so your -- the

1 jurisdiction that you have is in about several counties
2 I guess.

3 ROY ORVIN: Right. We serve actually in
4 Anderson County we serve just south of Pelzer, West
5 Pelzer, over to I think it's Highway 8. And then up to
6 the Anderson County line is in our district. That's
7 the service area you folks gave us back about '95 and
8 '96 and it's our -- it's prime for development because
9 everything else is getting developed out.

10 BOB WALDREP: What was the former name of
11 -- have you changed your name you say? What were you?

12 ROY ORVIN: We were Western Carolina
13 Regional Sewer Authority.

14 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I think I was part of
15 that at one time. I used to, I used to go to meetings
16 over there, but I hadn't gotten a notice any time
17 recently. I don't whether I'm off that or not. But I
18 used to go. Well ...

19 ROY ORVIN: Well, if you want to get
20 engaged, we will get you engaged.

21 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well. We always had
22 lunch over there you know and I understand. But I tell
23 you, we've got a lot of organizations that are working
24 on water. And I guess my concern sometimes is trying
25 to make sense out of all of what we do. And I notice
26 of course that you're working on the water quality and
27 I -- with that I -- would it be fair to assume that
28 you're working with the Savannah River Basin folks
29 there as far -- and with DHEC and with the Department
30 of Natural Resources on all these issues about water
31 quality because that is one of the things that is a
32 constant topic, you know, between the states of Georgia
33 and South Carolina.

34 RAY ORVIN: Yeah. We have been working
35 actually with Greenville Water and the Inner Basin
36 Transfer group out of Columbia. That's going to be an
37 issue. If McMasters wins his lawsuit in North Carolina
38 that may be a problem for the upstate because we have a
39 hundred and fifty million gallon inner basin transfer
40 permit out of Lake Jocassee for serving a large area
41 including part of Anderson County and Pickens County
42 and Greenville County. So -- and the argument that
43 he's making on North Carolina is the same argument
44 Georgia's going to make on South Carolina. So you win
45 one, you lose the other.

46 BOB WALDREP: Well, I -- just note because
47 ---

48 ROY ORVIN: But yeah, that's going to be
49 a big problem because if it winds up then that water's
50 got to go back to the Savannah Basin.

1 BOB WALDREP: Right. Right. And have
2 y'all taken any kind of stand on inner basin transfer?
3 ROY ORVIN: Our stand on that is that
4 they need to -- we need to resolve it where everybody
5 can share. And equitably share. I think there's,
6 there's sufficient water in there.
7 BOB WALDREP: Okay. But you're somewhat
8 trumped by DHEC then aren't you? I mean you're -- you
9 work with DHEC but you're kind of a junior partner.
10 ROY ORVIN: We're very -- we are
11 considered a regulated community and in turn we
12 regulate because of our ---
13 BOB WALDREP: Right.
14 ROY ORVIN: -- retreatment program and
15 sewer use regulations structure.
16 BOB WALDREP: Is that relationship working
17 out okay?
18 ROY ORVIN: It's like every other family
19 affair. Every once and a while you have a few
20 extremists. Yeah. We have a pretty good relationship.
21 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, invite me to
22 lunch some time.
23 ROY ORVIN: I will do that.
24 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member?
25 Thank you, Mr. Orvin. I appreciate your coming and
26 joining us tonight with your presentation.
27 ROY ORVIN: Thank you very much.
28 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 6 on the
29 agenda. Ms. Floyd.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I only have ten
31 minutes. It was -- I couldn't understand why the
32 gentleman who spoke requested fifteen. Got fifteen.
33 Bill West requested ten. Got ten. I requested thirty
34 hoping for at least ten and got seven. And had to beg
35 for the other two. So I'm going to be fast. Okay.
36 This is news you can use. If you can't use it yourself
37 just remember that there's over a hundred and seventy-
38 five thousand people in Anderson. What you can't use
39 maybe somebody else can. First of all I had someone
40 from Oconee County call me to tell me something new
41 that they're doing up there. We were talking about
42 something else but this came up. On their inner night
43 -- internet site they list different languages. For
44 example if somebody in Russia want to know about
45 Anderson County they load it down in Russian. They --
46 it can be downloaded in Russian. Mr. Burns, please
47 pass these out quickly for me. If you will notice what
48 he's giving you now, these are sheets of our website
49 that I translated myself into Chinese, German, Russian
50 and Italian. It can be done and I think that we ought

1 to be doing this here in Anderson County. It's very
2 easily done. It took me all of three minutes. If
3 you'll look at the last page, folks, you will see your
4 name and the information about you written in Chinese.
5 Okay. But this is something that Anderson County needs
6 to be doing so when we have people come into our area
7 who cannot speak our language all they have to do is go
8 there and see it on our website in different languages.
9 That's number one. Number -- the second thing is I
10 want to talk to you about the home grants. Over Six
11 Hundred Thousand Dollars has been allocated to Anderson
12 County for this grant. You need to get an application.
13 If you can't get one through Anderson County, call me.
14 I will make sure that you get an application. If you
15 have questions that cannot be answered, you call me. I
16 will get the answer for you. This is too good to turn
17 down. Number 3, the Census. Over eleven hundred jobs
18 will be offered through -- in the Census this year in
19 Anderson County. I called them. This was not in the
20 newspaper. They said that a place will be open in
21 Anderson County next month for you to apply for these
22 jobs. As Mr. Burns said in the newspaper, this is
23 going to be a little teeny weeny shot in the arm for
24 Anderson County as these are only temporary jobs. But
25 you need to -- you may want to be cognizant of that
26 fact. Moving on. I talked with Anderson University
27 President Dr. Whitaker last year and I was interested
28 in the fact that the University purchased the fair
29 ground and at the fair ground they have a facility
30 there to house large animals. I went down there last
31 year with members of the county and we sat down and we
32 talked with him about the possibility of using the --
33 that place in the fair ground to house our large
34 animals. Mr. Whitaker -- Dr. Whitaker was very, very
35 receptive, receptive to the idea and he said that there
36 are some things that we can maybe swap off. They can
37 do something for the county and the county can do
38 something for them. But this way if we can -- and he
39 also said that the students -- it would be a good
40 project for the students in working with these large
41 animals that we have to house maybe overnight or until
42 we can find the owners. This will keep us from having
43 to spend so much of county money trying to house large
44 animals temporarily. He is open to that and I throw
45 this out, Mr. Burns, for you to talk to him to see if
46 this will -- would meet our needs. Okay. Moving on.
47 National Guard Armory. Folks, I went there last
48 Saturday to the celebration that they had for getting
49 the property. All right. Y'all don't know what we
50 almost lost. You don't know what we almost lost. And

1 you don't know what we have there. I am going to ask
2 you, Mr. Burns, to please get in touch with the Captain
3 out there or -- I don't know the names of these people
4 -- how they are called but -- and have -- and please
5 schedule a time for him to come to Anderson County to
6 this meeting to tell us what's out there. You would be
7 overwhelmed that we have our pulse, here in little old
8 Anderson County, we have our pulse on the nation. I'd
9 like for you to do that. Okay. Moving on along.
10 Paving. Mr. Holt Hopkins. Do we have paving money?
11 Quickly. I only have ten minutes. Yes or no? Are we
12 still paving, are we still paving roads? Okay. Are we
13 doing anything else to roads? Does that include
14 grading, curbs and something and grading stuff? I
15 don't have the time, Mr. Hopkins.

16 HOLT HOPKINS: We're doing maintenance
17 activities.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And that means
19 scraping the shoulders and stuff, right?

20 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Because a
22 constituent called me and got all over me because I
23 told him we didn't have any paving money and he said
24 you're doing Bethany Church Road and you're doing
25 Bryant Road. All right. And they weren't doing my
26 road. And I told him that I would get back in touch
27 with you because I know that those roads were paved
28 about ten, about ten years ago and -- but you're
29 scraping the shoulders, you're putting reflections down
30 and he says there's not that much traffic on that road.
31 Now I'm just telling you what my constituent asked me.
32 And that's all I'm doing. I thank you so much.

33 HOLT HOPKINS: We do have a, we do have a
34 striping contract active right now being paid for by C
35 funds.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Well see, we didn't know
37 that. But I didn't know that. But I just appreciate
38 your telling me that. Okay. And I have to move right
39 along. Three Hundred Thousand Dollars was set aside in
40 19 -- in 2008 for two boats. Two boats that's supposed
41 to go on Lake Hartwell. One is a fire boat. One is a
42 rescue boat. We need to find out where that money is.
43 We need to find out why we have not used that money.
44 Okay. All right. There's a house on the lake, Mr.
45 Burns, that I need to talk with you about ...

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47 GRACIE FLOYD: ... I need to -- I have some
48 concerns about that and I don't have time to go into
49 them right now. Okay. I talked about the Anderson
50 Airport and the house on the lake. Mr. Burns, I've

1 already asked for this information but I'm going tell
2 you what I need. Okay. We have, we have so many
3 interims here. Okay. I agree with the lady who stood
4 up and talked about the Farmer's Market. I think
5 something needs to be looked in on that. I agree at
6 this time with her. That we need to look in that to
7 see why there's no, there's no experience there, as
8 well as with our new park and recreations. I have a
9 big concern that there's no experience there as well.
10 When we had experience already on our staff for that.
11 But and there's no experience in the other areas of
12 park and recreation that this new person was hired.
13 Experience lies only in tourism and he did a pretty
14 good job for that. Okay. The interim. I need to know
15 how many. We have too many interim positions. Please
16 sir, I'd like to have a thing on that. Okay. The
17 National Guard Armory is no longer considered the
18 National Guard Armory. It's considered the Anderson
19 Readiness Center. Don't forget that. It is now the
20 Anderson Readiness Center because it's a -- it's
21 politically correct. Is my time ... Oh. I'm doing
22 well. Okay. I talked about the home grant. Okay. We
23 have a FOI to come in and I have not seen it yet. I
24 had not seen it yet and we had to send in an FOI. But
25 there's some big concerns on that thing and I just want
26 you to know that we need to take a close look at some
27 of the -- a closer look at some of those things that
28 are on there. Mr. Burns, did I mention in my haste
29 that the house on the lake is scheduled to be torn
30 down? Did I mention that? It's scheduled to be torn
31 down. I need to know why. Also I talked with the,
32 with the Sheriff. The Sheriff and I had a long talk
33 about different situations on Broadway Lake and then
34 and another area that concerns. I can't think of it
35 now. But we are in the process -- he's in the process
36 of trying to get me more information about how things
37 would be. But I wanted to tell you that I'm really
38 waiting to talk to him because this is going to be
39 important. Mr. Burns, at the last meeting I asked you
40 to find out some things that you did not know. Did you
41 find them out for me? I hope you wrote them down.

42 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sure I did, but you can
43 refresh my memory.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: No. I need you to refresh
45 mine since you wrote it down and I asked.

46 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sorry. I don't have
47 that information.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. One was
49 to know how many people would be transferred over to
50 the Sheriff. That was one question I asked. And I

1 asked you to tell me how many people were already
2 Sheriff ready. Okay. And I asked you also to tell me
3 the amount of money that would be transferred. These
4 are things that we've been told but we have not seen in
5 writing. I don't think. All right. If my memory -- I
6 hate this phrase but if my memory serves me correctly I
7 don't -- I can't remember that. But those are the
8 questions I wanted you -- I asked you last week and
9 there was nobody here to answer those questions. So
10 again, sir, I'm asking you please -- respectfully
11 asking you to please look into those things again. I
12 need that information. Okay. Is my ten minutes up yet
13 because I did it?

14 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 7(a), 2009.
15 Third reading on ordinance. Ordinance amending
16 Ordinance 99-004. Anderson County Zoning Ordinances
17 adopted July 20, 1999 by amending the Anderson County
18 Zoning map to re-zone from R-20 residential single
19 family district and R-10 residential single family
20 district to planned development district, that parcel
21 of land consists of 6.07 acres in the Hopewell School
22 Precinct on Concord Road, Anderson. The re-zoning
23 application prepared by Palmetto Acquisitions dated
24 June 16, 2009. Plan prepared by C. E. Property
25 Solutions LLC. Parcel is further identified as TMS
26 145-00-07-005 and 145-00-07-008. Mr. West.

27 BILL WEST: I have nothing further to
28 add to the discussion.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
31 motion we move.

32 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion that we
33 move it and do we have a second?

34 BOB WALDREP: Second.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
36 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to
37 Item (b), 2009-19. Ordinance prohibiting former
38 members of Anderson County Council from accepting
39 employment with the county or performing consulting
40 services for the county. Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Would you like for me to
42 read that again as it -- okay. This is an ordinance
43 prohibiting former members of the Anderson County
44 Council from accepting employment with the county or
45 performing consulting services for the county and
46 matters related thereto.

47 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina,
48 Anderson County a body politic and a corporate and
49 political subdivision of the State of South Carolina,
50 acting by and through the Anderson County Council

1 desires to place a reasonable limitation upon the
2 ability of former members of county council to accept
3 employment with Anderson County or performing
4 consulting work where Anderson County is the client;
5 and

6 Now, therefore, be it ordained by County
7 Council in meeting duly assembled that:

8 1. A former member of Anderson County
9 Council may not for a period of one year after
10 terminating his or her public service accept employment
11 with Anderson County.

12 2. A former member of Anderson County
13 Council may not for a period of one year after
14 terminating his or her public service perform
15 consulting services on any matter where Anderson County
16 is the client.

17 Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be
18 construed as prohibiting the former county council
19 member from accepting employment with a consulting firm
20 provided the former county council member has no direct
21 or indirect involvement in any manner -- matter where
22 Anderson County is the client. Should any part of the
23 provision of this ordinance be deemed unconstitutional
24 or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction
25 such determination shall not affect the rest and
26 remainder of this ordinance all of which is hereby
27 deemed separable. All ordinances, orders, resolutions,
28 enactments of Anderson County Council inconsistent
29 herewith or to the extent of such inconsistency only
30 hereby repealed, revoked and rescinded. The ordinance
31 shall take effect and be in full force from and after
32 the third reading and enactment by Anderson County
33 Council.

34 Ordained in meeting duly assembled this 6th
35 day of October, 2009.

36 Basically this brings the county in line with
37 the state legislature rules. Thank you.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

39 CINDY WILSON: I'd like to put that in the
40 form of a motion.

41 BOB WALDREP: Second.

42 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
43 discussion?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I would like
47 to make an amendment please to that ordinance.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. What's your
49 amendment?

50 GRACIE FLOYD: That former and current

1 serving county council members should not be allowed to
2 participate in any transactions bringing personal gains
3 to themselves, family relations, personal friends or
4 acquaintances or business associates by use of their
5 position or confidential knowledge of relationships
6 gained because of their positions during the time
7 period of one year when they have served on council.
8 This would prohibit the use of insider information or
9 otherwise exclusive contacts being made, made during --
10 that these people may have made during their terms of
11 office. And that's in the form of a motion.
12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd has an
13 amendment in the motion. Do we have a second?
14 TOM ALLEN: I second.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen seconds it. Do we
16 have any discussion?
17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
18 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
19 CINDY WILSON: This has already -- these
20 issues are already covered by numerous state and county
21 ordinances and laws. It's already covered. We cannot
22 use our positions, abuse our positions in that regard.
23 Thank you.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
25 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to hear from
26 other council members. Then I'll come back to you, Ms.
27 Floyd. Mr. Dunn.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Can I just -- I would like
29 to see a copy of it at some point in time because I
30 don't know exactly all what she said or what the
31 amendment is. Make it happen and study it a little
32 bit. I won't be voting for it.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
34 BOB WALDREP: I don't see anything wrong
35 exactly with what she's proposed here. I just would
36 like to again look at the language because it does
37 involve some matters. That was the only thing I had to
38 say. I think it sounds as if it's a pretty good
39 amendment because it addresses some problems that we've
40 had in the county about inside information and inside
41 dealings by people in the past and so I just really
42 don't have any problem with it, I just would like to
43 see the language a little bit.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: This -- Mr. Chair, excuse
45 me.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: I apologize. This is first
48 reading on this thing right?
49 EDDIE MOORE: No. This is third reading.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Third reading. Okay. Thank

1 you. If I may explain this. In the past we have had
2 sitting council members who have made profits off of
3 entities in which the county was -- were working --
4 with which the county was working. They have made
5 profits off of this. All right. If we're going to put
6 in a stipulation that says that a person sitting up
7 here now cannot be hired by the county when they leave
8 here what's wrong with putting a stipulation in there
9 that's saying that you cannot make a profit off the
10 information you have learned while you were sitting
11 here. Now there's a -- I know that we have asked for
12 people to send us a list of property that's available
13 and so we can have a database of those properties.
14 What's to keep somebody from taking that same property
15 list and using it for their own benefit. What's the,
16 what's the, what's -- what do we have in place to keep
17 people from knowing what's going on or what's going to
18 come down later. Let's say that we know this year that
19 next year we're going to have a plant coming in here
20 from Timbuktu and you are no longer on council but you
21 know where that plant's going to be. And out you go to
22 buy land up or to sell land up or to contact your
23 people who will buy and sell land for you. If we can
24 put stipulations to stop people from working, we can
25 put stipulations in here to stop people from profiting
26 on information that they received while they were on
27 county council. It is simple as that. Thank you.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd, I don't
29 have any problem with what you're saying on anything,
30 but I would have -- as in the past, it would have been
31 courteous if you would have give us all a copy of this
32 so that we could have studied it before the meeting.
33 So therefore ...

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

35 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not through yet, Ms.
36 Floyd. I have the floor. I would be happy to support
37 that and if you would like to at a later date, maybe
38 next week, put it on the agenda to amend this. And
39 we'll have three readings on it. I would be --
40 definitely would entertain that. But at the present
41 time because I do not have a copy of it, I could not
42 vote for it.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: There have been times in the
46 past when things have been amended during the council
47 meeting. I have never known anybody to pass out
48 copies. What we've always done is what I did just now.
49 Was ask for an amendment. We've done that. Mr.
50 Waldrep, you've done it, Ms. Wilson has done it. Ask

1 for an amendment to a certain item on agenda. But I do
2 realize that when it comes down to me and what I want
3 to do, what I say, all rules change. I don't
4 understand that. But this time you have not been
5 getting information beforehand on an amendment. But I
6 understand why you want it now.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

8 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

9 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

10 CINDY WILSON: I'll just pretty much repeat
11 what you've said and that is this sounds like a very
12 worthy measure. I know a lot of it's already covered
13 by state law. A lot of these type issues are already
14 under investigation in Anderson County. It would be
15 very useful if it could be put up maybe at the next
16 council meeting as an ordinance and I'd be glad to
17 support it.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Me too. We'll now
19 vote. All in favor of Ms. Floyd's amendment raise your
20 right hand. All opposed.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I wonder why.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody abstain?

23 CINDY WILSON: I'm abstaining. I'll wait
24 until she puts it up for next time.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Let it show Ms. Floyd
26 voted yes. Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep
27 voted no and Ms. Wilson abstained. And Ms. Floyd, for
28 your information if you would introduce that as an
29 ordinance I'd be glad to support it next week.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: We shall see.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Or next two weeks. Okay.

32 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, just to make
33 an additional comment on this.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

35 TOM ALLEN: I'm just wondering if there
36 is state law covering some of this, could we also try
37 to get some information on that? That's what I was
38 wondering about. That's, that's a lot. I have no
39 problem with this, but there's a lot of stuff there,
40 and I'd like to see what the state law has to say.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, in response to
43 that, state law was in place when it was done before on
44 council.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't hear you. That's
47 what I thought.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We will now vote on
49 2009-29. All in favor raise your right hand. All
50 opposed. Let it be shown that Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore,

1 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms.
2 Floyd voted no. Okay. It passes. We will now go to
3 Item 8(a), second reading, 2009-22, an ordinance
4 authorizing negotiation, execution and delivery of debt
5 service payment agreement among the City of Clemson,
6 South Carolina, the Town of Pendleton, and Anderson
7 County, South Carolina, and other matters related
8 thereto. The public hearing is now open.

9 CHARLES CROWE: Mr. Chairman, just a
10 question. Does this pertain to the sewer agreement
11 between these identities or the bus service or -- our
12 agenda tells us nothing.

13 EDDIE MOORE: I'll tell you what I'll do.
14 I'm going to go ahead and read this out so that
15 everybody can have it and that way we'll know. If
16 that's okay with everybody.

17 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, the
18 county acting by and through the county council has
19 determined to authorize the execution and delivery of
20 debt service payment agreement among the County, City
21 of Clemson, South Carolina, and the Town of Pendleton
22 in South Carolina;

23 Whereas, the form of proposed agreement is
24 attached hereto as Exhibit A;

25 Whereas, the factual recitals contained in the
26 proposed amendment are hereby incorporated in this
27 ordinance by reference;

28 Whereas, the County Council intends to
29 authorize the Chairman of County Council and the County
30 Administrator acting jointly or individually to execute
31 and deliver the agreement and to take any and all such
32 action as may be necessary to implement and consummate
33 the transaction described in the agreement.

34 Now, therefore, it be ordained by the County
35 Council of Anderson County, the County Council hereby
36 authorizes the Chairman of County Council and the
37 County Administrator or either one of them to execute
38 and deliver the agreement in substantially the form
39 attached hereto as Exhibit A with such changes thereto
40 as may be deemed necessary by the person or persons
41 executing the same to accomplish the purposes of
42 transactions contemplated therein and in this ordinance
43 the Chairman of County Council and the County
44 Administrator or either one of them by -- are hereby
45 further authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver
46 and implement any and all other documents, instruments,
47 certificates, or other papers as he or they may deem
48 necessary to appropriate to accomplish the transactions
49 contemplated by the agreement. The remaining terms and
50 provisions Anderson County Code of Ordinances not

1 revised or affected hereby remain in full force and
2 effect. Should any part or provision of this ordinance
3 be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any
4 court or competent jurisdiction, such determination
5 shall not affect the rest and remainder of the
6 ordinance all of which is hereby deemed separable. All
7 ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of
8 Anderson County inconsistent herewith or to the extent
9 of such inconsistency only hereby repealed, revoked and
10 rescinded. This ordinance shall take effect and be in
11 full force from and after the third reading of
12 enactment by Anderson County Council.

13 The Exhibit A on this, I'm going to read it
14 too so you can understand what's going on.

15 Whereas, Clemson is a municipal corporation, a
16 political subdivision of the State of South Carolina
17 located in Pickens County, South Carolina and as such
18 possesses all general powers granted by the
19 constitution and statutes of the State of South
20 Carolina and such public entities. Pursuant to the
21 applicable provisions of law there has been established
22 a sewer system of Clemson which is both being
23 continuously operated and maintained since the occasion
24 of its establishment;

25 Whereas, Pendleton is a municipal corporation
26 and a political subdivision of the State of South
27 Carolina located in Anderson County, South Carolina and
28 as such possesses all general powers granted by the
29 constitution and statutes of the State of South
30 Carolina to such public entities. Pursuant to the
31 applicable provisions of law there have been
32 established and combined water works and sewer system
33 of Pendleton which has been -- both been continuously
34 operated and maintained since the occasion of its
35 establishment;

36 Whereas, Anderson County is a county and
37 political subdivision of the State of South Carolina
38 and as such possesses all general powers granted by the
39 constitution and statutes of the State of South
40 Carolina to such public entities. Pursuant to the
41 applicable provisions of law there have been
42 established a sewer system of Anderson County which has
43 both been continuously operated and maintained since
44 the occasion of its establishment;

45 Whereas, pursuant to the agreements dated on
46 May 19, 1978 and June 7, 1978, Clemson and Pendleton
47 jointly constructed a waste water treatment plant
48 located in -- on South Carolina Highway 279 within the
49 municipal limits of Pendleton;

50 Whereas, pursuant to such agreements Clemson

1 and Pendleton shared ratably in the treatment capacity
2 of the plant;

3 Whereas, pursuant to the agreement dated
4 December 19, 1988, Pendleton granted one hundred
5 thousand gallons per day in its capacity to the plant
6 to Anderson;

7 Whereas, the current permitted treatment
8 capacity of the plant is two million gallons per day
9 which capacity is by usage and custom allocated such
10 that Clemson is entitled to fifty percent, Pendleton is
11 entitled to forty-five percent, and Anderson is
12 entitled to five percent of such total capacity;

13 Whereas, Pendleton is now entering into a loan
14 agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality
15 Revolving Fund Authority in order to approve the plant
16 which loan guaranteed is described as relating to waste
17 water treatment plant upgrade Phase 1(a) which bears
18 Loan Number F112309472-05, the loan;

19 Whereas, the principal amount of the loan is
20 expected to be approximately One Million Six Hundred
21 and Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars and
22 the loan is expected to bear interest at the rate of
23 three and one half percent per year resulting in annual
24 payments of approximately a Hundred and Thirteen
25 Thousand Twenty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents.

26 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

27 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not through.

28 Whereas, the parties here now desire to
29 establish the terms and condition which upon the loan
30 will be repaid.

31 Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

32 1. Allocation. The parties agree that
33 debt service on related costs expense of loan be
34 allocated that Clemson pays fifty percent, Pendleton
35 pays forty-five percent, Anderson pays five percent of
36 any payments made. This percentage allocation will
37 apply to all payments with respect to the loan whereas
38 such payments relate to interest, principal, reserve
39 fund, replenishments, late fees or otherwise.

40 2. Method of Payment. Debt service as
41 promptly as reasonably practicable following the
42 payment initiation date of the loan, Pendleton will
43 transmit its final debt service scheduled to the loan
44 of Clemson and Anderson not less than fifteen days
45 prior to each date on which Pendleton is required to
46 make a payment. With respect to the loan each of
47 Clemson and Anderson will transmit to Pendleton an
48 amount equal to its respective percentage share of such
49 payment. Pendleton to provide appropriate receipts to
50 evidence payments of such amounts and will apply the

1 amount paid to the loan payment to which it relates.
2 3. Revenue pledged. Further assurances.
3 Each of Clemson and Anderson will secure payment
4 obligations by pledging revenues whose water works and
5 sewer system on such terms may be permitted by existing
6 revenue indebtedness. Each of Clemson and Anderson
7 will execute and deliver such instruments, agreements,
8 undertakings, certificates as may be necessary to
9 implement the promises made hereto.

10 That pretty much gets it. Does that get your
11 question?

12 CHARLES CROWE: I thank you. But I'd be
13 afraid to ask you another one. People will kill me.

14 EDDIE MOORE: I was supposed to read that
15 anyway so that makes it ...

16 CHARLES CROWE: They're already looking at
17 me like they could. But listen, let me ask you this
18 now. Is it still true on this bond that only the users
19 will pay for it? Not the taxpayers. The users of the
20 sewer treatment.

21 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. It comes through
22 the user fees.

23 CHARLES CROWE: Thank you. That's all I
24 had. Thank you.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Don't ask me another
26 question, Charles. All right. The public hearing is
27 still open.

28 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Mr. Chair, Candy Kern-
29 Fuller, District 4. Can the Chair or someone answer
30 how this will affect our bond rating?

31 EDDIE MOORE: I didn't understand your
32 question. Can you speak a little ...

33 CANDY KERN-FULLER: Can the Chair or someone
34 else answer how this will affect our bond rating?

35 ?:
36 Mr. Chairman, members of
37 council, this won't affect our bond rating. Basically
38 we're going to have a payment about Five Thousand Six
39 Hundred and Eighty-One Dollars per year on this. That
40 is our five percent. So it basically -- the Town of
Pendleton is the one who's borrowing the money.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else in the public
42 hearing? Hearing none, seeing none, the public hearing
43 is now closed.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
45 motion we move on this.

46 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to move.
47 Do I have a second?

48 TOM ALLEN: Second.

49 EDDIE MOORE: We're now in discussion.

50 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just have

1 one quick question. The -- clarified that the five
2 percent that Anderson County is responsible for that
3 will be -- that five percent, doesn't that come out of
4 revenues from the use of the system? I mean it's not
5 any taxpayer money that's really involved in this at
6 all is it? There's no ...

7 ?:
8 the user fees. Money should be coming from

9 BOB WALDREP: Yeah. From the user fee.
10 Okay. That's all. Thank you.

11 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

12 TOM ALLEN: Just.

13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

14 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might.

15 Yeah. I think -- Charles, I hope you got your answer
16 there. But basically what this is doing is up Clemson
17 Boulevard there we have that little dab of sewage
18 capacity that we can use for development up that way.
19 If we don't have that we're dead in the water up on
20 Clemson Boulevard as far as getting any kind of
21 development in and that's why we want to do this.
22 Thank you.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else. Now
24 vote. All in favor of moving 2009-022 raise your right
25 hand. Unanimous. We now go to Item (b), 2009-23, an
26 ordinance authorizing Anderson County to enter into
27 transaction for sale of certain real estate and matters
28 thereto. Public hearing is now open. Anyone would
29 like to speak on it. Maybe while the public hearing is
30 still open, Mr. Holt, will you maybe give everybody ...

31 ?:
32 Mr. Chairman, I don't
33 normally do this but I would like to know what this is
34 about. There's not enough detail in the agenda to tell
35 us anything.

36 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

37 ?:
38 But you don't have to read
39 that whole thing. Just give us an idea so I'll know
40 what I'm writing about. Thank you.

41 BOB WALDREP: Yeah.

42 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman.

43 EDDIE MOORE: I think I need -- if it's
44 okay. Seeing no one else I'm going to close the public
45 hearing and let him do his speech and then I'm going to
46 open the public hearing back open again if anyone wants
47 to say anything. I think that would be the best thing
48 to do. So the public hearing right now will be closed
49 and I'm going to let Mr. Hopkins explain it and then
50 ...

51 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. Mr. Chairman and
52 council members, like we discussed last week, this is

1 all right around where we're putting in a new bridge on
2 Stevenson Road later this year. And part of the
3 properties down there -- some of it will -- is really
4 useless property to the county. Other is important
5 property to the adjacent landowners. And if I may, let
6 me just talk about all -- the next three ordinances
7 real quick. This one -- this particular ordinance
8 deals with tract -- well, let me back up. All the gray
9 area is county property currently. The Starr landfill
10 is down on the right bottom corner in that area just to
11 give you an area -- know where you're at. This
12 ordinance deals with Tract E and C and Tract D. What
13 the County would like to -- or staff recommends is that
14 we purchase Tract D and we give up Tract E and C plus
15 Five Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars and
16 that's the deal. We want Tract D. The other property
17 owner, Mr. Stevens -- Stevenson would like Tracts C and
18 E but because we're getting more property than we're
19 able to trade, we would owe him Five Thousand Dollars.
20 And that's all based on appraised -- formal appraisals
21 that were done on all the property. All right. That's
22 this ordinance. The next ordinance deals with a --
23 just a pure sale of Tract A, which the county currently
24 owns, but we have absolutely -- it's cut off from the
25 Starr landfill property by the road. Just a minor
26 little piece of property, but it's important to Mr.
27 Walker because his driveway actually sits on it. So he
28 has requested could he purchase this property. He --
29 the appraised value and what we recommend selling it to
30 him for is Forty-two Hundred Dollars. All right. And
31 the last piece or the last ordinance deals with -- this
32 is direct -- directly involved with the road project
33 itself. Since we are going to have to widen the
34 footprint of the road into the swamp area we are
35 required to mitigate it. Meaning that we have to set
36 aside some swamp land and improve that swamp land for
37 wetland purposes and forever let it be wetlands and
38 swamp land. And so that we're -- the third ordinance,
39 Ordinance 25, will forever set that property aside
40 making it a permanent wetland. And that's what the
41 three ordinances will do.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We're going to go
43 back to the public hearing on 2009-23 and I'm going to
44 open it back up.

45 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, could I ask
46 Mr. ---

47 EDDIE MOORE: As soon as we get to that
48 point. I'm going to go back to the public hearing if
49 anyone has anything to say and then we'll come right
50 back.

1 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

3 BENNIE SUE WEST: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In
4 the last administration some of you will recall that
5 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars was put aside to repair
6 Stevenson Road. You know when it rains real bad and
7 the water drains over on that on Stevenson Road and
8 it's almost impossible to get across that when there's
9 a real bad rain. It floods badly. And the last time
10 that I was down Stevenson Road the only thing that I
11 noticed that the county had done was created a gravel
12 turnaround. A half moon size gravel on each side of
13 the road. But I don't know if anything's ever been
14 done about the flooding cause it looks like it would
15 require some type of bridge in that section that fills
16 up. That would be Tract D.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

18 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.
19 Rick Freemantle from the White Plains District. In
20 light of the new revelations here from the council
21 woman from District 2, I have to ask, does she know if
22 there are any former council people who are having
23 anything to do with these land transactions? I would
24 also like to just make a quick statement. I do believe
25 there's still some investigators in town and if she has
26 information about their past practices maybe she'd care
27 to share that with them.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else on 2009-23?
29 Seeing none, hearing none, the public hearing is now
30 closed. Do I have a motion?

31 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, is it -- are
32 we?

33 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a motion?

34 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Go ahead. I so move.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And we have a second.
36 We're now in discussion. Now Mr. Waldrep.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. I asked
38 first.

39 EDDIE MOORE: He had already asked.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: When?

41 BOB WALDREP: Dibs.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you raise your hand?

43 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Mr. Hopkins, I wanted
44 to ask you about the mitigation areas. I -- sometime I
45 understand there's certain limitations and
46 restrictions. Are we within the, I guess, parameters
47 of the swamp with mitigation areas that we're dealing
48 with here? I notice that Tract B is a wetland
49 mitigation area.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. This plan of

1 using this 6.81 acres for mitigation has already been
2 approved by the Corp of Engineers and it's --
3 everything's been signed off as a permit issue. It's
4 just a matter of actually ...
5 BOB WALDREP: Well it's kind of like a
6 bank isn't it or something.
7 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. This ...
8 BOB WALDREP: Don't you have a bank of
9 land that you can trade. Kind of like cap and trade or
10 cap and swap.
11 HOLT HOPKINS: No, sir. Not in this
12 particular case. Normally when you're talking about a
13 mitigation bank you're talking about a lot more acres
14 that you have to sell credits of that like. This is
15 the minimum required to mitigate this project.
16 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
17 HOLT HOPKINS: So it's ...
18 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, I guess my
19 question is if we had need of some wetland area that we
20 needed to mitigate, do we still have enough land here
21 that we could swap?
22 HOLT HOPKINS: There's a possibility. I'm
23 not real sure. Tract C may be pure wetland that ...
24 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, that's what I'm
25 kindly getting to also. Is this kind of in a flood
26 plain of some type down? This whole area is flood
27 plain and it cannot be used as I understand for
28 residential construction or really any kind of
29 construction.
30 HOLT HOPKINS: Pretty much anything because
31 it's wetland. Most of it.
32 BOB WALDREP: Okay. So Item -- all of
33 this in the blue basically is flood plain. Is that
34 correct?
35 HOLT HOPKINS: Well the Tract A -- well
36 everything -- right there at Tract A, it's in the dry.
37 Currently right in that area is where that cul-de-sac
38 -- gravel cul-de-sac was put. Once you get past the
39 gas -- natural gas line it gets pretty wet down in
40 there.
41 BOB WALDREP: Right. Well I guess that's
42 what I was trying to get a feel for the values of
43 property there. It doesn't seem like that anybody's
44 really anxious to go down there and buy this property.
45 HOLT HOPKINS: Not to build on. No, sir.
46 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Except for the guy
47 that's got the driveway. He just wants to drive out of
48 it. Okay.
49 HOLT HOPKINS: He just wants to keep his
50 driveway where it is.

1 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. Thank
2 you.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I thought that
5 some of us had been coming here long enough to know
6 that we do not answer questions during a public
7 hearing. But if anyone has any questions of me -- 226-
8 3491. Any time. Thank you.
9 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
11 TOM ALLEN: To sum all this up.
12 Basically what we're doing is trading swamp for swamp
13 and everybody's happy?
14 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. In every case
15 except probably Tract A.
16 TOM ALLEN: For that two and a half
17 acres, except for that. Okay. Thank you.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
20 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Hopkins, what
22 happened to the Three Hundred Thousand Dollars that was
23 set aside for this project at one time? Is that money
24 still there or did it -- that's number one. Number
25 two, did it deplete itself? How -- if so, how much?
26 About how much?
27 HOLT HOPKINS: All right. I'm going to
28 have ...
29 GRACIE FLOYD: And number three, how long
30 was that money sitting there?
31 HOLT HOPKINS: The -- some of the money is
32 still sitting there. We used it for seed money
33 basically to get our plans started. Get some of the
34 permitting issues checked into. We spent about, if I
35 remember right, a Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand the
36 first year or two on the plans, developing the plans.
37 But we knew going in that Three Hundred Thousand was
38 not going to build this project. This project's over a
39 Million Dollar project and we had to let our bridge
40 money catch up with us. There was a couple of years
41 delay on trying to figure out if we should replace it
42 or should not replace it. We had committee meetings on
43 it and discussed it thoroughly and the decision was
44 made to move forward with it. But we had to wait until
45 our bridge money caught up with it. And this year is
46 that year.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Hopkins, let's
48 talk about the bridge money a bit. It has caught up
49 with us to what extent?
50 HOLT HOPKINS: Enough to do this project

1 and I'm pretty sure Milford Road. It's underway. But
2 that's partly federal grant money and county money.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: How much is that project?

4 HOLT HOPKINS: On this project?

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Milford Road? Uh-huh

6 (affirmative).

7 HOLT HOPKINS: It's somewhere again in the
8 neighborhood of a Million Dollars. I don't know the
9 exact amount.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. One other
11 question to you, sir. Please tell me, the Thirty
12 Million Dollars that we need to do a bridge on Broadway
13 Lake, will the, will the bridge money eventually catch
14 up to that maybe in the next year or two?

15 HOLT HOPKINS: No, ma'am. Not that kind of
16 money. I mean we're trying to hold on to two mils for
17 bridges which is a little more than a Million Dollars a
18 year for bridges so it would take ...

19 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

20 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your right
21 hand. All opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Allen, Mr.
22 Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes.
23 Ms. Floyd voted no. Now go to 2009-024. Public
24 hearing is now open.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, point of order.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, let's get it on
28 the floor first. We need to read the information. We
29 need to have a motion and put it on the floor and then
30 it's open to public hearing.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, he just went
32 through all these ordinances and explained each one of
33 them. They're on your screen there. If you'll look at
34 your ordinance, Item A, B, C, D and E is related to all
35 these ordinances.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

37 EDDIE MOORE: He just explained that.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: The mistake is mine. But I
39 thought for sure you said ordinance -- number 9.

40 EDDIE MOORE: 2009-024, which is ---

41 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought for sure you said
42 2009. But I stand to be corrected. And Mr. Chairman,
43 I apologize.

44 EDDIE MOORE: I take your apology. Thank
45 you. The public hearing is now open. Hearing none,
46 seeing none, the public hearing is now closed.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, make a motion
48 we move on this.

49 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and we have
50 a second. Any discussion now? All in favor, raise

1 your right hand. All opposed. Let it be show Mr.
2 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson
3 voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, so now we're going
5 on to E?
6 EDDIE MOORE: Yes, ma'am.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I have never known to
8 be done like this manner, so I'm a little confused.
9 We've always taken -- since each one of them had its
10 own ordinance number, we've always done it in that
11 order. So like I said, this is new to me. So please
12 excuse me.
13 EDDIE MOORE: It is a little different
14 because they're all related. Since they're all on
15 Stevenson Road and you've got all the tracts and if
16 you'll look on the screen ---
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I understand that.
18 This is the same thing we were shown last time.
19 EDDIE MOORE: I doubt very seriously if
20 we'll ever have another one quite like this. It's a
21 little different. The public hearing is now open.
22 Hearing none, seeing none, the public hearing is now
23 closed.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
25 motion we move on this.
26 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and we have
27 a second. Any discussion?
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: This is not the same
31 ordinance. This is the one for Stonehaven Subdivision;
32 is it not? Am I wrong again?
33 EDDIE MOORE: We're on D right now.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. In the future,
35 Mr. Chairman, I think that I would like for it to stay
36 the way it's supposed to be, each one having its own
37 public hearing, each one having its own attention.
38 This is too confusing. Thank you.
39 EDDIE MOORE: They do have each one of
40 them. We're -- he just -- since they're on the same
41 road and they're all related, he covered everything so
42 that he doesn't have to be redundant about everything.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not going to argue the
44 point, Mr. Chairman.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Thank you.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: You're welcome.
47 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. On D, public hearing
48 is now open. Anyone have anything? Hearing none,
49 seeing none, the public hearing is now closed. I have
50 a motion on the floor to move and we have a second.

1 Any discussion. Raise your right hand. All opposed.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
3 withdraw my vote, please.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Reconsider my vote.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: If this is the same area that
8 we're talking about, then please let the record show
9 that I vote in opposed to it.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
12 EDDIE MOORE: Let it be shown that Mr.
13 Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson
14 voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. And now we'll go to
15 2009-026. This is an ordinance authorizing Anderson
16 County to enter into a transaction of sale of certain
17 real estate located in the Stonehaven Subdivision, and
18 matters related thereto. And I'm going to let -- I am
19 going to let Mr. Hopkins explain it before I go into
20 the public hearing.
21 HOLT HOPKINS: I'm going to let Mr. Smith
22 catch this one.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Greg.
24 GREG SMITH: On this project, this is the
25 one we talked about Stonehaven where we're going to
26 move the pump station up to the front of the property.
27 They're building it behind the gentleman's house. The
28 gentleman himself, Mr. Branyon, had requested that it
29 not be behind his house and was more willing to help us
30 out and move it over, which makes it closer to the
31 road, easier access for us and it's not in a flood
32 plain. So it's a good decision for us to go that
33 direction.
34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
35 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, just to be
36 clear, in -- the red X is where the current pump
37 station is now.
38 GREG SMITH: Yes.
39 HOLT HOPKINS: And it's a long ways down a
40 muddy road to get to.
41 GREG SMITH: Very touch, especially if you
42 have to -- if you do have an issue and you have to take
43 a pumper truck in there, they're not exactly four-wheel
44 drive, so ...
45 HOLT HOPKINS: The yellow area is where the
46 county currently owns.
47 GREG SMITH: Yes. And we're looking at
48 building on where the red section is right there.
49 HOLT HOPKINS: But when they went and
50 investigated in the yellow area to put the pump

1 station, the new pump station, the neighbor offered to
2 do some land swapping to get it up closer to the actual
3 asphalted road and get it out from behind his house.
4 And that's what this is all about, a swapping land
5 around to accommodate everybody. Better for Greg too.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. We'll now
7 go into public hearing. The public hearing is now
8 open. Anyone have any input? Hearing none, seeing
9 none, the public hearing is now closed.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion
11 we move on this.

12 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to move.
13 And we have a second. We're now in discussion. Anyone
14 have anything? Now vote. All in favor, raise your
15 right hand. Unanimous. We now go to Item 9(a), 2009-
16 027, an ordinance amending Chapter 42 of Anderson
17 County Code of Ordinances pertaining to securing of
18 litter while being transported, and matters related
19 thereto. Ms. Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I'll read this
21 verbatim.

22 This is an ordinance amending Chapter 42 of
23 the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to
24 the securing of litter while being transported, and
25 matters related thereto.

26 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a
27 body politic and a corporate and political subdivision
28 of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through
29 the Anderson County Council, previously adopted a
30 certain ordinance codified in Section 146, Chapter 42,
31 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South
32 Carolina, providing for the securing and covering of
33 litter loads while being transported within the
34 corporate limits of Anderson County, and

35 Whereas, Anderson County Council desires to
36 amend Sections 42-146(b) and (c) in order to make it
37 clear that a tarp or any -- or other form of cover is
38 not necessary, provided the load is otherwise properly
39 secured in such a manner so as to prevent litter on
40 public and private property.

41 Now therefore, be it ordained by County
42 Council in meeting duly assembled that:

43 (1) Section 42-146(b) of Anderson Code of
44 Ordinances entitled, Responsibility for Loose Material
45 on Property and Vehicles, is hereby amended in order to
46 delete that subsection in its entirety and replace it
47 with the following:

48 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person
49 to transport any loose materials by truck or other
50 motor vehicle in motion within the corporate limits of

1 the county unless the material is covered or otherwise
2 secured in such a manner as to prevent litter on public
3 and private property.

4 (2) Section 42-146(c) of the Anderson County
5 Code of Ordinances entitled, Responsibility for Loose
6 Material on Property and Vehicles, is hereby amended in
7 order to replace the word and with or in the first
8 sentence of that subsection.

9 (3) Section 42-146(c) of the Anderson County
10 Code of Ordinances entitled, Responsibility for Loose
11 Material on Property and Vehicles, is hereby amended in
12 order to delete the second and third sentences of that
13 subsection in their entirety.

14 (4) The remaining terms and provisions of
15 Anderson County Code of Ordinances not revised or
16 affected, hereby remain in full force and effect.

17 (5) Should any part of the provision of this
18 ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable
19 by any court of competent jurisdiction, such
20 determination shall not affect the rest and remainder
21 of this ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed
22 separable.

23 All ordinances, orders, resolutions and
24 actions of Anderson County Council inconsistent
25 herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only,
26 hereby repealed, revoked and rescinded.

27 Following the third reading and enactment by
28 Anderson County Council, this ordinance shall take
29 effect January 1st, 2010 and expire December 31st, 2010
30 unless extended by duly authorized action of County
31 Council.

32 The long and the short of this, Mr. Chairman, as
33 I've put this into a motion, is to make sure that all
34 loads are covered and secured but not making it
35 absolutely mandatory that it is tarped. I think that
36 the focus needs to be on apprehending our litterers
37 rather than simply ticketing people who may have
38 covered and secured loads. I put this in the form of a
39 motion and I would like to add further information
40 after we've had some discussion. Thank you.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Motion is on the floor. Do I
42 have a second?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

44 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. We're now
45 in discussion.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I want you to
49 know that I have received numerous phone calls and
50 emails, as I'm sure that you have as well, from people

1 who are opposed to this. One lady told me today to
2 please inform the council that if another -- if this is
3 passed and if a bag -- another plastic bag should fly
4 off the back of a truck and hit her windshield where
5 she had to pull over to get it off, and if she has an
6 accident, this time she will hold the county, she will
7 hold the county responsible. To the member -- council
8 member from District 7, I'm very surprised that you are
9 the person who is sponsoring this bill. I remember
10 years ago your, your rantings about the trash that was
11 blown off the road, especially on the way to the
12 landfill site. I remember you talking constantly about
13 the fact that trash was blowing off the truck and that
14 how people had to go out there and pick it up. I don't
15 think this is good. I think when you put a paper bag
16 -- when you put plastic bags on the back of a truck,
17 those plastic bags will tear open from the wind and
18 trash will come out. We have worked too hard here in
19 Anderson County to try to clean things up. Keep
20 America Beautiful and the thousands of people who have
21 volunteered to get out there to pick up that trash that
22 has blown off the back of a truck will not like this
23 law. I don't know about any of you, but I have been to
24 pick up trash almost everywhere. I've only seen one
25 other council member out there, and that was only for
26 about ten minutes. But this is not a good ruling. I'm
27 hoping that you will take a look at this. I'm hoping
28 that you will not repeal such a, such a needed law here
29 in Anderson. I have driven behind a truck on Highway
30 29 South and I'm sitting there looking at all the trash
31 being blown off. I called Environmental Services
32 Litter Control, and they stopped this man and he was
33 fined for not having his load covered. Plenty of
34 plastic bags on there. And by the way, the lady who
35 said that this happened to her, this plastic bag flew
36 off the back of the truck, was traveling down Bellview.
37 She wanted you to know that. Okay. And the only way
38 -- she didn't mention her name. She would not let me
39 mention her name because she said she didn't want to be
40 talked about on that radio show. I thank you for that.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

42 BOB WALDREP: With all due deference to
43 everybody, council, about this issue. I just have some
44 questions. Of course, I've been getting some calls too
45 about this tarp. It seems like the big issue here is
46 people resent having to get a tarp and tie it across
47 the truck. Of course, the statute says it can be
48 covered or otherwise secured in such a manner as to
49 prevent litter. And I just wondered, has -- the
50 interpretation apparently has been that unless you have

1 a tarp, you're not secured. I just wondered if that's
2 just kind of a practical look at the statute, the way
3 it reads, the one that we're trying apparently to amend
4 and to revoke this particular language here. I just
5 didn't know whether anybody had an opportunity to look
6 at that. I don't mean to look at Mr. Pitts right now,
7 but I am, on this. Did you ever have a chance to look
8 at this, Mike, to see how -- why it's so interpreted
9 that way. It just says covered or otherwise secured in
10 such a manner. And the complaints that I hear on both
11 side, of course, is one, I don't want the county
12 telling me to do anything. And then the other one is,
13 I don't want trash blowing out. And that's a problem.
14 And then we've got folks that have been involved with
15 Keep America Beautiful and all and I know that's not
16 popular with everybody, but some of those folks do
17 apparently work to keep our county clean. And so that
18 -- I'm just trying to get a little discussion on that
19 going. Hopefully civil discussion about trash, trash
20 talk, so go ahead.

21 MIKE PITTS: Yeah. I believe that
22 interpretation is coming from the way that Subsection
23 (c) is currently worded. Of course, I can't speak for
24 how the code enforcement officers have been
25 interpreting it or the basis for which they're writing
26 tickets. But it does say lack of adequate covering and
27 securing of material while in motion. And then that
28 last sentence there, it says, a cover over the entire
29 load must be used. That's where that's coming from.

30 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I guess I just didn't
31 get that far. I just have to say, frankly I have some
32 concerns about it. I have concerns about litter. You
33 know, we all do. And I would imagine we're going to
34 have a public hearing on this next meeting. So I'm
35 probably going to go ahead and support this but reserve
36 my right, of course, after the public hearing. Because
37 I would really like to hear from the folks out there on
38 this issue. I don't know why this has got to be such a
39 life or death issue about covering up this trash here.
40 But apparently it strikes a nerve somehow another. So
41 that was only my comment, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

42 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

44 TOM ALLEN: Just a question actually.

45 How long has the tarp law been in effect? Has that
46 been like three or four years? When did -- when was
47 that ---

48 MIKE PITTS: Hang on and I can tell you.

49 TOM ALLEN: -- put into effect?

50 MIKE PITTS: The ordinance was originally

1 some additional training for our staff, some
2 suggestions. For example, that we would have
3 uniformed, trained officers and they would be in
4 unmarked cars, because our vehicles are very well
5 marked and anyone thinking of throwing out trash might
6 think twice before they throw it out in front of a
7 vehicle such as that. I think it would be useful when
8 we have our next public meeting regarding that, maybe
9 toward the end of the month, that we have perhaps a
10 summit on litter and have a workshop on that and have
11 Mr. Jackson attend, along with all other interested
12 parties. But I am requesting that we pass this on
13 first reading tonight to make sure that the loads are
14 covered and secured. Not necessarily to have to be
15 tarped. I do want us to put the emphasis on catching
16 the litterers and prosecuting the litterers. Right now
17 the story that I'm hearing is that a lot of people are
18 being ticketed because they're not tarped. It goes to
19 summary court and it gets thrown out because they're
20 covered. So that's an issue. Thank you.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman. I have a
23 question, Mr. Pitts. Last year, I think it was last
24 year, KAB received some money and they were selling
25 very, very cheaply things to use, a plastic thing to be
26 used to cover the load. Okay. Now you just explained
27 to us that it did say the loads had to be covered. All
28 right. Now, by eliminating the tarp, what does that
29 mean? Does that mean -- what is a tarp? Is a tarp the
30 plastic thing that they were -- that they sold at the
31 landfill or could it be a sheet covering the load?
32 Could it be a piece of material that covers the load?
33 Now, you said it had to be covered in there. Could you
34 please explain that to me, please?

35 MIKE PITTS: The language I referred to
36 said the entire load must be covered. And I take it
37 that's being interpreted by the people enforcing the
38 ordinance as requiring a tarp of some sort. Now, what
39 -- whether they consider a tarp being made of plastic
40 or a bed sheet or something else, I don't know.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, see, my confusion is,
42 we have an amended on the floor, an ordinance on the
43 floor, saying that we can eliminate the tarps. All
44 right.

45 CINDY WILSON: We're not eliminating the
46 tarps.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts -- thank you.
48 Thank you. What are -- what is this ordinance here
49 advocating?

50 MIKE PITTS: It's making you clear that

1 you are not violating the ordinance if your litter is
2 secured or covered in such a fashion such that it
3 doesn't blow out and cause litter.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So that
5 means that it can be covered or it just could be a
6 whole -- excuse me -- it could be an entire load of
7 just plastic bags? Is that correct?

8 MIKE PITTS: If they were secured in such
9 a fashion that they wouldn't cause litter. Yeah, that
10 would comply.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now,
12 secured means that the plastic bags are tied down.
13 Okay. But what about an opening, you know, like in the
14 bag? That's not -- is that -- that's not considered
15 secure; right?

16 MIKE PITTS: I wouldn't think so, not if
17 it's causing litter to blow out.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Not if it's causing litter to
19 ---

20 MIKE PITTS: It would become unsecured at
21 that point.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: It become unsecured. Okay.
23 But a tarp or a cover would have alleviated the problem
24 of the trash blowing off, out of the plastic bag. Am I
25 correct?

26 MIKE PITTS: In your hypothetical example
27 and further assuming that it was -- the tarp was
28 secure. Yeah, sure.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative). Okay.
30 I thank you.

31 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd
34 just like to say, I echo Mr. Waldrep's sentiments.
35 I've got great concerns about this too. And feel very
36 -- both side of the issue. Seems like every Saturday
37 morning I pick up trash on my property on Dixon Road
38 and a lot of it is because people throw it out the
39 window. Ain't nothing -- tarps or whatnot. And I hate
40 -- Ms. Wilson's thing too is about the -- a lot of
41 times we find people trying to do the right thing and
42 get to the landfill and they're getting fined. I'm
43 torn in between this. But keep in mind this thing is
44 not saying -- the whole thing -- that they won't be,
45 that they won't be ticketed. It's got to be secured.
46 But I will probably vote for this tonight to get it at
47 a public hearing. But I would like to hear from Keep
48 America Beautiful and our county staff. I'd like to
49 hear from our compliance officers. You know, I'd like
50 to hear -- is anybody -- you know, I'd like to get them

1 here or either talk to them between now and then and
2 find out, you know, about writing tickets about this
3 and everything. I think we need to get some more
4 information. But in due process I will forward this on
5 but hold my right to reserve to the vote against it
6 next time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

8 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just kind of
9 echo what Mr. Dunn has said here, to hear from -- well,
10 KAB, I think KAB is Keep America Beautiful, somebody
11 from that staff. And then somebody from the litter
12 place I think would be very helpful. And on that note
13 I'd like to recommend the Glad trash bags to all of you
14 in case you use one. They're very effective. Thank
15 you.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We'll now vote. All
17 in favor of moving it to the public hearing a second
18 reading, raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it
19 be shown Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep
20 and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. And
21 ladies and gentlemen, we'll now take a five minute
22 break.

23 BREAK

24 EDDIE MOORE: ... 2009-028, ordinance
25 authorizing the amendment that certain multi-county
26 park agreement dated November the 1st, 2006,
27 subsequently amended, governing multi-county business
28 industrial park, by and between Anderson County and
29 Abbeville County, to authorize expansion of the
30 boundaries of the park and other matters related. Mr.
31 Pitts.

32 MIKE PITTS: Yes, sir. This has to do
33 with the multi-county business park that has been
34 created with Abbeville County and Anderson. Abbeville
35 has brought a new business into the park on the
36 Abbeville side. They need to expand the park
37 boundaries to accommodate that new business. And since
38 we're a one percent stakeholder, we've been asked to
39 consent to that enlargement of the park.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Make a motion we move
41 it. Do we have a second?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

43 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
44 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
45 Unanimous. We now go to Item 10, Accommodations Tax
46 Committee recommendations.

47 BILL WEST: Ready, Mr. Chairman? Okay.
48 Since there are at least three new members of council
49 since accommodations taxes came before the group, I
50 thought it would be good to have a little basic primer

1 of what this program is about. This is revenue that
2 comes from two percent lodging taxes levied by the
3 state on hotel, motel, bed and breakfast
4 accommodations, bed and breakfast rooms. There's
5 mandated to be a -- the appointment of an
6 accommodations tax advisory committee of seven persons
7 with some representation from hospitality industries,
8 from the lodging industries and at large
9 representation. And they are to advise you, the
10 council, on the best distribution of funds that meet
11 the objectives of the program. By law the monies may
12 only be used in activities related to travel and
13 tourism. And this means activities of people that are
14 taking trips outside their home communities. Fifty
15 miles is a rule of thumb that they would travel to
16 attend an event somewhere. Expenditures must meet at
17 least -- meet two tests, that they attract and provide
18 for tourists and that they're not an item which would
19 normally be provided by the county or municipality.
20 They can include advertising and promotion of tourism,
21 promotion of arts and cultural events. Construction,
22 maintenance and operation of facilities for civic and
23 cultural activities. Services such as law enforcement,
24 fire protection, solid waste collection and so forth
25 which is required to serve the tourists. Public
26 facilities such as restrooms, rental of portajohns, if
27 you will, dressing rooms, parks and so forth. Tourist
28 shuttle transportation, control and repair of
29 waterfront erosion and operating visitor information
30 centers. The funds for distribution for Anderson
31 County were down about eight percent from previous
32 years. We know that travel reduced last year. The
33 high cost of gasoline, among other things, and that was
34 reflected in revenues in Anderson County. But like I
35 said down about eight percent or thirteen thousand
36 three hundred and nine dollars from the previous year.
37 But that did leave us a hundred and sixty-two thousand
38 dollars worth of funds to allocate. The Accommodations
39 Tax Committee met. Its recommendations are before you.
40 You have them, you know, in the sheet. And you -- they
41 are subject to, you know, your either acceptance of
42 this list, acceptance and approval of the list, or you
43 may choose to, by motion, to add to one project. But
44 in doing so you must delete from another one. So
45 whatever is done, the balance has to remain the same.
46 We can't create new funds by our action. That's
47 concludes the staff report. We'll be happy to attempt
48 to answer any questions for you. I would also add
49 that, you know, in our work in previous years that the
50 state has not questions the allocations and

1 distributions that were made. We have passed the test,
2 you know, on all of them in the previous years.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
5 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to add Mr. West, how
6 many times did the committee meet to come up with this
7 list? They did it all at one time or did you have
8 several meetings?
9 BILL WEST: All at one time.
10 TOMMY DUNN: All at one time?
11 BILL WEST: ?? met first, went through
12 the entire list. First, you know, the calls went out,
13 you know, for applications. And in that it went to
14 everybody who had ever gotten one before. It also went
15 to any new groups that had during the past year asked
16 to be added to the mailing list. And then the
17 applications were received. You can see some were not
18 -- you know, some of the groups didn't apply again for
19 whatever reason. And there are new ones. So we think
20 that part of it was effective.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: But I'd like to put this on
23 the floor first. I'd like to get this on the floor
24 first.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion to
26 put this on the floor. Do I have a second?
27 CINDY WILSON: Second.
28 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Now we
29 go into discussion.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I have some
33 questions here. I don't know if you did or not. I'm
34 asking. Did you get, did you get an application from
35 Fusion Warehouse?
36 BILL WEST: We did not. We sent them one
37 and they chose not -- I think they determined their
38 programs did not fit the objectives of this program.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand why. Thank you
40 for that. My second question is this. The Anderson
41 CNV Bureau. Last year nothing was appropriated for
42 this entity.
43 BILL WEST: For the ...
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Anderson CNV Bureau.
45 BILL WEST: Yes, ma'am, that's correct,
46 for this event. The Southern Classic Volleyball
47 Tournament, they did not have that event. This is a
48 new event.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. But
50 shouldn't that money come out of the visitors and

1 bureau's budget instead of Anderson County budget as it
2 had in the past?

3 BILL WEST: The application was for an
4 event. The Convention and Visitor's Bureau is doing
5 the work for it. The money that's gone to their budget
6 has been strictly used on county-wise promotion and
7 marketing.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Correct me, but I seem
9 to -- when they wanted to put on a project, didn't the
10 money from the Innovate Anderson group through the
11 Innovate -- I mean, through the Anderson -- through the
12 visitor's bureau?

13 BILL WEST: I don't recall for sure, but
14 the only other project that they have put on that
15 actually -- that may have gotten funds was a triathlon
16 a couple of years ago. And I don't know where they got
17 the funds for that.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to, I
19 would like to fund the Main Street program. That's not
20 being funded this year.

21 BILL WEST: There are two ---

22 GRACIE FLOYD: And the Holiday Walk Tree
23 Lighting. I would like to fund these two things
24 because these are the things that a lot of our people
25 are attending. Now, I haven't been to both of them.
26 It's been crowded every time. And I think this was --
27 this will add to the quality of living here in Anderson
28 County. I think maybe we need to cut that Southern
29 Classic Volleyball Tournament in half. If we cut that
30 in half and gave each of these entities, let's say a
31 thousand dollars, I would like to see that done,
32 because that would benefit more of our citizens. Now,
33 I know that the volleyball tournament will put some
34 people in the restaurants and all of that. But they're
35 coming anyway. But I really would -- I would not like
36 to see the, the Main Street Block Party and the Holiday
37 Tree Lighting not being funded.

38 BILL WEST: Is there an amount that you
39 would like to ---

40 GRACIE FLOYD: I said a thousand dollars.

41 BILL WEST: A thousand dollars to each of
42 those two items?

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, Uh-huh (affirmative).
44 And that's ---

45 BILL WEST: Leaving twenty-six hundred in
46 the volleyball tournament?

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. That's what I would
48 like to see.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, you putting that
50 in the form of a motion?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Thank you. I put that
2 in the form of a motion.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a second? Hearing
4 none, it fails.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I know
6 those people are not going to be very happy about this
7 who put on these things. I think one of them benefits
8 the charities, Holiday Walk and Tree Lighting, I think.
9 But I thank you.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else? We now
11 vote. Mr. Allen.

12 TOM ALLEN: I did have a question. As
13 you stated earlier, three of us are new here. And I am
14 new to this too, and this is a lot of stuff I'm looking
15 at on here. And I'm not certain, you know, how much
16 money the volleyball people need to do that job and so
17 on. I mean, I know what they're saying. But it looks
18 to me like if we're going to change anything on here it
19 needs a little bit of study. That was the only comment
20 I have. Because there's a lot of activities on here.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. West, didn't you make the
24 statement, if I remember correctly, this whole thing is
25 about getting it set up through the state law about
26 getting people into hotels and things. And I believe
27 you said the rule of thumb was within fifty miles.

28 BILL WEST: Right.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Tried to cover that. I think
30 that volleyball thing would probably fall in that
31 category pretty good to try to help out. I also think
32 our committee members that we appointed, it looks like
33 they've done a pretty good job this year, I think, by
34 looking at this. I know it's a lot of hard work. I've
35 been studying it a little bit.

36 BILL WEST: If it's any value on the
37 volleyball tournament, the total event program is
38 twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars, which
39 they're requesting forty-six hundred.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

42 BOB WALDREP: Just one thing on the
43 Midnight Flight, do we have any kind of numbers on
44 that? I always felt like that was a very successful
45 run. Has that been building over the years?

46 BILL WEST: That has. And the amount
47 funded has increased somewhat, you know, over the years
48 as well.

49 BOB WALDREP: Uh-huh (affirmative). Okay.
50 I just wondered if we had any numbers of people who

1 participate in that?

2 BILL WEST: The total event is about --
3 oh, how many people participate in it?

4 BOB WALDREP: Yeah.

5 BILL WEST: The 2008 attracted 1555
6 runners and an estimated 5000 spectators. I don't have
7 the 2009. It was too early for the application to
8 reflect it.

9 BOB WALDREP: And really, most of those
10 people are from out of town; aren't they? Don't they
11 just ---

12 BILL WEST: My guess would be more than
13 fifty percent of them are from out of town.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Sheriff, you was out there;
15 wasn't you? Didn't you have a count on them?

16 SHERIFF: Fifteen Hundred, I think,
17 this year.

18 BOB WALDREP: Did you run, Sheriff?

19 SHERIFF: No. I was the official
20 starter.

21 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Looking at what
25 the council member from District 5 has stated about the
26 money is supposed to be to initiate people coming to
27 town for hotels and restaurant. Please tell me who
28 will be coming to town for the Iva Community
29 Improvement Association at Three Thousand Five Hundred.
30 Please tell me who will be coming to town for the Honea
31 Path Merchants Association for Five Hundred Dollars.
32 If we're getting people in town to come to Iva which is
33 a lovely town and which I do not hold any malice of
34 them receiving the Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
35 because it's going to help that area. But show me
36 please how this will attract hotels and restaurants and
37 people into town. This money says for improvement
38 association.

39 BOB WALDREP: Well, that's just the name
40 of the organization.

41 EDDIE MOORE: That's correct. I would
42 like to interject a little bit on that now that you've
43 mentioned it, Ms. Floyd. This weekend Iva will be
44 having Depot Days which last year there was ten
45 thousand people that came through last year. And this
46 is part of that organization. So I would like to
47 invite everyone to come down to the Town of Iva this
48 week and have a good time. We're going to have the
49 trolley transporting from the city of Anderson.
50 They're going to be transporting people from parking

1 back and forth because we had so many people there last
2 year. So I think that probably answers your question.
3 Thank you.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Also show me please
5 why it is that people from the Holiday Walk and Tree
6 Lighting, do we have any information on how many people
7 come to town for that? Do we have any information on
8 how many people attended the Main Street Block Party?
9 These people are only -- they only asked for, what, a
10 Thousand Dollars and I think it's ludicrous. I really
11 do think it's ludicrous that we are not going to fund
12 these programs for the enjoyment of the people.

13 BILL WEST: I believe the Block Party
14 asked for Eight Thousand Dollars and the Holiday Walk
15 ...

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But to give them a
17 Thousand Dollars of Eight Thousand Dollars is a
18 travesty. But a Thousand Dollars would sure be better
19 than nothing.

20 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

21 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I called for
22 the question.

23 EDDIE MOORE: I did recognize Ms. Wilson
24 first and then ...

25 CINDY WILSON: I'll repeat basically what
26 Mr. Dunn spoke about earlier. Each of our council
27 districts has a person on this committee and I know
28 every year I touch base with Ms. Moore, who's my
29 appointee, and I know that this year was difficult
30 because there's less money and more needs. I know one
31 of my requests was not honored this year. That was the
32 Christmas Park and that brings in thousands of people
33 over Christmas. However, you know, everyone for the
34 most part got money and it looks like -- I think if you
35 look at what's been spent across the board it looks
36 fairly equitable. I kind of questioned it at first.
37 But we each have an appointee that works hard on this.
38 Thank you.

39 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I call for the
40 question.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep calls for
42 the question. We'll vote on ending the debate. Call
43 for question. All in favor raise your right hand. The
44 debate will be ended. We will now vote on acceptance
45 of the accommodations. All in favor raise your right
46 hand. All opposed. Abstained. Let it be shown that
47 Mr. Allen abstained. Ms. Floyd voted no. Mr. Moore
48 voted yes. Mr. Dunn voted yes. Mr. Waldrep voted yes.
49 Ms. Wilson voted yes. Now go to Item 11, Appointments.
50 Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I have one for
2 the Hopewell Precinct Citizen Advisory Zoning Board and
3 this would be Mr. Bill Eaton and I've already called
4 Ms. Eddleman and given her the address, and the
5 planning department too.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
7 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
8 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
9 Unanimous. Okay. Any more? Ms. Wilson, any more?
10 Okay. Mr. Waldrep.
11 BOB WALDREP: No appointments, Mr.
12 Chairman.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank
15 you. I'd like to appoint Mark Cole to the Civic Center
16 Board and I'll get the information for Ms. Eddleman.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
18 CINDY WILSON: Second.
19 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
20 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
21 Unanimous. I have none. Ms. Floyd?
22 GRACIE FLOYD: None at this time.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh wait a minute. Wait,
25 wait, wait. There is one. Excuse me. I would like to
26 appropriate Five Hundred Dollars of District 2's
27 Recreation Fund ...
28 EDDIE MOORE: This is appointments. We're
29 not there yet.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Sorry about that. I'll come
31 back.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Allen.
33 TOM ALLEN: No appointments at this
34 time.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. We now go
36 to Item 12 on Acceptance of Bids. Mr. Carroll.
37 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, members of
38 council, we've got several items to consider tonight.
39 If you'll look at your -- the first sheet that I handed
40 out to you a few minutes ago in your chair. These are
41 for approval to solicit bids. We have not put these
42 out for bids yet. There's one construction project and
43 two pieces of equipment. Per your vote back early part
44 of the year was any new equipment or projects to come
45 before you before we go out. So if you'd like to take
46 these one by one. Item 1 is the construction of new
47 animal shelter to be located on Highway 29 South.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
49 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
50 TOMMY DUNN: We had a committee meeting

1 on this two weeks ago I think or something like that
2 and met with architects and all and got some questions
3 answered. I think it's a good project and we need to
4 get moving on this and I make the motion we do a --
5 move on this to put the bids out.
6 EDDIE MOORE: And I second it.
7 TOM ALLEN: Second.
8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any discussion?
9 CINDY WILSON: And this would be just for
10 the animal shelter?
11 EDDIE MOORE: Yes.
12 CINDY WILSON: Okay.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All in favor raise
14 your right hand. Unanimous.
15 ROBERT CARROLL: The next item is for
16 purchase of a trackhoe from the road and bridges
17 department to go out for bids. These items -- these
18 next two items are budgeted also items.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now we had talked
20 earlier about holding off on capital purchases until we
21 saw how the revenue was going to come in. Is this an
22 absolute necessity?
23 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm going to let Mr. Hopkins
24 speak to that.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Because, you know, if we
26 need to save some money until the end of the year
27 because we had said, you know, and according to what --
28 I was talking to Jackie Hunter. We may be looking at
29 some serious revenue problems. And I think we might
30 need to save this money until we absolutely necessarily
31 have to have that item.
32 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir. It is very
33 important to us because we're spending rental money to
34 get one when we have the money budgeted to go ahead and
35 buy one. But I would like to remind council this is --
36 the money that this equipment will be paid for is out
37 of lease purchase proceeds. It is a special bond or
38 special way to borrow money to purchase equipment. The
39 money's in the bank and it can't be used to cover
40 anything in the general fund. It has to be used to
41 purchase equipment and nothing else. That's the way it
42 was set up.
43 EDDIE MOORE: But if we are short of
44 revenue we can pay it back. Is that correct?
45 HOLT HOPKINS: We can but we still have to
46 go by the terms of the agreements. We're still paying
47 the interest and there, and there may even be a
48 penalty.
49 EDDIE MOORE: If we're short -- if we're
50 going to be short of money this fall don't you think it

1 would be prudent for us to hold off and let that money
2 sit there until we see what's going to happen. Because
3 that would put more indebtedness into the county and to
4 the citizens.

5 HOLT HOPKINS: I understand. I mean it's a
6 four year term, I believe, on this. However we are
7 having -- we have two items on here. The excavator is
8 a grade-all and the trackhoe is if you know what -- you
9 know, it's on tracks but it's like a big backhoe. The
10 trackhoe is needed for our bridge crew. We're having
11 to rent one. If we don't have one -- I mean we have
12 one already but it's assigned to putting in large
13 culverts and we can't -- we have to shut down one crew
14 to borrow it to go on a bridge crew. So we have --
15 we're having to rent one. And we're looking at having
16 to rent it again for about ninety days coming up
17 probably within a few weeks.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Hopkins, is -- on the
21 trackhoe and backhoe both is it replacement items or is
22 this just something completely new?

23 HOLT HOPKINS: The trackhoe for the bridge
24 crew is a new item. It's not a replacement. We're
25 going from one trackhoe to two. The grade-all is
26 replacing -- which on here is called an excavator, but
27 it's a grade-all type that the bucket can do all kinds
28 of things and it's on rubber wheels and it can operate
29 off the top of the road. It is a -- it's replacing a
30 machine that's about eleven years old and it's starting
31 to give us severe maintenance costs. So we've had to
32 rent one the last time we needed it because it was in
33 the shop.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Is -- refresh my memory.
35 I'm sorry here. Is -- if we put this out on bids --
36 we're voting -- this is what we're doing voting to put
37 this on bids -- it's got to come back before us to
38 purchase it, right? We can get some more information.
39 So I think we ought to go ahead and at least get it out
40 on bids and we can decide whatnot about our money
41 situation whatnot and get this process going. I mean
42 it ain't going, ain't going to hurt us to get this
43 going. Then we can decide and get some more
44 information. What's actually needed when we go out
45 there whatnot. So I recommend, Mr. Chairman, we make
46 the motion -- if we take them one at a time -- to at
47 least put it out on bids for the, for the track -- for
48 the backhoe I guess. I'm sorry the trackhoe, to
49 purchase the trackhoe. I'm sorry the trackhoe's next.
50 But that on bids.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
2 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, yeah. I was
3 just curious. What is the rental for that trackhoe?
4 You say it's a ninety day period that you rent these
5 for? What are we paying?
6 HOLT HOPKINS: The trackhoe we -- the last
7 time we rented one was about Forty-six Hundred Dollars
8 a month.
9 TOM ALLEN: A month?
10 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.
11 TOM ALLEN: Forty-six Hundred a month.
12 HOLT HOPKINS: Yes, sir.
13 TOM ALLEN: To rent it.
14 HOLT HOPKINS: And the grade-all or
15 excavator it's Seventy-three Hundred Dollars a month.
16 TOM ALLEN: Do you know approximately
17 ballpark what these two items might cost out there in
18 the real world?
19 HOLT HOPKINS: The ...
20 TOM ALLEN: To buy them.
21 HOLT HOPKINS: The trackhoe we budgeted a
22 Hundred and Thirty Thousand. The grade-all or
23 excavator I think it was Two Hundred Thousand, Two
24 Fifty, somewhere in there. Let me find it again.
25 TOM ALLEN: That's okay. I'm -- I know
26 it's a sizeable piece of money anyway.
27 HOLT HOPKINS: Hundreds of thousands. Not
28 just ...
29 TOM ALLEN: Okay. That's what I was
30 wondering. Thank you.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now vote on the
32 -- oh, we've got to have a second.
33 TOM ALLEN: Second.
34 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Okay.
35 Any more questions or anything? We now vote on the two
36 purchases. All in favor raise your right hand.
37 Opposed. Let it be shown that Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd,
38 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Mr. Moore
39 voted no.
40 ROBERT CARROLL: Again the third item is the
41 grade-all.
42 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we at
43 least put it out on bids.
44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion made.
45 TOM ALLEN: Second.
46 EDDIE MOORE: And a second. Okay. Any
47 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
48 opposed. Same vote. Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn,
49 Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Mr. Moore voted no.
50 BOB WALDREP: Oh, just a question. Point

1 of information, Mr. Chairman. When these bids come
2 back we still have the option to reject the bids or any
3 bids. Is that correct?

4 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

5 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right.

6 ROBERT CARROLL: The next group, it starts on
7 page two. These are items that are on state contract
8 but since they're over Ten Thousand Dollars, as part of
9 the new purchasing procedures they were to come before
10 you for approval before we purchase. Just give you a
11 summary. Item 1 is desks, furniture for the Sheriff's
12 office. It's on state contract with Fant's. Item 2 is
13 the aviator night vision imaging system for the Sheriff
14 from Aviation Specialities. And the third item is
15 furniture for Broadway Lake Community Center which is
16 tables and chairs from Fant's also. And all three of
17 these are on state contract. I'd like to take them one
18 by one.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Please explain the Sheriff's
23 Department, the desks. I -- that's all right, Sheriff.
24 He can answer. He's going to do it. Yeah. Please
25 explain to me. Please explain ---

26 ROBERT CARROLL: These are just thirty inch
27 by sixty inch desks. Allsteel's the brand name. ?? is
28 the brand. Type, I should say.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

30 ROBERT CARROLL: This is just replacing
31 furniture.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: It's replacing. Excuse me.
33 I'm asking you. It's replacing furniture that we can't
34 find to replace it within, within the county, right?

35 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now you know, I was
37 told that there was a room -- a place over there that's
38 full of furniture and different things. I think I was
39 told that because they told me that Mr. -- the park and
40 recreation director went over there and found some
41 things. Okay. But ...

42 ROBERT CARROLL: We continue to go through
43 some of the old furniture that was left behind in the
44 Woolworth Building and we will continue to but we have
45 ---

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Not found.

47 ROBERT CARROLL: -- picked through most of
48 that, Ms. Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

50 ROBERT CARROLL: There's a lot of very old

1 chairs.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I'm satisfied
3 and I thank you.

4 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Do I have -- on
5 the first item do I have a motion to accept? We have a
6 motion. Do we have a second. We have a second. Okay.

7 TOM ALLEN: A question for the Sheriff.
8 Night vision imaging system. Are those night vision
9 goggles or are you getting something for the
10 helicopter?

11 SHERIFF: That's correct. And I would
12 appreciate the opportunity to make a comment. Both of
13 these items are all with our federal drug seizure
14 money, so it's not coming out of our Sheriff's office
15 budget this time. It's coming out of the drug
16 forfeiture money. And the desks and all are for the
17 unit that we have formed with the city where we're
18 combining the city narcotics units, the county
19 narcotics units and our gang task force into one
20 location. And so we're buying the desks out of our
21 forfeiture money. The night vision goggles, we have
22 two sets at the airport now that we fly for the
23 helicopter and they're second generation I think. This
24 is a -- the new generation to replace one of those and
25 that set that we're replacing is going to go to our
26 SWAT team. But again, it's not out of any of the
27 Sheriff's office or my budgeted money from the county.
28 It's out of narcotics seizure money.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Sheriff. But I
30 appreciate that information, but I just wish that we
31 had known that in our report here. Thank you.

32 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We're now on the
33 first item. We're voting on the first item. All in
34 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. And we go to
35 the second item for the Sheriff. Do I have a motion to
36 accept?

37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion.

38 EDDIE MOORE: And I have a second.

39 TOM ALLEN: Second.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
41 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go down
42 to the last item, Broadway Lake Community Center.

43 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

44 EDDIE MOORE: Let's get it on the floor.

45 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Do I have a motion to
47 accept?

48 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

49 EDDIE MOORE: And a second. We've got a
50 second. Okay. Now we discuss. Okay.

1 CINDY WILSON: Where does the source of
2 this funding come from?
3 ROBERT CARROLL: The -- this is part of the
4 overall project. Just like we do on every construction
5 project.
6 CINDY WILSON: Federal obligation bond.
7 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
8 CINDY WILSON: What happened to the
9 original furniture out there?
10 GRACIE FLOYD: What furniture?
11 ROBERT CARROLL: There may have been some old
12 chairs and ...
13 CINDY WILSON: We have ---
14 ROBERT CARROLL: We would borrow a lot of
15 tables from other places like the Civic Center and so
16 forth ---
17 CINDY WILSON: Okay.
18 ROBERT CARROLL: -- for a lot of the events.
19 But this is twelve round tables, seventy-two chairs and
20 the dollies to put -- when you pull those out to put
21 those chairs and tables on to store if they had an open
22 area function. But that's all it is.
23 CINDY WILSON: Well, I have a concern
24 because we just learned today that our taxes are going
25 up not only because of the school bond issues in our
26 various districts but also because of this Ten Million
27 Dollar general obligation bond. And I don't want to
28 vote for this because I'm already concerned about our
29 taxes on this. We've -- we need to discuss this a
30 little bit further when we get on to that levy sheet.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Carroll,
34 okay, Mr. Carroll, you did say that this money has
35 already been appropriated in the bond for this
36 furniture, right?
37 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.
39 ROBERT CARROLL: When we do a construction
40 project it's called FF&E and my architect's left me.
41 But furniture, fixtures and equipment are part of the
42 project.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's good. Thank
44 you. If this money is not used for that could we take
45 it and put it in the, in the tax and stuff so folks
46 won't have to -- and by the way I didn't hear that
47 taxes are going up, Mr. Chair and Mr. -- the council
48 member from District 3 didn't hear about it either.
49 When did taxes -- I mean we didn't hear about that
50 today.

1 EDDIE MOORE: I guess we'll get a report
2 from the administrator at the administrator's report.
3 Let's talk about this right now.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I agree with you.
5 But I just wondered. That's a side thing. I was just
6 wondering. And but if -- but -- so can that money be
7 used for anything else?
8 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't believe so, Ms.
9 Floyd. I'm not in the finance division and that's a
10 question probably for finance or possibly the attorney.
11 But I would think it could not be used for just some
12 other project.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: For some other project.
14 Okay. So it couldn't be used to offset tax raising and
15 it couldn't be used for -- this is Fifteen Thousand,
16 right?
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Three Hundred and Six
19 Dollars, right? Because if we were worried about taxes
20 we would be very careful on the Eighty-one Thousand
21 Dollars we just hired somebody for. But anyway I thank
22 you. You answered my question.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Could it go back to paying
24 some of the money on the bond?
25 ROBERT CARROLL: Again, Mr. Moore, I'm not
26 sure. I mean that's a, that's a finance side question.
27 Or I don't know if Mr. Pitts ---
28 GRACIE FLOYD: No, you can't do that.
29 ROBERT CARROLL: -- is familiar with that.
30 I'm not.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: We would just lose if it's
32 not used in a certain length of time then that money
33 will have to go back from the entity -- I mean back to
34 whatever. We just lose the money.
35 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chair.
36 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
37 TOM ALLEN: I don't think you can use
38 bond money to go back and pay that bond off, I don't
39 believe. I could be wrong but I don't think you can do
40 that. That was all.
41 CINDY WILSON: You can re-appropriate,
42 can't you?
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns, I would like to
44 say something. I think it would be a good idea if we
45 have somebody from finance here at our council meetings
46 from now on because we're wanting to know about some of
47 the financial matters. We really need them here. And
48 I'd like to see some of the department heads here some
49 times too, you know. We have questions and we're here
50 to conduct business and, you know, if we don't have

1 anybody here that can answer anything we can't make a
2 good decision. And we need somebody from the finance
3 department here. Thank you. Anyone else?
4 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chair, just a
5 quick question. Is this -- if we -- when we vote on
6 this is this a final or are we looking for bids on ...
7 ROBERT CARROLL: No, sir. We've already --
8 these are state contract items. They're -- we're ready
9 to go with the order if you approve.
10 TOM ALLEN: I just wanted to be clear.
11 All right.
12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ready to vote. All
13 in favor raise your right hand. All opposed. So we
14 have a tie so it does not move. So I will be happy to
15 vote for it at next meeting but we want somebody here
16 from the finance department so we can have some
17 questions answered. I don't like to vote for anything
18 I don't know what I'm voting for.
19 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.
20 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
21 ROBERT CARROLL: All right.
22 EDDIE MOORE: All right.
23 ROBERT CARROLL: The next page. These are
24 either bids or proposals that's ready for your
25 approval. We have already gone out on the street and
26 we have taken either sealed bids or sealed proposals.
27 The first two were sealed proposals, therefore price is
28 a factor but it's not the only factor. There's other
29 criteria, experience and so forth that come into play.
30 And the recommendation on Item 1 and I have
31 representatives from the departments here if you have
32 questions specifically about what this is about. But
33 the first one is for the storm water program
34 implementation. We recommend award to Woolpert,
35 Incorporated.
36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion on the floor
37 to accept. Do I have a second?
38 TOM ALLEN: Second.
39 CINDY WILSON: Second.
40 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
41 discussion?
42 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just ...
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Carroll, I'm going to
44 need your help on this now. Now this is for Woolpert
45 whatever and we had two bidders. BP Barber and third
46 bidder was McGill Association, right? And you're
47 recommending what now?
48 ROBERT CARROLL: Wool -- we're recommending
49 Woolpert. It's the first vendor listed. That's who --
50 that column is who we're recommending the award to.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: All right.
2 ROBERT CARROLL: And per the new ordinance we
3 are to list the second and third bidders.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And you're
5 recommending?
6 ROBERT CARROLL: Woolpert.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Can we know how much
8 the bids came in for? Can we know how much each of
9 these people bidded?
10 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. That -- again
11 their -- RFP is awarded based on different criteria.
12 That's why I didn't just put the price because it's not
13 necessarily they were the lowest price but other
14 factors -- and these were evaluated by staff per code
15 and recommendation made to Mr. Burns who is forwarding
16 that to you. So ...
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
18 ROBERT CARROLL: I can give you a number.
19 Yes, ma'am.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: But still, wouldn't this
21 come under we're voting for something we don't know
22 what we're voting for. Because, you know, like you
23 recommend Woolpert. Well, that's, that's good. But
24 what did BP Barber decide? What did the McGill
25 Association? Why are we going with Woolpert over all
26 the other people. Now he may be here. Is the Woolpert
27 people here? Okay.
28 ROBERT CARROLL: Not that I'm aware of.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
30 ROBERT CARROLL: But I have Greg and John
31 Batson here.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Are they from McGills
33 Associates?
34 ROBERT CARROLL: They're from the county.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Are, are they from BP
36 Barber? All right.
37 ROBERT CARROLL: Vendors don't need to be
38 here.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. But then we need some
40 information. I need some information. Like my
41 esteemed -- no, no, no. Like my esteem captain --
42 Chairman here, I don't know what I'm voting for and I'm
43 sure a lot of us don't know either. Unless you know
44 something I don't.
45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
46 BOB WALDREP: We do.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: And what is that?
48 BOB WALDREP: Everything.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Waldrep, honey, I
50 believe you.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Y'all hold it, hold it down.
2 BOB WALDREP: I'm sorry.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: I really do believe that you
4 do.
5 BOB WALDREP: I believe we do.
6 EDDIE MOORE: All right. So we're voting
7 on this now. All in favor raise your right hand. All
8 opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
9 Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Wilson did not vote yes.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Oh you -- I'm sorry.
12 CINDY WILSON: I'm abstaining.
13 EDDIE MOORE: You abstained? Okay. And
14 Ms. Floyd and Mr. Moore voted no. How did you vote,
15 Ms. Wilson?
16 CINDY WILSON: Abstaining.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Abstained. Okay. So I
18 guess it moves on.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: So that means that we're
20 going to do this even though we don't have all the
21 answers? Even though we do have questions about it?
22 Okay.
23 ROBERT CARROLL: Ma'am. Two people are here
24 that I mentioned, ready to answer questions.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I want to know how much. I
26 want to know how much these bids were. Okay. I'm
27 voting for a pig in a poke here. I know how much
28 Broadway Lake was going to cost us. I know where the
29 money was coming from there and I know how the money is
30 to be spent. But on this one all I know is that we
31 have three names here. All right. As a sitting
32 council member I'd like more information. I'd like to
33 know what each bid was. I'd like to know your criteria
34 for the bids.
35 EDDIE MOORE: And I concur with Ms. Floyd.
36 We will now go to the next one.
37 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. The next one is for
38 the architect engineer services for the additional
39 ballfields at the Anderson Sports Entertainment Center.
40 And again this was a request for proposals. The
41 recommended vendor is Seamon Whiteside and Associates.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
44 TOMMY DUNN: This one got brought up in
45 our committee meeting back when we discussed the
46 landfill -- I mean, I'm sorry, the animal shelter and
47 the committee come back to me and we recommend the firm
48 of Whiteside Seamon and Associates. So I put that in
49 the form of a motion.
50 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion on the

1 floor. Do I have a second?
2 BOB WALDREP: Second.
3 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Now we're in discussion.
6 Ms. Floyd.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The council
8 member from District 5 said the animal shelter. So is
9 this the animal shelter he's talking about or is this
10 the ballfields?
11 EDDIE MOORE: These are ballfields.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: He said animal shelter.
13 TOMMY DUNN: We discussed this in a
14 meeting about -- when we talked about the animal
15 shelter. Our committee meeting for the animal shelter.
16 This was on the agenda. We talked about this and there
17 was one other thing. Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I would ---
19 EDDIE MOORE: Lights on 85.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Lights on 85.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I wasn't
22 privileged to attend the, the -- that meeting. Nor
23 have I been informed of any decisions made in that
24 committee meeting as was supposed to have been done
25 after the committee have met. Each council member is
26 supposed to receive information of what happened in the
27 committee and how the committee voted. I have had no
28 -- I haven't had any of that. I still say that they
29 may know. We have one or two, maybe three people on
30 this council who may know. But I don't. I am a
31 sitting, sitting, bona fide, authentic, for real,
32 elected county official for District 2. And I demand
33 that my, my constituents and I are privileged -- privy
34 to the same type of information. I don't know it. I
35 refuse to vote and I want it on record why. Ms.
36 Eddleman, I don't want any, I don't want any errors. I
37 don't want know erasures. I want to say here that we
38 are getting -- some people are getting information and
39 others aren't. And smile on. Thank you.
40 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else?
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
43 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, my
44 understanding is that when we have these meetings that
45 they're open to all council people and that attendance
46 would be a, you know, a requisite of finding out what
47 this is all about. So I don't think that there's any
48 secrets going on here. Anybody withholding any kind of
49 information. I just think that that's -- I'd hate for
50 the public to think that that was going on. I don't

1 think that's going on at all. These are open public
2 meetings, not only to the public but certainly every
3 council person is specifically invited to come to every
4 committee meeting. So I just think that needs to go
5 into the record as well.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
8 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
9 TOMMY DUNN: I would also just like to
10 point out I think this is the first time something like
11 this has been done. Most of the time it's been done
12 behind whatever you want to say. It was just done
13 through the budget process of line items. It's brought
14 -- this is being brought out in the open to vote on.
15 This ain't the first time you've had this to ask
16 questions and find out any information you've got. So
17 let's don't just try to put people on the spot and act
18 like you what you call it. And I do appreciate that.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. I concur.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
21 EDDIE MOORE: I would like to say one
22 thing too. I would like to concur with that because,
23 you know, this is the first time that this county has
24 ever done anything like this out in the open and which
25 I think is refreshing that everybody understands and
26 sees everything that's going on. And ...

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28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. ...
29 EDDIE MOORE: And it -- I want to say one
30 more thing. It's a learning process for all of us, so
31 y'all kind of bear with us and don't be too hard on Mr.
32 Carroll. Don't be too hard on the committee members
33 because it's easy with everything that's going on to
34 mess up. But I don't think anything is intentional.
35 We're going to do everything out in the open and we'll
36 have the numbers the next time so that we'll all see
37 them and that way there won't be any question and I
38 think everything will be just fine.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
40 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. First of all I
42 have attended the minutes -- I mean the meetings of the
43 so-called committees. The only thing that happens to
44 me is I go to the meetings and then all of a sudden you
45 go into executive session. You come out of executive
46 session and you say, no action has been taken. So
47 don't give me that stuff about I need to come to the
48 meeting. I've been there. I've done that. I've seen
49 it done. Okay. Secondly, the fact that, the fact that
50 this is the first time I -- this is not the first time.

1 Mr. -- where -- oh there you are. I'm sorry, Mr.
2 Carroll. Mr. Carroll has -- in the past we have
3 received bids before. We have known what the bids were
4 and we have known who they came from. So I'm not
5 buying that either. This may be the first time around
6 the block for some of you but not for me.
7 EDDIE MOORE: And I would like also to
8 remind you, Ms. Floyd, that you were on that committee.
9 I appointed you to it and you told me that you didn't
10 want to be on that committee. So you had every ---
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I told you --
12 EDDIE MOORE: You had every -- I've go the
13 floor. You had every opportunity to be on that
14 committee and interject anything you would like but you
15 chose not to and it's your choice.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: That's not the truth. That
19 is not the truth. I got you -- wait a minute. I have
20 the floor now. Mr. Chairman, I told you I did not want
21 to be ---
22 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I call for the
23 question. I call for the question.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm talking. I have the
25 floor.
26 BOB WALDREP: I call for the question.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: You can call for it when I
28 finish. But Mr. Chairman, I told you that I did not
29 want to ---
30 BOB WALDREP: Point of order, Mr.
31 Chairman.
32 EDDIE MOORE: Everybody hold it down.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: I told you I did not ---
34 EDDIE MOORE: What's your point of order,
35 Mr. Waldrep?
36 BOB WALDREP: That we've gotten totally
37 off subject here and I think that we need to go ahead
38 and vote on this.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Chairman, I
40 told you I did not want to be on the balloon committee.
41 EDDIE MOORE: Your point of order is well
42 received. We're going to move on.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: I never told you I didn't
44 want to be on this committee. You've had two meetings
45 that I had been informed about. I could not, could not
46 make either ---
47 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order, Ms. Floyd.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: -- either meeting.
49 EDDIE MOORE: We have -- we're going to
50 move on.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: You've got your point of
2 order. But I'm not going to let you sit here and tell
3 another lie on me. Thank you.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Eddleman, would you
5 please examine the minutes on that and provide them at
6 next meeting on the committees?

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms., Ms. Eddleman, I know
8 our minutes have a way of changing.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Everyone, please hold it
10 down.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Eddleman, as I said, our
12 committee -- our minutes have a way of changing. Okay.
13 So whatever you provide for me if it's not like what I
14 said, you can keep it because I know what I did. Thank
15 you.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. Okay.

17 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just move
18 the previous question.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Move to question.
20 We'll vote on moving the question. All in favor raise
21 your right hand. All opposed. So we will now vote on
22 it. All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed.
23 Abstain. Let it be shown that Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
24 Waldrep voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted no. Mr. Moore and
25 Ms. Wilson abstain.

26 ROBERT CARROLL: The next item is for
27 renovation of the third floor at the Department of
28 Social Services building. The recommended low bidder
29 was J. Davis Construction for Two Hundred Eight
30 Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars. And this is
31 one of the budgeted items in the bond.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make a
33 motion to move on this.

34 CINDY WILSON: Second.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion and
36 we have a second. Do we have any discussion?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

38 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

39 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. ---

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr., Mr. Carroll, why isn't
41 -- why -- the same way you were able to give us figures
42 for this, which enlightens us to what's happening here
43 and what to vote for and how to vote. Why wasn't it
44 done on the others? Also, this Woolpert, Inc. Where
45 is that place? That's in Alabama?

46 ROBERT CARROLL: Greenville.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Greenville. Okay. Thank
48 you.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,

1 this particular project was the only one, along with
2 the Burn Building, that I remember in this general
3 obligation bond of Ten Million Dollars that had an
4 estimate attached to it and the numbers appeared to be
5 reliable. And from my recollection this comes pretty
6 close to what was actually budgeted, so it will receive
7 my support.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody else?

9 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, if I could
10 just add, this is well within budget. We are getting
11 good numbers right now. And if I could answer the
12 question if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman. The
13 difference -- this is a request for bids. We get a
14 firm price with bid. On request for proposals it --
15 again that's a factor. But in this case we negotiated
16 based on other things and then we come down and we
17 negotiated the price down on Item number 2 that you
18 just voted for and we negotiated it actually down about
19 Eleven Thousand Dollars below what they started out
20 with.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

22 ROBERT CARROLL: So we have the right to
23 negotiate on RFPs.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Did we negotiate
27 the prices on the others as well? Did we try to get
28 those down as well?

29 ROBERT CARROLL: Ma'am, that's not the
30 process you go through.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So we
32 don't know the process. We don't know the bid. We
33 don't know ---

34 ROBERT CARROLL: I know the process, ma'am.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Well I said we. I didn't
36 say you. Okay. And how can we know the process when
37 we have never been given any of the process? Nor do we
38 know the bid. You might know the bid.

39 ROBERT CARROLL: It's in the Code of
40 Ordinances.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: You may know the bid but we
42 don't.

43 EDDIE MOORE: We understand the process,
44 Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative). No.
46 You may.

47 EDDIE MOORE: So -- well no, you were
48 saying we and you're including me, so say you don't
49 understand.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: You are correct, Mr.

1 Chairman.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Because I do.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: You may correct -- you may
4 -- you are correct, Mr. Chairman. But if I asked you
5 to explain it could you explain it to ---

6 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else? Anybody else?
7 Okay. Now vote. All in favor raise your right hand.
8 Unanimous.

9 ROBERT CARROLL: All right. The next item is
10 for three gates at the Anderson Regional Airport. The
11 low bid came in at Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred
12 Forty Dollars from Oconee Fence Company and you see the
13 second bidder and there wasn't a third responding
14 bidder. That's why that blank.

15 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion to move. Do
16 I have a second?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

18 EDDIE MOORE: I have a second. Any
19 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
20 Unanimous.

21 ROBERT CARROLL: The next item is for
22 clearing and grubbing at the Anderson Regional Airport.
23 Low -- the awarding bid is to Martin Landscaping
24 Company, One Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Six Hundred
25 and Eighty-four Dollars.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, to get it on
27 the floor I'm going to go ahead and make the motion to
28 adopt. But I do have some questions.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a motion on
30 the floor. Do we have a second?

31 TOM ALLEN: Second.

32 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Now
33 we're in discussion. Mr. Dunn.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. Carroll, this
35 is -- is this being required of us from the federal
36 people again? Sort of like it was across from the
37 airport?

38 HOLT HOPKINS: It's kind of being required.
39 What it is is it's been on the airport's capital
40 improvement plan that is required by the F.A.A. It's
41 been on there for at least three years. The federal --
42 the F.A.A. is actually paying ninety-five percent of
43 this project -- both projects, both the fence and the
44 gates.

45 TOMMY DUNN: That was my next question.
46 Thank you.

47 ROBERT CARROLL: And the clearing is the
48 first stage of the fencing process. And the reason why
49 this is a high priority to the airport is we've had
50 deer strikes. Deer coming on to the runway. The fence

1 that it's replacing -- well there's not -- it's pieces
2 of hog wire. It's not much fence left. But again
3 we're paying two and a half percent of these dollars
4 that you see. The feds and the state is paying the
5 other parts.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else? All in favor
8 raise your right hand. Unanimous.

9 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay. The last item, Mr.
10 Chairman, is for the Manse Jolly Road Convenience
11 Center construction. Recommended to low bidder J.
12 Davis Construction, Four Hundred Ninety-four Thousand
13 Nine Hundred Eighty-six Dollars and Fifty Cent.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make a
15 motion to move.

16 EDDIE MOORE: And a second.

17 CINDY WILSON: Second. And may I, Mr. ---

18 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion and a
19 second. Any discussion?

20 CINDY WILSON: What -- I can't remember
21 what the projected cost was in the general -- well in
22 the bonding for this. Was it Seven Hundred and Fifty
23 Thousand?

24 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. It was going to
25 be right around Eight Hundred Thousand.

26 CINDY WILSON: So we're coming in at almost
27 Five Hundred instead of that higher number.

28 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. Grading costs
29 have really decreased and everything, so that helped
30 out tremendously.

31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Well that's good
32 news.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

34 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, could I ask a
35 question? What -- that is a tremendous difference.
36 Are we talking about Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in
37 difference in what was proposed?

38 ROBERT CARROLL: Now this is for, again,
39 construction. On any of these projects you have
40 possibly architect if it's building or engineering if
41 it's, you know, grading. So there's other costs
42 associated with it. What we're speaking of right now
43 is the cost for construction as it was put out for
44 bids.

45 BOB WALDREP: So that package doesn't --
46 this doesn't include all those matters that we put into
47 the bond issue so to speak?

48 ROBERT CARROLL: But it's still within that
49 number in the bond issue. Adding those other factors
50 in like -- whatever we paid already to this point,

1 adding this to it, we're still under budget for that
2 line item. Yes.

3 BOB WALDREP: So we're required to have an
4 architect or a ...

5 ROBERT CARROLL: Engineer. I'm saying if it
6 was a building project we would have an architect. You
7 know, for a grading project we'd have an engineer. So
8 those costs are associated with any of these projects
9 that I'll be bringing to you.

10 BOB WALDREP: Well, I was just wondering.
11 Thank you.

12 ROBERT CARROLL: Okay.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Smith, is -- did we ever
16 get the situation cleared up with the highway
17 department?

18 MR. SMITH Yes, sir.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Good. Thank you.

20 CINDY WILSON: So could we get a handle on
21 those other expenses related to this project that's in
22 addition to the construction. I mean this isn't ...

23 ROBERT CARROLL: We can provide that and it
24 may have already have been provided in check registers,
25 I'm not sure, in the past. Invoices paid.

26 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Now vote. All in favor
28 raise your right hand. Unanimous.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: All right. Mr. Chairman,
30 the last two pages are as you know the -- just notice
31 to council that we're to notify you. These don't
32 require any action.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

34 ROBERT CARROLL: On page four those are
35 either the fuel that we discussed, exemption. But we
36 did go through a, you know, a bid process. It's not a
37 formal bid but we contact five vendors. Those first
38 three items are for different types of fuel and the --
39 I believe the rest of those are for professional
40 services which the administrator's authorized to sign
41 off on professional services and those are purchase
42 order amounts. If you see a rounded amount most likely
43 that's a blanket PO. That doesn't mean we're spending
44 that amount immediately. That means we expect to spend
45 possibly up to that. So that's what -- a little
46 explanation about those. And then the last page is
47 items between Five Thousand and Ten Thousand that we're
48 to give notice to you.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I have a couple
2 of questions, Mr. Carroll. Professional services under
3 the administrate -- administration. What -- can you
4 talk about that? Can you tell us what that denotes?
5 What type of professional services are we talking
6 about?

7 ROBERT CARROLL: Under the Ten Thousand
8 Dollars, Ms. Floyd? Is that the one you're speaking
9 of?

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

11 ROBERT CARROLL: I can't talk specifics.
12 Wyche Burgess Freeman and Parham I believe is a law
13 firm. I believe I'm correct. Mr. Pitts might could
14 correct me.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I
16 understand that. I understand. Okay. The
17 professional services for sound and light for Celebrate
18 Anderson, ten Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars.
19 Is that what we usually spend in that area for that?

20 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: So that's not -- this is not
22 a new thing.

23 ROBERT CARROLL: That's nothing out of the
24 ordinary. Any event we've had like that ---

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

26 ROBERT CARROLL: -- just anyone can't come
27 out and provide that service.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The professional
29 services, ten Thousand. Investigative and consulting
30 services, twenty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-
31 Four. Investigative and consulting services, Twenty-
32 One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars. Blanket
33 purchase order for investigative services. I
34 understand this is Sixty Thousand Dollars of which
35 Twenty-four Thousand Dollars have already been taken
36 from that.

37 ROBERT CARROLL: I believe it's a little more
38 than that.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well some money has
40 already been taken out of that.

41 ROBERT CARROLL: Right.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm totaling that to be a
43 Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-
44 Four Dollars. All right. Is that about correct, cause
45 I'm not that -- you know, my fast adding just don't
46 work sometime. But I'm just taking exception with
47 this. On the one hand we talk about taxes going up and
48 a subsidy for county funds going down, but yet we're
49 paying a Hundred and Five -- a Hundred and Fifteen
50 Thousand Dollars for professional services. Also Mr.

1 Carroll, I'd like to ask you about the oil company. I
2 have no problems with the, with the oil that we get
3 from these oil company. But at one time it was said
4 that we were using an alternative form of gas. Did I
5 just get that from another county or are we doing that?

6 ROBERT CARROLL: You may be calling maybe the
7 E20 as an alternative versus ...

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9 GRACIE FLOYD: ... an alternative source of
10 gas. Am I correct or am I not? I stand to be
11 corrected. Mr. Burns.

12 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't -- we burn either
13 unleaded or E20. We asked for a price on both and I
14 think that's where you're going with that.

15 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I believe you're
16 referring to the Going Green experiment that we're
17 going with the Sheriff's Department.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I am. Yes. Are we
19 doing that?

20 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. That would be
21 propane. Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well my question then
23 to Mr. Carroll is -- well Mr. Burns, you can answer
24 this. Mr. Burns, is that helping us?

25 RUSTY BURNS: Well we don't know yet.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Don't know yet.

27 RUSTY BURNS: But we will give you a
28 report and tell you whether it does or not. We hope
29 that it does.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We'll know some time
31 maybe within the year or maybe at the beginning of the
32 next year whether it helps.

33 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I'm very interested
35 in that because that helps us. Right now if it helps
36 the Sheriff's Department that's going to help us with
37 these funds here. And with that I thank you, Mr.
38 Chair.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

40 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

41 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

42 CINDY WILSON: I did call in on a few of
43 these expenditures and they were -- for example, about
44 a Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars worth of work that
45 we were required to pay that were -- these were items
46 that were initiated before our new council came on. So
47 we've got a lot of that going on too.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 13 on
49 the agenda. Requests by council members. Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: District 7's broke.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
2 BOB WALDREP: No requests, Mr. Chairman.
3 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes. Thank you, Mr.
5 Chairman. I'd like to request from my recreation
6 account a Thousand Dollars to the Balloon ---
7 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
8 TOMMY DUNN: -- event.
9 EDDIE MOORE: I second it. Any
10 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
11 Unanimous. Okay. Ms. Floyd.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Now I'm right, right? I'm
13 right this time. Okay. It's good to be right. Okay.
14 I would like to appropriate Five Hundred Thousand -- oh
15 excuse me -- Five Hundred Dollars to the City of
16 Anderson Recreation Department. These funds are to be
17 used for citizens of District 2 who need some
18 assistance or need some help in footing the bill to
19 join that entity. Okay. I have some -- I put some
20 speculations on it this year, council members. because
21 I had to reduce the amount. We're doing one to a
22 family this year. And we're only doing up to Five
23 Hundred Dollars this year. And I thank you. That's in
24 the form of a motion.
25 EDDIE MOORE: I'll second it. Any
26 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
27 Unanimous. Any more, Ms. Floyd?
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh no. No.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
30 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I have one. I'd like
31 to appropriate One Hundred Dollars for the Mt. Lebanon
32 Elementary PTO for a golf tournament up there, to
33 support that and to help purchase supplies.
34 EDDIE MOORE: I'll second it. Any
35 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
36 Unanimous. Any more, Mr. Allen?
37 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
38 EDDIE MOORE: I've got several of them.
39 I'd like to just do them all at one time if that's okay
40 with everybody. I've got a lot going on on my end.
41 For Depot Days for the trolley, to rent the trolley
42 from the City of Anderson, I'd like to appropriate Six
43 Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars. For the Iva Community
44 Recreation Association I would like to appropriate Five
45 Hundred Dollars. For the Belton Standpipe Festival
46 this past weekend to help them I would like to
47 appropriate Fifteen Hundred Dollars. For the Belton
48 Area Museum Association for its Heritage Days at the
49 Depot event I'd like to appropriate a Thousand Dollars.
50 For the Starr Athletic Association to their -- part of

1 their matching funds for their building they're going
2 to be doing I would like to appropriate Three Thousand
3 Dollars. And I would like to put that in the form --
4 well I've got one more. And also I'd like to put Five
5 Hundred Dollars for the Bowie Old Farm Day Depot Days.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I second that.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any discussion? All
8 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. We now go
9 to Item 14 on the agenda, the Administrator's Report.

10 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
11 With your permission I'd like to hand out some items to
12 council. They're not good items. Mr. Chairman, on
13 Friday we received a notice which you will find
14 enclosed, an urgent memorandum dated October the 1st.
15 And in that memorandum as you can see it stated that
16 the local government fund for FY2010 - Adjusted
17 Figures. Basically what I've handed you is a statement
18 that says that the figures we were -- provided to us by
19 the Office of Research and Statistics State Budget and
20 Control Board and signed off by the State's chief
21 economist were wrong. They were not wrong just for
22 Anderson County but forty-five other counties received
23 this information. Every county is being cut to a
24 degree. In our case it is going to amount to us Two
25 Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Dollars. Now we have
26 examined this in detail and studied it again, but
27 that's what it's going to come out to. Two Hundred and
28 Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars.

29 EDDIE MOORE: So an excavator and a
30 trackhoe?

31 RUSTY BURNS: I wish we could take that
32 money and use it for this.

33 EDDIE MOORE: I understand.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, question for
35 the administrator.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Okay. Wait a minute.
38 I'm -- I've got to get back to your thing here first.
39 I've covered it up somewhere. Here it is. Thank you
40 for your indulgence, Mr. Chairman. The -- what we were
41 told about the money, that the mistake was on the
42 error, the mistake was on the error of the state.

43 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: It was not our fault.

45 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: No. But how can -- are we
47 going to be able to recuperate?

48 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, this is what we
49 were hoping. We are hoping and still are hoping and we
50 have some indication that our real estate will improve

1 in the county and we were banking on that to help us to
2 do some other things. Primarily not to have furloughs
3 and do some other projects. Right now the way we look
4 at it, we will be all right til the end of the year,
5 but we may have to furlough starting in January. We
6 will not have that exact absolute number until January
7 the 15th. That is as close as we can. I can tell you
8 right now for the first three months we have spent
9 twenty-five percent of our budget. We are going to
10 have to ratchet down real, real hard in order to make
11 it. And I am sorry to be the bearer of this bad news,
12 but I do believe that we will make it through by being
13 vigilant.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Burns, number
15 one, we're supposed to be on a hiring freeze. I think
16 that was done back in January or February. We've said
17 that we're supposed to be on a hiring freeze.

18 RUSTY BURNS: I believe and I could be in
19 error, it was a position freeze.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But yet we've -- we
21 created new positions.

22 RUSTY BURNS: I don't believe that we've
23 created any new positions. We've taken some existing
24 positions and moved them around. That would be ---

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. No. We have a, we
26 have a whole new department that we didn't have before.

27 RUSTY BURNS: But we took an existing
28 position and moved it.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

30 RUSTY BURNS: The reason -- and the reason
31 there was not a hiring freeze and it was a position
32 freeze because if you had a hiring freeze and something
33 happened to everyone in the 911 center then we couldn't
34 replace those people. So that's why it's a position
35 freeze.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well you know, that's
37 political talk and I understand that. That's political
38 talk. But I'm not a really good politician so I
39 wouldn't know about that. But I think the people are
40 confused because we said a hiring freeze. And I think
41 that in my mind a hiring freeze is that nobody's going
42 to be hired. But we have continued to hire people
43 within this district whether they're positions or
44 whether they're whatever else you call them. But I
45 wonder -- but that is something that we need to
46 consider in this thing we've got going. Also Mr. Burns
47 -- thank you. Mr. Burns, how are we doing with our --
48 the reserve account?

49 RUSTY BURNS: It's fine right now. We
50 just have to be very, very careful.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Have we touched it thus far?
2 RUSTY BURNS: No, we haven't touch it.
3 No, ma'am.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Okay. Mr. Chairman,
5 I thank you.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else have any
7 question?
8 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might.
9 I didn't -- I've got it over in the office but didn't
10 -- that note that we received from the Association of
11 Counties, is there -- on top of this, it's projected --
12 it looks like there's going to be another four percent
13 cut in aid to local subdivisions. Is that ---
14 RUSTY BURNS: That four percent cut will
15 not affect us. It will affect state agencies.
16 TOM ALLEN: Oh, okay. All right.
17 RUSTY BURNS: But it will not affect aid
18 to subdivisions.
19 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Good.
20 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
22 CINDY WILSON: This is probably as good a
23 time to bring this up too. I also talked with Mr.
24 Hunter today and he tax -- he faxed me the 2008 and the
25 2009 tax levy sheets and I'm going to ask that Ms.
26 Eddleman make copies of this for everybody. But we
27 really do have an increase. The school taxes, because
28 of their building program, obviously is going up. Our
29 general obligation bond for the 2008 series is due to
30 start being repaid this fiscal year and the principal
31 amount alone for that general obligation bond is Four
32 Hundred Thousand Dollars plus the interest. This is
33 why I really kind of raised sand about that back during
34 the budget. There were these vague numbers that we
35 were given with the previous regime and there were
36 projects that were questionable in my mind knowing that
37 we had serious revenue shortfalls looming ahead of us.
38 So I think we need to start our budget process now,
39 because while I believe Anderson County is poised to
40 make a good comeback, the global economy and the
41 national issues are affecting us and it may not come
42 back as fast here as we'd like even though we are
43 somewhat more buffered than other areas.
44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now move on to
45 Item 15 on the agenda. Citizen's comments other
46 matters. Ms. Floyd -- let the record show Ms. Floyd
47 has decided to bail out on us.
48 APPLAUSE
49 EDDIE MOORE: She don't want to hear
50 y'all's comments. Oh complaints. Okay.

1 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first
2 person signed up is Bennie Sue West.

3 BENNIE SUE WEST: Mr. Chairman, since we've
4 had the term anticipatory breach I'll call this the
5 anticipatory tax. I think that this has just been a
6 land mine for this council to have to deal with and
7 that's another reason I would like very much to know
8 how much bond indebtedness this county owes.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, please hold it
10 down a little bit. We are still having our meeting
11 even though you don't want to stay with us. We are
12 having a meeting. I appreciate it. Thank you. Okay.

13 BENNIE SUE WEST: Anyway I had heard that the
14 county owed about a Hundred and Forty something Million
15 Dollars and I don't know -- you know, it's rumors that
16 you hear. And if you all could get together those
17 figures and find out the total bond indebtedness it
18 would give us some idea where we stand. I've never
19 thought about a county government being so deeply in
20 debt that if loaners or loan institutions start calling
21 in their markers will they take county property first?
22 How does that work? And will they start taking ...

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24 BENNIE SUE WEST: ... homes? Because actually
25 aren't these loans borrowed based on the properties,
26 assets that the county has? And these are just some
27 thoughts that I'm having and all these figures I'm
28 hearing tonight on spending is making my head spin.
29 Anyway I would appreciate it very much if you all could
30 find out exactly what we do owe. And I don't want you
31 all to be blamed for a tax increase because we knew it
32 was coming. You just can't spend money like this
33 county has spent over the last twelve years and not
34 have to have a big pay day coming. Thank you.

35 MIKE PITTS: Next is Elizabeth Fant.

36 ELIZABETH FANT: You'll let me know when one
37 minute is left please. Okay. Me thinks the woman does
38 protest too much. Of course she's gone. She doesn't
39 want to hear what we all have to say. We hired you
40 all. We hired you. I use the word hired rather than
41 elected you all to do a good a job for us and so far
42 you really have. The transparency, the budget. But
43 you can only do so much. We're just beginning to get
44 into this black hole of the economy. There are no new
45 jobs coming in. No new money coming in. If you look
46 at the paper, full of foreclosures. People who've
47 foreclosed on those homes are not paying their taxes.
48 Therefore there's going to be less money in the coffer.
49 We also have overall in the country now a nineteen
50 percent change in those who are getting Social Security

1 so that means that that populous is now out of the
2 working force. You've heard about the four percent
3 state deficit. All of the bonds that we have we have
4 no new industry looking at us or residential and I'm
5 glad that you took the apron business off the agenda
6 tonight. Because that would have been one more tax
7 just added to the homeowner and we can't take any more.
8 And until this cancer is cured in our county with the
9 past administration and all that, we're never going to
10 attract any new industry. And so it really pains me to
11 hear council woman number 2 object to all these things
12 that almost a year ago, November the 18th, she and her
13 five famous cohorts were so guilty of doing.

14 MIKE PITTS: One minute.

15 ELIZABETH FANT: We're almost to that
16 anniversary now and I have some ideas about how you can
17 raise some money. One thing is we could add a five
18 percent sales tax for unhealthy choices. That would be
19 alcohol, tobacco, sweet soda drinks that cause diabetes
20 and fatness. The Sheriff needs to pay back his monies.
21 We need to get a civil suit against the famous five.
22 Let them pay for the 1.4 million and all the other
23 legal expenses that we have incurred since then. And
24 we also need to, and I'm sorry, we need to drop back
25 the salaries of all the department heads who got bumped
26 up right before Joey left, the twenty to thirty percent
27 amount. That would save us money. Thank you.

28 MIKE PITTS: Next is Charles Crowe.

29 CHARLES CROWE: Well you can bet your life
30 on one thing. I ain't going to ask no questions. At
31 least not to the Chairman. We ain't got -- we don't
32 have three more hours. But I do, I do have a question.
33 But it's not for you, Eddie. The question is -- maybe
34 the administrator could answer this. How long
35 should an employee wait before they file a grievance if
36 they've been accused of changing official documents?
37 Is there a waiting period to that or do you know? Or
38 maybe the attorney.

39 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Crowe, I believe I'll
40 defer it to the County Attorney.

41 CHARLES CROWE: But seriously now, you know,
42 we had a meeting tonight and it went longer than it
43 should have and we all -- you know, I throw in a few
44 little jabs here and there. And -- but hey, listen,
45 we're all for Anderson and I know that, everyone of
46 y'all. Even our friend that can't stand the comments
47 at the end of the thing. I was even going to tell her
48 I agreed with her a couple of times tonight. God. I
49 kept telling my wife, pinch me to see if I'd gone to
50 sleep. But I did. I think that she's right. These

1 things that you ought to know over all the figures.
2 Each council member up there. We expect y'all to know.
3 We expect you to know what everything on those prices
4 are. But anyway, thanks a lot and I would hate for any
5 employee to think -- now tonight I mentioned something
6 about employees. People that you count on. But I did
7 not accuse them of falsifying reports or either
8 changing reports and that kind of stuff. Thanks a lot.

9 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.

10 LESLIE WHITE: Well I have to say I have
11 been frustrated and angry and embarrassed at a lot of
12 county council meetings over the few years that I have
13 been coming but tonight might have topped it. Second
14 only to maybe the November 18th meeting. And so on
15 behalf of the citizens of Anderson County, Mr. Burns,
16 Ms. Eddleman, I apologize to you both. I look at
17 county council members as not only employees but also
18 employers. And for any employer to speak to an
19 underling employee, a subordinate employee the way I
20 heard these two people talked to tonight is absolutely
21 absurd. And you're much better people than I am
22 because I think I would have had to pull out my old
23 Charleston redneck and just tell somebody to kiss my
24 fanny. But I would also like to say, may I please
25 request again that when we have land sales or
26 acquisitions on the agenda that we have some detail on
27 it. The second thing I would like to say is I
28 understand the two sides of the coin on the litter.
29 But the bottom line is this, folks. We are
30 complicating this way too much. If you are going to
31 haul trash to the landfill, to the convenience center,
32 to your grandpa's barrel four streets over in the back
33 of your pickup truck, the bottom line is if it blows
34 out you've littered and you deserve a fine. Boom.
35 That's the end of the discussion. I happen to live on
36 a corner where, because you can't see my house from the
37 stop sign, everybody throws their McDonald's stuff in
38 my yard. You know, I could sit out there and take down
39 license tag numbers, but I mean we're just complicating
40 things. The other thing I would like to see is that I
41 believe that I heard something tonight about a house on
42 the lake that Mr. Bill Striewing lives in and that it
43 is going to be turned -- excuse me, torn down. And I
44 would just like to know what does that have to do with
45 county council? Is it owned by the county? And if it
46 is, is Mr. Striewing renting it? So Mr. Striewing is
47 living there at no cost? Okay. Well obviously you're
48 not going to answer questions. I would love to know
49 the answers behind that little situation. Thank you
50 very much. And I would just say once again. I

1 apologize, Ms. Eddleman. That was the most ridiculous
2 thing I've ever heard. And I would also like to say
3 that I haven't said it for a few weeks. But I will say
4 it again. It is absolutely unacceptable to me as an
5 Anderson County citizen and taxpayer that a sitting and
6 paid member of my county council continues to disrupt
7 and then once she has had her tirade and her say, she
8 gets up and leaves the meeting. It is absolutely
9 unacceptable to me. I'm glad I wrote her phone number
10 down tonight as she called it out in public because I
11 will be happy to give her a call. Thank you.

12 MIKE PITTS: Next is Brooks Brown, IV.

13 BROOKS BROWN, IV: Mr. Chairman, I looked at
14 this transfer of employees from the county to the
15 Sheriff. I'm just going to use a Million Dollars as a
16 round number. I don't know what it's going to cost.
17 But I'm told that by shifting these employees over and
18 hiring a security company to come in would save money.
19 That's impossible. If you take those people over to
20 the Sheriff and you don't fire them and then you hire a
21 security force you increase the dollars. Now the
22 Sheriff said that these public safety officers are
23 class three or level three, whatever he called them.
24 But when he commissions them they have to be class one
25 or level one. Now you can't take a man over there and
26 expect him to do the same job at the same rate without
27 paying him the same. These people don't make the same
28 money now as the Sheriff's do -- Sheriff's deputy. So
29 you're going to have to increase the money that you're
30 giving to the public safety officers. So now that
31 Million Dollars is going to inflate by whatever. Then
32 you're going to come in and hire a security company to
33 take their place. I don't care how you do that now
34 you're going to cost money. You're going to increase
35 the money that it cost to operate that. The only way
36 to save money is to leave the public safety officers
37 where they are. Move the litter over. Move the animal
38 control over. I've got no problem with that. But once
39 you take these level three employees and increase them
40 to level one you've got to increase their salary. Plus
41 is there any training cost involved? Is the county
42 going to have to pay the training cost on that too?
43 Every time I look that figure keeps creeping up and up
44 and up and I'm told we save money. So I don't care
45 what you do with the others but the public safety
46 officers should remain exactly where they are. Thank
47 you.

48 MIKE PITTS: Next is Mark Powell.

49 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District 7.
50 I'm actually of the understanding that those guys make

1 more than our normal police officers do who have the
2 full ranking. And that is very sad. Speaking of
3 trash. I bought one of those little tarps from the
4 county. It's not a tarp. It was a net. I drove a
5 Dodge Dakota. A little bitty truck. The net was not
6 big enough to cover half of my truck bed so I guess I
7 was legal even though it wasn't fully covered and it's
8 got big holes in it that big so your trash is still
9 going to fall out. So what good did it do to stay in
10 compliance? Gate. I'm really confused and I know I
11 have to be confused. I heard that a Forty-Nine
12 Thousand Dollar gate for three at the airport. We're
13 only paying five percent. The federal government's
14 paying ninety-five percent. At that it's like a
15 Million Dollars worth of gates and we now have barbed
16 wire. Oh my God. Something's wrong. I misheard,
17 misunderstood. But that's exactly what I heard. Next
18 thing. If we need a bridge down at Broadway which we
19 do, or just let people slow down and use the one we
20 have, we could have saved a Million Dollars towards it
21 by not building the new building. Tables for that
22 place. Let's get a life here. Seventy-two tables --
23 no seventy-two chairs, twelve tables and dollies to
24 tote them in at Fifty Dollars per chair. Which is a
25 nice chair. Three Hundred Dollars per table. Which is
26 a very nice table. Would equal less than Eight
27 Thousand Dollars. What kind of chairs and tables are
28 we talking? What kind of price are these contractors
29 able to make on us? Are they toting them from Fant's
30 down to the building to make that extra Eight or Nine
31 Thousand Dollars? That is ridiculous. The last thing.
32 Employees. I have begged you guys, begged you guys.
33 Get rid of some of them. I know that's cold hearted.
34 I can't help it. It's what needs to be done. And
35 there's a stupid person, and I use that name because
36 that's what they use, who has suggested that since I
37 suggest that so often how to do it. And I don't think
38 it's a very stupid idea. Drug testing. Every employee
39 come Monday morning -- tomorrow morning -- have
40 everyone of them pee in a cup. If they do not pass,
41 fire them. It's federally acceptable. State
42 acceptable. Do random drug testing. I'm told by this
43 stupid person that you will get rid of a minimum of ten
44 percent of your employee staff. Okay. Ten percent of
45 nine hundred something would be ninety something
46 people. That would be like Five Million bucks. The
47 Two Hundred Thousand we're worried about, not a
48 problem. What we can do is cut our taxes, we can pay
49 for the bonds only by cutting what statistics will say
50 supposedly ten percent of the work force and we can

1 accomplish that without hurting anybody's feeling by
2 drug testing them. And supposedly you get rid of a
3 quick ten percent. I beg you. I plead with you. I've
4 asked for fifty percent in the past. I'll settle for
5 ten. Drug test tomorrow morning. Blow the socks off
6 of them. By such a quick thing you might actually get
7 fifteen percent and I'd be even happier. Get rid of
8 ---

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

10 MARK POWELL: Thank you.

11 MIKE PITTS: Last is Rick Freemantle.

12 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.

13 It'd be real easy to discuss the disgraceful actions of
14 the Chairwoman from District 2 if it weren't so
15 repugnant. I'm sorry for the councilman from District
16 4. That means sickening, disgusting, repulsive. So
17 I'll leave that alone. Now I did -- I heard a few
18 things here tonight that kind of interest me and I
19 heard some in the background chatter this week. Two
20 Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Dollar shortfall I
21 understand is what we're facing from the state. I also
22 understand we've created some new jobs in the county or
23 not new jobs, maybe new responsibilities. Green jobs.
24 Global warming until Barack Obama came along had to be
25 the biggest farce going and still is the biggest farce
26 going. I understand these individuals were moved from
27 our inspections, building and codes and stuff into a
28 department handling green -- how to make your house
29 more green, more environmentally appealing I guess or
30 use less energy, whatever. I don't have the total
31 story on it. I don't mean to be trying to rag on
32 Rusty. I know if I'd have called today he would have
33 told me. He's been very good about that. But I just
34 needed something else to talk about besides District 2.
35 Anyway these jobs -- the previous speaker's right.
36 We're going to get to a point where we're going to have
37 to let people go. It's not going to be a pretty thing
38 and creating green jobs, I'm assuming here which is
39 dangerous, that that money that may be paying them
40 might be from some of the stimulus money that's been
41 forced upon us by the government. If that's the case
42 that money's disappearing in less than two years. How
43 are we going to pay them then? Tax increase on our
44 property. There's been a lot of talk going on this
45 past week about what we're going to do with the park
46 police, what we're going to do with animal control,
47 whether we're going to put them all in one department
48 or whether we're going to hire security to cover these
49 individual things. With a Two Hundred and Fifty-five
50 Thousand Dollar shortfall, you know, for years we

1 argued that the park police was created out of hole
2 cloth. The only reason any one in this building feared
3 the park police was because of the previous
4 administration. It wasn't the park police we feared,
5 it was the administration and their will to use those
6 people against the public. That department was created
7 out of hole cloth. There are some good people there
8 but unfortunately, you know, if we're facing a Two
9 Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Dollar shortfall and
10 we're in the middle of a discussion what we're going to
11 do with them, maybe it's time to let them go.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Is that the last one?
13 Okay. Now go to council members' remarks. Mr. Allen,
14 you're all by yourself over there.

15 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd
18 just like to say I enjoyed our trip to Clemson last
19 week on the Emergency Preparedness and Director's
20 Conference. I thought it went real well and a feather
21 in the cap for Anderson County. I think we put that
22 thing together and I thought it went real well. And I
23 enjoyed the Economic Development meeting the other
24 night or gathering of people -- appreciation dinner
25 with the people that provides jobs in Anderson County.
26 And again I'd like to commend Mr. Burns and his staff
27 for the job -- well job they're doing keeping us afloat
28 and keeping us pressed and keep up the good work. And
29 I also thank the citizens out here of Anderson County
30 for supporting us.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

32 BOB WALDREP: A couple of things I wanted
33 to say and one of them has to do with the web site that
34 we have. I think that there was a reference earlier to
35 the web site and there was several languages - German.
36 Did I overlook French? That we -- there's no French in
37 there? Well we've got Michelin here. We've got a lot
38 of French people, you know, around. I just don't want
39 to overlook the French. You know, they're sensitive.
40 So anyway we just want to get them on there too. But
41 that is going to be implemented within a short period
42 of time, is it not?

43 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep, that web site
44 will be in operation within thirty days. We had people
45 working on that project today hands on.

46 BOB WALDREP: Merci. Okay. The second
47 thing I wanted to say was that there's an ongoing
48 onslaught from some folks on council about they don't
49 get the word, they don't know about meetings. I'm just
50 wondering if there's a way that we could through our

1 computerized system in some way have a way of notifying
2 every council member of every meeting, every committee
3 meeting, everything that's going on. And I know that
4 sometimes that's hard to do. But one of the things
5 that some of the interns have been doing, and I
6 appreciate it, is putting out a calendar and on that
7 calendar it shows when we have invitations or meetings
8 or things that we're supposed to. I would think and I
9 would just suggest to the council and maybe we need to
10 do this in the form of some kind of resolution to
11 establish some kind of policy. I really get very, very
12 tired of people saying that they don't know what's
13 going on. And particularly tonight it disturbed me
14 because I think I went to one of the meetings in
15 particular that Mr. Dunn was sharing, I think, having
16 to do with some appropriations for and studies for
17 these projects like the animal shelter. I was totally
18 unaware, and I was there the whole time, there was no
19 executive session, Mr. Dunn. No one was excluded. The
20 information was out there for everybody to see. And I
21 just think it gets to be a little absurd when this
22 council or anybody on these committees gets accused
23 wrongly and falsely of trying to withhold information
24 from someone that doesn't show up. And so I don't know
25 how to remedy that except to make sure that we have
26 some type of information that we can get out, whether
27 it be by calendar or something and that it just be
28 nailed on somebody's door to make sure that they will
29 know to come and that they will not be excluded and
30 that they will get the word. So I hate to drip a
31 little bit and I pardon, a little bit of sarcasm here
32 but it's -- we just listen to it ---

33 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to make a
34 suggestion, Mr. Waldrep.

35 BOB WALDREP: -- every single meeting and
36 I'm just really, really tired of it. So I think that
37 I'm just suggesting that as a way that we remedy that
38 problem so that we could cut these meetings short
39 probably by at least thirty minutes sometimes. Thank
40 you, Mr. Chairman.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep, I think
42 what we could do, you know, most everybody don't know
43 when we do flowers and stuff, everybody on the council
44 we all kick in. The county has -- we don't have that
45 much money so we all kick in and we send flowers. So
46 what we'll do, we'll start kicking in for a taxi cab.

47 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

49 CINDY WILSON: I'll kick in my bicycle.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Hey. Mr. Waldrep's got a

1 good one. It works too.
2 CINDY WILSON: Oh good.
3 EDDIE MOORE: He probably would even play.
4 CINDY WILSON: One suggestion that we could
5 work on because it has come up several times is maybe
6 when we do our agenda on like these public hearings and
7 new ordinances coming up, is just a thumbnail sketch
8 synopsis. Because I did have a very dear lady that I
9 respect and appreciate so much who did send me an e-
10 mail which got faxed to me regarding the litter issue.
11 And this by no means eliminates tarping. And I think
12 if we just had a synopsis of what it actually did then
13 people would understand and then when they contacted us
14 we wouldn't have to spend so much time explaining and
15 then we could actually have input. And on the same
16 note, I hope Mr. Burns won't shoot me for asking this,
17 but when we -- we need to set a date, all of us who are
18 on our solid waste committee, it might be worthwhile
19 moving that up. I was planning on talking with you
20 about having that toward the end of this month which
21 would be after the public hearing. But I think we need
22 to move it up prior to the public hearing and engage
23 our Keep America Beautiful people and anyone who has an
24 interest in what our litter problems are and possible
25 solutions. And I know Mr. Jackson was such a great
26 sport to come the last time we had a meeting I think in
27 March and made great suggestions. And we also have
28 this hauling contract coming up and maybe if we address
29 that I think it would have to go out for bids in
30 November. That may save us several hundreds of
31 thousands. I know that running this county is really a
32 daunting and challenging task, but I hope folks realize
33 that we've also been hit with absolutely crazy
34 lawsuits. Crazy lawsuits. I'm still working through
35 that junk from the previous regime and it's
36 debilitating financially and time-wise and we really
37 need to have a way of being able to move forward. It's
38 a critical time and while we do have a rough economy
39 it's also an opportunity to buy some time and make the
40 proper plans so that we can come out of this the best
41 county that we can be. Thank you.
42 BOB WALDREP: I'm sorry I just got a note
43 here from the parks and recreation department that they
44 need Three Hundred Dollars very badly for -- swings and
45 chains have been stolen from Equinox Park and if I
46 could ask that we appropriate it from our recreation
47 fund, Three Hundred Dollars for Equinox Park to ...
48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'll second it.
49 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in

1 favor raise your right hand.

2 BOB WALDREP: Thank you.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

4 BOB WALDREP: That's all.

5 EDDIE MOORE: All right. I would like to
6 comment. It's been a whirlwind week for everything
7 going on. A lot of you may not know what -- I'm going
8 to kind of fill you in. We got a good guy sitting
9 right here. Rusty Burns. And this week, I want to
10 tell you what all he's done. And the Sheriff too, I
11 want to include him in this too. Saturday we had the
12 Standpipe Festival at Belton. And Rusty has been sick
13 with a bad cold. Here he was there. We had the Bowie
14 -- at the Bowie Old Farm Days down there. And
15 everywhere around. And I think the Sheriff went to
16 Pendleton. He was like at four events. And then we
17 all went to the Meals on Wheels, the oyster roast. And
18 everywhere I'd run around I'd run into the Sheriff. He
19 was everywhere. I'm not sure whether you was riding
20 that bicycle or not or maybe that tricycle but he was
21 everywhere I was at this past Saturday. And then we
22 had a great meeting this past week for Economic
23 Development. We had all the business -- well not all
24 but a lot of the businesses in Anderson County. We all
25 got together and we had some representatives from the
26 Commerce Department that came up. And we had gone down
27 previously to the Commerce Department and talked to
28 them about economic development and they sent
29 representatives up here to be with us the other night.
30 And it was just really great and I thought it was good.
31 The Lieutenant Governor was there and just a lot of
32 good folks. And they said that's the first time they'd
33 had that many sitting council members that was there
34 talking about economic development and also that was
35 concerned about their businesses. And I thought that
36 was a real good thing and I want us to continue doing
37 things like that with our businesses to try to help
38 them out. And with that -- one more thing.

39 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. I
40 forgot. But Mr. Dunn has a committee meeting Thursday
41 I believe at four o'clock, Mr. Dunn?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. I'd done forgot.
43 That's exactly right. So y'all don't tell me these
44 things neither. I'm kept me in the dark.

45 RUSTY BURNS: If that time works. But
46 this will be ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: I've got a, I've got a note
48 here and everyone's welcome to come. It'll be a
49 committee meeting on the -- refresh my memory, Mr.
50 Carroll. I know what it's about and I went brain dead

1 here.
2 ROBERT CARROLL: Discussion on the Ronald
3 Townsend building.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ronald Townsend Magistrate's
5 building.
6 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Discussion on it.
8 It'll be here. We'll start here. If we're able to
9 move into the conference room. It'll be four o'clock
10 Thursday.
11 EDDIE MOORE: And as always all of our
12 meetings are open to the public. Anybody is welcome to
13 come. Even council members are welcome to come. So
14 y'all be sure and come. With that said, I'll entertain
15 a motion to adjourn.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Motion.
17 EDDIE MOORE: We're adjourned.
18
19 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
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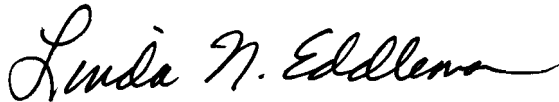
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Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson - District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Mike Pitts, County Attorney
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: Call to Order. We now have
2 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Ron Wilson.

3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RON WILSON

4 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Citizen's
5 Comments.

6 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have two
7 citizens signed up this evening. Elizabeth Fant is the
8 first speaker.

9 ELIZABETH FANT: Give me a head's up on the
10 one minute again. I'm talking on the trash issue. I
11 think that all we really need to do is clarify what we
12 want the public to do as far as covering their trash.
13 It's pretty evident that if you're losing the trash,
14 you're offensive to the ordinance and if you have a
15 tarp it doesn't necessarily mean you won't lose trash.
16 I kind of see this as an example of the good, the bad,
17 and the ugly. The good are out there and they never
18 put any trash down and they're always picking theirs up
19 and they always make sure that when they do go to a
20 convenience center that it's properly weighed down or
21 covered or bagged or whatever is necessary. You don't
22 have to worry about them. The bad are the ones that
23 are probably missing the point and trash is flying out.
24 This week I came the back way from Belton to Anderson
25 and it was obvious that somebody had come through there
26 with maybe a truck that had lots of the little Ingle's
27 size bags and many of them had blown out and trash was
28 strewn -- strewn everywhere. And then, of course, we
29 have the ugly which are the totally non-compliant. I
30 agree with Ms. Wilson that when we had a regular
31 officer that went and investigated litter that we had a
32 whole lot better response. I have memories of one that
33 happened where somebody dumped trash on my property
34 years ago and I got the litter officer. It was then
35 Joel Powell was the assistant. He came out and
36 couldn't find a name. They had torn their names off
37 the magazines. They had broken windows, food trash,
38 household trash, clothes, about two truck loads full
39 and I was determined I was going to find out who did
40 it. So at the very bottom of the pile in a pair of
41 shorts there was a Duke Power statement and also a W-2
42 statement from the place the people worked. I took it
43 to the Magistrate. She called them in. They had to go
44 pick up every stitch of it. She charged them a Six
45 Hundred Dollar fine. They had to replace the trees
46 that they rolled over and they were getting out of
47 wherever they were living quickly because they were
48 stealing power from Duke Power. So that was a good
49 haul. I also look at it as the framework of what we do
50 with students. We have the excellent students who

1 really don't need a lot of prompting. They go about
2 independently. Do their work. Then we've got the
3 remediators where we must remind them a little bit. So
4 maybe when we get this law or ordinance in place, we
5 might need to have a video made that shows exactly what
6 is acceptable covering of your tarp. And on the first
7 offenders if they get a warning, they have to come in
8 and sign it, read the video, and maybe do one hour of
9 community work. And then those that just fail to be
10 compliant who are just stick in the muds, those are the
11 ones that you need to fine heavily. So if we have the
12 compliant and we have the ignorant and then we have the
13 non- ---

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

15 ELIZABETH FANT: You didn't say one minute
16 for me. Didn't do your job.

17 MIKE PITTS: Next is Steve Pope.

18 STEVE POPE: Steve Pope, District One,
19 Bellview Estates. What I'm going to basically address
20 tonight is part of the thing about open and honest
21 government. That's a phrase we heard a lot about last
22 year. Coming is about open and honest government. And
23 how Anderson had open and honest government. But it
24 seems that most of the time we did not have open and
25 honest government. Too many secrets were kept.
26 Council would make a decision and sometimes you would
27 hear from the gallery. Sounds like boos and we do
28 mmmmmmm, grumbling. Now that can be permissible. Now
29 what's not permissible is for somebody to address one
30 single council member in particular and, you know,
31 throw insults. That's not. It doesn't mean that just
32 because the folk -- the seven of you up there that were
33 elected, it doesn't mean that you have carte blanche.
34 Now while we are not allowed to have town council --
35 town hall meetings, we, the public, do have a right to
36 ask just a general, open question to the council as a
37 whole. And hopefully you will answer it or you will
38 not answer it. But the only thing we can really do
39 right now as a people is just simply listen and watch.
40 And if you don't make decisions we don't like, come
41 election time, you can be replaced. Something the
42 previous council found out. The one thing we tried to
43 tell the other group before was, listen to what the
44 people are trying to say. Then you really will have
45 the steps to start having open and honest government.
46 Thank you.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 4 on the
48 agenda. The Importance of the 2010 Census. Mr. Bob
49 Gabbard.

50 BOB GABBARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Mr. Chairman, members of council, ladies and gentlemen.
2 My name is Bob Gabbard. I am a partnership specialist
3 with the United States Census Bureau. The Census
4 Bureau is conducting the twenty-second decennial census
5 in 2010. Not that far away and we are in the
6 preparatory stages of awareness, getting folks to
7 understand that this is coming up. The first thing I'd
8 like to do tonight is sort of take us all back to our
9 high school civic's class where we first heard about
10 this thing called census. It is conducted every ten
11 years and has been since 1790. It is mandated by the
12 Constitution to account for every resident of the
13 United States, whether they be citizens or non-
14 citizens. The type of enumeration that will take place
15 or the count will be done by mail -- mailed out package
16 of census forms that, for the first time ever, is a one
17 hundred percent short form in this particular census.
18 There's no more any, any long form census. And for
19 anybody that's ever received one of those you'd know
20 it. Last time it was about twenty-eight pages. The
21 Bureau I think wondered how many of those actually got
22 filled out and how many found the nearest receptacle.
23 But this time around, there will be a short form only
24 census. It's ten questions. And the hope is that the
25 public will promptly return their census package that
26 will be shipped out in March of next year so that on
27 April the 1st, which is actually census day, there will
28 be a -- as many of those turned in as we can get. The
29 state of South Carolina has some room for improvement.
30 Ten years ago our state came in forty-ninth out of
31 fifty in terms of response rate - mailed response rate.
32 Number fifty was Alaska. And so we're hopeful that in
33 2010 we can bring that percent of response up
34 dramatically so we can address the two main issues that
35 come about as the result of the census. The first
36 being the apportionment of congressional seats, the
37 House of Representatives, which is directly related to
38 the census results. A lot of folks thought that the
39 four hundred thirty-five members of the House of
40 Representatives was a finite number. But as was found
41 out ten years ago, it turned out that the state of
42 Colorado found out, to their displeasure, what it was
43 like to lose a seat in the House of Representatives.
44 And our friends in North Carolina found out what it's
45 like to gain a seat in the House of Representatives and
46 directly affected by the census results. The other
47 outcome of the census, well, is the distribution of
48 federal grants and monies to the tune of over Four
49 Hundred Billion Dollars a year that come back to states
50 and local governments from the taxes that are paid in

1 by the citizens. It doesn't take long to figure out
2 that if the census results are due -- are going to
3 affect the distribution of federal monies, then our
4 rating, in terms of the held back response rate, is not
5 a help. I don't like to think that money is being paid
6 by South Carolina citizens are going to other states,
7 but effectively that's going on. So I'm here tonight
8 to ask, Mr. Chairman, for your involvement as a, as a
9 council, and Anderson County as a county, in helping us
10 to achieve the best possible census that we can have in
11 2010 of next year. I'll be happy to answer any
12 questions.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: First of all I want to thank
16 you for coming. Okay. I know that Anderson County has
17 gotten a pretty slow start as compared to other areas
18 as far as concensus -- the census is concerned. But
19 I've started blowing the whistle and making the sounds
20 back in August when we got home from the -- from Hilton
21 Head, because this is one of the things we talked about
22 in Hilton Head. But on November the 6th at one thirty
23 there's going to be a statewide meeting in Anderson
24 County, Mr. Chairman. You will be invited to this, to
25 this forum, as well as a committee. Do we have a
26 committee yet? Okay. We don't have a committee yet to
27 work on the -- on this thing. But it will be -- the
28 committee's invited to come. This, this forum is being
29 sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Black
30 County Officials and the South Carolina Association of
31 Counties. We are partnering together to get this work
32 done because all of us know that we were under-counted
33 in the last election and we were forty-ninth - forty-
34 ninth on the under-count. And we lost money, because
35 you get so much money per person from the feds, and we
36 lost political positions that we could -- maybe we
37 could have had if we had been counted correctly. So
38 please listen out for this. If we don't have a, if we
39 don't have a committee at that time and if you would
40 like to be on the committee to go to Columbia to learn
41 how to rally the people, how to organize, how to get
42 people involved, please let me know and I'll be more
43 than happy to take you there. And I just thank you so
44 much for listening to me. And listen, as we discussed,
45 Doris Green is the state person for the census. Please
46 contact her. And if you would like to come down to
47 meet with us, to help us over the state, not just
48 Anderson County, but over the state, please, please,
49 just let me know. You have my card.

50 BOB GABBARD: I'd be happy to. Thank you.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Also, I'd like all council
2 members to think of a couple of names that you would
3 like to submit for me. I was talking with the census
4 officials before the meeting. They stated about the
5 committee that we will be forming. So I would like
6 each council member to think of a couple of names that
7 you would like to appoint to this committee and give
8 them to me if you can, maybe next week would be good.
9 And that way we can forward them on to Mr. Gabbard.
10 Ms. Wilson.

11 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 Thank you, Mr. Gabbard, for coming. I was going to ask
13 what we could do to help in preparation, but some of
14 the questions have already been answered. I'm real
15 curious. What are the ten questions that you'll be
16 asking us?

17 BOB GABBARD: This is the actual form.
18 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

19 BOB GABBARD: And the hope is -- it is not
20 necessary for every person to go through and fill it
21 out, just the head of the household.

22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

23 BOB GABBARD: Yes, ma'am.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Any other council member.

25 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'm just kind
26 of catching up here. The committee that you're
27 appointing, what are the expectations of people on the
28 committee?

29 BOB GABBARD: The expectations are -- well
30 first off the make-up of the committee, it's hoped, is
31 representative of the whole community, and it's not
32 just political members but also members from the faith-
33 based communities, community organizations, the
34 libraries, services that are provided for the citizens.
35 And hopefully there's a good cross-section of folks
36 from throughout the community. The goal is to mesh
37 together ideas for one very simple outcome. Fill out
38 the form. Get folks to fill out the form. It's not
39 going to bite anybody. It's, it's probably as simple
40 as it could ever be. And the expectation of the
41 committee is to sort of enhance and put our heads
42 together to come up with ideas that will enhance the
43 preparation of the form throughout the community.

44 BOB WALDREP: So they just meet -- the
45 committee meets with you and gives you idea. But the
46 committee's not ---

47 BOB GABBARD: The committee, the committee
48 is a committee in and of itself. All I do is advise.
49 The committee will come up with its own conclusions and
50 its action plan and put that together for

1 implementation in the community. I'll be there as a
2 coach to help give ideas where we can provide materials
3 and just to sort of be there as an advisor as the thing
4 unfolds.

5 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

6 EDDIE MOORE: You mentioned some training
7 also.

8 BOB GABBARD: Oh, yes, sir. After the
9 committee has been appointed, I'll come back and have a
10 formal training session. We'll go down item by item as
11 to what the make-up of the committee, what goals would
12 be suggested, the types of actions that might be taken.
13 So it's a pretty, pretty comprehensive outline as to
14 where the committee will go.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: The committee -- the
18 training in Columbia will give all of the committees
19 who attend a plan of action, already has been proven,
20 already is working, that they can take and bring it
21 back to their prospective districts or counties for
22 them to work with the trainer -- that's you, who
23 implements things. See, right now we don't have a
24 committee and right now when we get our committee they
25 will just be there. But on November the 6th, by
26 attending the meeting, they will have the chance to
27 understand what they're supposed to be doing. They
28 will have a plan of how they're supposed to be doing it
29 and they will know the people throughout the state, not
30 just you. But just people throughout the state and the
31 counties that they can contact, you know, for it. But
32 it's going to be a very good meeting and we're really
33 excited, excited about it.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you, ma'am.

35 BOB GABBARD: Any other questions?

36 EDDIE MOORE: Any other councilman? Okay.

37 Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

38 BOB WALDREP: Well, I just have one thing.
39 I'm just wondering, who's paying for all this activity?

40 BOB GABBARD: Who's paying for?

41 BOB WALDREP: Well the committees, are
42 they going to be traveling, or this supposed to be a
43 pro bono or is this ---

44 BOB GABBARD: The committees are a non-
45 paid committee.

46 BOB WALDREP: They're non-paid.

47 BOB GABBARD: Voluntary. Volunteers.

48 Yes, sir.

49 BOB WALDREP: That's going to make it
50 harder. Okay. Thank you.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: May I add to that please?
2 When you get to Columbia, if you decide to go, there
3 will be a lady there that will show you how she was
4 able to receive Sixteen Thousand Dollars for them to
5 implement their program. Okay. So there are ways.
6 Okay. But my part is being funded by the South
7 Carolina Association of Black County Officials.
8 BOB GABBARD: Any other questions?
9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any other council
10 member? I appreciate you coming today and sharing that
11 with us, and we will make sure we have a committee and
12 get in contact with you. I have your card. And as
13 soon as we have a committee, I will notify you and make
14 sure that you have all the names.
15 BOB GABBARD: Thank you, sir.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you. We now go to
17 Item 5 on the agenda. Ms. Floyd.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair, again I'd
19 like to express my disappointment in only being able to
20 get seven minutes to do this. As a council member, I
21 have a right to forty-two members -- forty-two minutes
22 per, per meeting that I could put on the agenda. And
23 I'm supposed to be able to put as many items on the
24 agenda as I can get. But still, this is important
25 enough for me to just go ahead through it. I need to
26 tell you about the meeting that I attended last Friday
27 in Columbia with the South Carolina Association of
28 Counties. I'm sorry that you all were not there, but
29 you should have been. Do you know about 3272? Have
30 you heard about 3272 yet? Have not. Rita, have you
31 heard about 3272 yet? You have not. Okay. 3272 is an
32 amendment to a bill from the financial -- it's a
33 financial committee amendment. It's very, very
34 complicated. But the bottom is that we stand to lose
35 Forty-Four Million Dollars lost in revenue per tax, per
36 tax year affected. Okay. The school will lose 19.6,
37 the county 16.1, cities 8.3, with a total of Forty-Four
38 Million. Now, because of this, many local governments
39 would be unable to make up the entire revenue lost
40 through the milage rate increase because of the milage
41 rate caps now in place. This would lead to additional
42 cuts and services beyond what has been experienced in
43 the current economic downturn. Folks, we need to be at
44 this meeting. Council members, I encourage you to get
45 involved. We need to be in these meetings because here
46 they're talking about cutting us again. It's an
47 amendment right now. But the meeting on November the
48 6th in Columbia I was just telling you about, Robert
49 Groom, who is the attorney for the South Carolina
50 Association of Counties, will be there to explain this

1 to us. So Rita, if you're not busy -- I don't know who
2 our finance director is, but the finance director
3 should be at this meeting so that we can understand
4 what's going on before we are cut and nobody knows
5 anything about it. Robert Groom explained this at the
6 meeting in -- this past Friday. Also, News You Can
7 Use, they had a lady there talking about the jail
8 population management. Elected county officials guide
9 to pretrial services. Mr. Burns, would you please come
10 here for me. I need you to pass these out to the
11 council members. This is concerning the -- it says,
12 What Does H3272 Do? Each council member needs to get
13 one of those, as well as each council member needs to
14 get this thing here on the jail. We talk about the
15 jail. We talk about what's got to be done. And we
16 talk about woe, woe is me. But when it's time to go
17 for training, we aren't there. And when it's time to
18 go for information, we aren't there. But we can get on
19 the radio easily to criticize each other. Mr. Burns,
20 please. Mr. Burns. This -- do you have enough?

21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd, please direct to
22 the Chair and not to Mr. Burns.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: That is the -- let me see if
24 I have everything here. Okay. Yes. Mr. Burns, did
25 you get a -- did you follow through on the thing I
26 asked you to do concerning Major General Herbert, Major
27 General Herbert Newton? You didn't do that yet. Well,
28 I did it. Okay, Mr. Burns, he can, he can be with us
29 on the 17th of November. There's a phone number for
30 you to call the National Guard Services, please. He
31 will need to be on the agenda first, Mr. Chairman,
32 because he will have to take a plane or helicopter or
33 what it is on that night from Anderson, from Anderson
34 to -- back to Washington, D. C. But this is the man
35 who represents the National Guard Armory. They have
36 another name, but I forget the, the new name of it.
37 Okay. Also, News You Can Use, they are closing the
38 Post Office down on South Main Street. Now you may not
39 have a reason to be concerned until you go up to the
40 Post Office -- the main Post Office and you have to
41 stand in line -- the possibility you'll have to stand
42 in line longer because the people from that area will
43 have to go there for their mail, for their boxes, for
44 their stamps, or to take care of any kind of posting
45 business. I stood in front of the Post Office today.
46 This is my second time standing in front of that Post
47 Office, and I had a hundred flyers to pass out. And I
48 passed them out in -- I passed out ninety-eight of them
49 from three thirty to four thirty. The Post Office
50 closes at four thirty. Okay. I'm -- I want to hold a

1 rally. I have not talked to the Sheriff about this
2 because you changed your phone number on me. Yeah.
3 Okay. But anyway, I'll tell you about it. Okay. But
4 anyway, I need to talk to the Sheriff about it. But I
5 have gotten permission from the people in that -- who
6 owns the store there to hold a rally to keep that Post
7 Office open. And folks, you may not care about it
8 because you may have a Post Office that you're
9 satisfied with. But please keep in mind that one of
10 our things on this earth we're supposed to do is help
11 each other. We have older people in that area. We
12 have handicapped people in that area. We have people
13 with no transportation in that area. And over ninety-
14 eight people came there between the hours of three
15 thirty and four thirty. The lady isn't here now, but
16 she can attest to the fact she gave me a hundred
17 splits. This is my second day up there. The first day
18 -- the first time I went I gave, I gave out that many.
19 I'll be there again tomorrow giving them out. But we
20 need help. We need help. First of all in keeping that
21 side of town alive and vibrant. But if you don't help
22 us now and if you go to that Post Office up there,
23 you're going to feel the brunt of the closure. Did I
24 do it in seven minutes? Okay. All right. That's all
25 I have time for.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a
27 question real quick?

28 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

29 CINDY WILSON: Regarding this H3272,
30 looking over what's been provided to us and not having
31 time to study it, but it looks like this is almost
32 obsolete because we're having negative valuations on a
33 lot of real estate instead of positive improvements or
34 increases, so maybe we need to get in touch with our
35 legislature regarding that. Thank you.

36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, may I respond
38 to that, please?

39 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. It couldn't be
41 too obsolete for them to pass this out last Friday and
42 for them to discuss it last Friday. Also, it couldn't
43 be too obsolete because you didn't know about it.
44 Thank you.

45 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 6. Ms.
46 Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You lumped the two
48 things together. I was just only hoping that I could
49 get just a little bit more time to talk about open and
50 honest transparency in, in county government. I have

1 been going through a lot of things here. And one thing
2 I want to ask Mr. Burns is that you told me one time
3 that our assistant interim administrator did not get a
4 raise.

5 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, when I told you
6 that that was exactly the gospel truth.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: It was. Okay. Thank you.
8 But you never came back and you never said ---

9 EDDIE MOORE: Point of order, Ms. Floyd.
10 We got the administrator report at the last -- the
11 agenda item you got is keeping county government
12 transparent. I don't believe this is germane. If you
13 want to ask Mr. Burns a question, the appropriate time
14 would be at the administrator report at the end, and
15 I'm sure he'll be glad to answer to you at that time.
16 So if you would like to go on with your transparent
17 presentation, I'd appreciate it.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you, Mr.
19 Chairman. I only have seven minutes so I don't have
20 time to argue with you now. But, Mr. Burns, you did
21 not tell me at any time that his pay was retroactive to
22 the first day he walked on that job. I asked you did
23 he receive a pay increase? You told me no. He did not
24 receive a pay increase, but he did, in fact, did
25 receive a pay increase.

26 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Also, Mr. Burns, did you get
28 a pay increase after ---

29 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. I did not.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: You did not get a pay
31 increase ---

32 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: -- from the time you started
34 here ---

35 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: -- to where you are now?

37 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Thank
39 you. Also, Mr. Burns, I have here a -- wanted to check
40 to make sure that I have here concerning the contracts.
41 There are no contracts for you, the assistant
42 administrator and the new recreational department.
43 Okay. Mr. Burns, have the -- have we hired someone yet
44 for the litter control people or -- I mean have we
45 hired an additional person for -- to do trash and
46 litter control and that kind of thing?

47 RUSTY BURNS: I can check, Ms. Floyd.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You don't know for
49 sure?

50 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I have about five

1 hundred people and I might overlook somebody. But I'll
2 be happy to check for you when I get ---
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, Mr. Burns, I
4 have twenty-two thousand. Okay. So as the, as the
5 administrator -- that would have been in the last week
6 or so, but please, sir, check for me, okay? I'd like
7 to know the answer. We would like to know the answer
8 to that. Okay. Also -- excuse me. Also, the litter
9 stats. The litter stats we've gotten from -- what's
10 the lady's name now who works with that? She used to
11 work downstairs in the office.
12 RUSTY BURNS: Dana?
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Dana. Yeah. This was taken
14 from Dana's office here. The litter stats and what's
15 been going on and who's picking up the trash and
16 carrying on. I think that we need to utilize that
17 position and that office more. If we're thinking about
18 hiring somebody else to do that work, I think we need
19 to look at what we have here first. Because the news
20 is out, Mr. Burns, that -- I don't know how true this
21 is or not, okay, because -- so I'm not accusing, I'm
22 just asking. Okay. All right. I was told that this
23 man would be making another Eighty Thousand Dollars if
24 he is hired. Don't know if it's true or not, but I
25 just wanted you to know that. Okay.
26 RUSTY BURNS: I know of no person who is
27 about to be hired who makes Eighty Thousand Dollars and
28 certainly not ---
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Who will be making Eighty
30 Thousand Dollars.
31 RUSTY BURNS: Keep American Beautiful.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Okay. Good. I'm
33 glad of that. Okay. I have some other things, but
34 I'll ask for another -- some more time on the next, on
35 the next council. Did I do my thing in under seven
36 minutes? Thank you.
37 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to Item 7(a),
38 2009-22, ordinance authorizing negotiation, execution
39 and delivery of debt service payment agreement among
40 the City of Clemson, Town of Pendleton, and Anderson
41 County and other matters related thereto.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
43 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
44 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt
45 this on third reading.
46 CINDY WILSON: Second.
47 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made and second. Any
48 discussion? Anyone have anything? If not, we now
49 vote. All in favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous.
50 Now go 2009-23, ordinance authorizing Anderson County

1 to enter into a transaction for the sale of certain
2 real estate and matters related thereto. It's a swap
3 of county land for Stevenson land in Anderson County
4 and Donald Stevenson.

5 BOB WALDREP: Move adoption to approve.

6 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to adopt and
7 I have a second.

8 CINDY WILSON: Second.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
10 favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to
11 Item (c), 2009-24, ordinance authorizing Anderson
12 County to enter into a transaction for the sale of
13 certain real estate, and matters related thereto. This
14 is the sale of county land to Thomas Walker.

15 BOB WALDREP: Move adoption.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

17 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion to adopt and
18 we have a second

19 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
21 favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to
22 Item (d), 2009-25, ordinance authorizing Anderson
23 County to place restrictive covenants upon real estate
24 owned by the county as part of Wetlands Mitigation, and
25 matters related thereto.

26 CINDY WILSON: Move for adoption, please.

27 BOB WALDREP: Second.

28 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to adopt
29 and we have a second.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
32 favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to
33 Item (c), 2009-26, ordinance authorizing Anderson
34 County to enter into transaction for the sale of
35 certain real estate located in the Stonehaven
36 Subdivision, and matters related thereto.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
38 motion to adopt.

39 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to adopt.

40 RON WILSON: Second.

41 CINDY WILSON: Second.

42 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second.

43 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, if I could
44 just point out just one very small change to the
45 contract. Just want to point it out to the council.
46 The contract is -- provides that the county is going to
47 pay the closing costs for the transaction as it
48 typically does when a, when a landowner is
49 accommodating the county like this. Just want to point
50 that one thing out to you.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
2 MIKE PITTS: It's not a significant
3 amount of money.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any other discussion?
5 All in favor, raise your right hand. Unanimous. We
6 now go the second reading, Item 8, 2009-28, ordinance
7 authorizing the amendment that certain Multi-County
8 Park Agreement dated November the 1st, 2006 is
9 subsequently amended governing Multi-County Business/
10 Industrial Park by and between Anderson County, South
11 Carolina and Abbeville County, South Carolina to
12 authorize the expansion of the boundaries of the park,
13 and other matters related thereto. This is a public
14 hearing. The public hearing is now open. Anyone?
15 Hearing none, seeing none, the public hearing is now
16 closed.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
18 motion we adopt on second reading.
19 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to adopt
20 for second reading.
21 CINDY WILSON: Second.
22 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Now in
23 discussion. Any discussion? Now vote. All in favor,
24 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to Item
25 9(a), 2009-030, an ordinance amending Section 55-31 of
26 the Anderson County Code pertaining to the county's
27 travel reimbursement policy, and matters related
28 thereto. Mr. Burns.
29 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, what you have
30 before you is a document that came through committee,
31 and it is the findings and recommendations of the
32 committee. And Mr. Allen, I believe, is the chair of
33 that committee and ...
34 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, yeah,
35 these the recommendations that we made during the
36 finance investigative committee, and I would move that
37 these be adopted.
38 BOB WALDREP: Second.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Do we have a second?
40 Okay. Any discussion?
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
42 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I'm on page four
44 of the Exhibit A here under Approval and it says that
45 the council member -- am I reading this correctly,
46 first of all? I want to make sure I'm, I'm right here.
47 Does it say that the county members' travel will be
48 approved by the chairman or the vice chairman? And the
49 administrator will approve chairman or vice chairman of
50 county council? And the division head -- no, the

1 administrator's thing will be approved by the chairman
2 or vice chairman. The division head will be approved
3 by the administrator and the department head by the
4 division head and then employees - elected or appointed
5 official or department heads. Is that what that says?
6 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
8 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Yes.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what that says?
10 TOM ALLEN: That's what that says.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. But, Mr.
12 Allen, the, the law states -- home rule says that there
13 are no council -- county council member should be over
14 other council members. And because I don't -- we don't
15 work for each other.
16 TOM ALLEN: All right. Who -- what ---
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Each of us stand elected on
18 our own. We do not work for ...
19 TOM ALLEN: Would you have a
20 recommendation?
21 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I would say leave it
22 alone as it was. Each council member had a budget. We
23 knew what the budget was for each of the county council
24 members. And when you exceeded that budget, then you
25 have down the wrong thing if you have not talked to the
26 administrator about refurbishing your budget or why you
27 had to exceed it. But to say that the county council
28 members would be approved by the chairman or the vice
29 chairman. I don't understand that, because if you
30 don't approve a certain travel, then what's going to
31 happen? That council member won't be able to, to take
32 care of, to take care of his duties. I attend
33 meetings. I attend things so I can learn what I can do
34 better for my district, or I can further help my
35 district. But if you all say to me that I can't, I
36 can't go to a meeting, what's going to happen then?
37 TOM ALLEN: All right. Actually the
38 intent of that was more than anything else just so that
39 the chairman knows where the council members are headed
40 to. But I would ask, Mr. Chairman, if -- Mr. Pitts, do
41 you see any problem with that from a local ordinance
42 standpoint?
43 MIKE PITTS: I would just have to take a
44 look at the home rule provisions and get back to you on
45 that. I haven't looked at that precise issue. Be
46 happy to, though.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
48 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
49 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
50 CINDY WILSON: The spirit of the intent for

1 that was the checks and balances system. If we have
2 failed to accomplish that maybe we can ...
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
4 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: We had check and balances
6 already in place. When each council member was given
7 so much money that can be used for their personal
8 spending. Not personal spending, excuse me. Their
9 district spending. And we had -- and we're given a
10 certain amount that we can do for travel. It concerns
11 me. It concerns me that this could happen. And then
12 my next question would be, if this is check and
13 balance, then who is going to check the chairman or the
14 vice chairman? Who will check the chairman's travels
15 or the vice chairman? If we have the same, if we have
16 the same authority. If we get voted -- elected the
17 same way, why should mine be checked, checked but yours
18 not? Who will check yours?
19 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I think the
20 finance department's supposed to review all of this
21 too.
22 GRACIE FLOYD: They're doing that now, even
23 without this law. The finance department is reviewing.
24 They review things like that already.
25 RON WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.
27 RON WILSON: Why don't we postpone this
28 until the next meeting until we hear from Mr. Pitts?
29 I'll so move.
30 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
31 floor to table until the next meeting. Do I have a
32 second?
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Second.
34 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
35 discussion?
36 GRACIE FLOYD: You don't do discussion on a
37 table.
38 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor of tabling,
39 raise your right hand. All opposed. Measure fails.
40 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.
41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
42 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. If I might, since
43 this is just the first reading, that still gives the
44 attorney plenty of time to review this, so I have no
45 problem with the first reading and then if there is
46 something amiss or needs to be corrected, we can do
47 that on the second reading.
48 EDDIE MOORE: All right.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank the council member
2 for District Six for the idea of trying to table this.
3 But Mr. Chairman, I would like to be frank and up front
4 and to the point. All right. Don't touch my travel.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
7 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
8 floor to move 2009-30.
9 CINDY WILSON: Second.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We've got a second.
11 Now any more discussion on this?
12 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman? I know
13 there's been a great deal of work that was put into
14 this. And, of course, if there are adjustments that
15 need to be made, I think we're all open to that. But I
16 know that Mr. Waldrep and I had a great difficult time
17 after we requested to look at the credit card billing
18 statements and the back-up including expense reports,
19 receipts, etc. Our county travel and credit card and
20 all of that type of expenditure has been in the biggest
21 mess that anyone could imagine. It's been absolutely
22 appalling. We've been sued over these things. There
23 was pretty clear policy in place. It was routinely
24 just totally ignored. But I think this measure makes
25 it even clearer and perhaps stronger. And hopefully
26 this will never happen in our county again, as we all
27 are seeking open, honest, accountable local government.
28 Thank you.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I regret the
32 fact that you may have had problems in getting what you
33 needed. But I think you requested a copy of my travel
34 report and you got it. Yes, you did, and you got it.
35 And evidently you didn't see anything on there because
36 I haven't heard from you since you got it. But to, to
37 penalize me -- with the possibility of penalizing me
38 for the work that I do. Now it's no secret that I work
39 for District Two. My travel will be higher than any of
40 yours. How many of you went down to South Main Street
41 today to work? How many of you even know about South
42 Main? Where were you down in Columbia, that I'm going
43 to have to apply for, for taking trip? I'm going to
44 Charleston for the South Carolina Association of
45 Counties. All right. Will you be there? So I don't
46 see how that gives you the right to do now -- Ms. Rita
47 said just now that we already had a thing in place.
48 Didn't you say that? We already had a system in place
49 that, that monitored the travel? If you feel like you
50 need to monitor the travel of others, then that's fine

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2 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE

3 GRACIE FLOYD: ... judges' travels. Are
4 you going to monitor the travels of anybody else? I
5 don't think there's nobody up here qualified to monitor
6 any of the other travels -- any of the other council
7 members' travel. And I just thank you so much.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

9 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

11 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to comment
12 without any kind of personal reference to anyone or
13 anyone on council or -- that in the investigation that
14 I was trying to do is try to understand the
15 expenditures of this county. When I found out that
16 there were real abuses in this system, I think Mr.
17 Allen is trying to correct that. We had a situation
18 where a council person had spent an extraordinary
19 amount of money within a short period of time. I think
20 it was around Thirty Thousand Dollars in travel
21 expenses, motels, all kinds of restaurants, and things
22 of that nature. And I think that's really the purpose
23 of what we're trying to do. We've got -- we're trying
24 to get a feel for how much money we are spending, and
25 are we spending it responsibly. Sometimes people take
26 the idea that this is my money and I'll spend it the
27 way I want to. Well, I take issue with that. I don't
28 think it is "your money." I think it's taxpayer money,
29 and we have to be accountable for it. So I know that
30 some people differ on that particular issue. But I
31 think that that's what Mr. Allen was trying to do. And
32 I appreciate your efforts, Mr. Allen. Thank you.
33 EDDIE MOORE: I'd like to comment too. I
34 think that you've done an awful lot of hard work on
35 this. I think it's justified on what we've seen on
36 some of the expenses and I appreciate your hard work on
37 that.

38 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
39 May I make a comment?

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: Just to add something to
42 that. Yeah, one of the reasons for this, even though
43 we do have a monitoring system, I have documentation of
44 travel that was made by a council member to Washington,
45 D. C. and back, presumably for a meeting, and back to
46 Washington, D. C., and then back again. The way the
47 dates are set up in there, it would almost be
48 superhuman. This individual probably did not sleep for
49 four days and collected Fifty Cents per mile at over
50 three hundred miles each way. That's the type of thing

1 we're trying to get a handle on. Thank you.

2 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We now vote.
3 All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed. Let
4 it be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr.
5 Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd
6 voted no. Now go to 2009-31, an ordinance amending
7 ordinance 2009-19, in order to prohibit former members
8 of Anderson County Council from accepting employment
9 with the county, performing consulting services for the
10 county, or otherwise realizing financial gain as the
11 result of the public service, and matters related
12 thereto. Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This ordinance was
14 written by somebody who did not contact me at all. Who
15 wrote the ordinance? Mr. Pitts, did you do it? Okay.
16 Mr. Pitts, my amendment, my amendment didn't say
17 anything about accepting employment from the county.
18 My amendment said that I wanted to add that former
19 members of councils could not perform consulting
20 services for the county or otherwise rely -- or
21 anything else that would otherwise realize financial
22 gain as a result of their public service, and matters
23 related to. The first amendment, I think, dealt with
24 employment of the county -- cannot be employed by the
25 county. Mine was just an amendment.

26 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. That's correct.
27 And that's just a description of the -- of what the --
28 if you're -- if this ordinance is amended as you
29 propose, that's what it would -- it would cover all
30 those. All three things. It's already in place. It
31 passed on third reading last time that dealt with
32 employment or consulting services. Then with the
33 ordinance you're proposing this evening, you're -- have
34 asked to add this additional restriction to it.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The additional
36 restriction. But you're saying that this is a new
37 ordinance. It has its own number. Let's see.

38 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Amending ordinance in order
40 to prohibit former members of the council from
41 accepting and performing ... Well, no, no. I don't
42 want to be, I don't want to be associated with the fact
43 that I voted in any way, fashion, or form to limit
44 somebody's right to employment because they worked with
45 the county before. My ordinance is that these people
46 cannot realize financial gains. In other words, the
47 people up here who are here now, or who were here
48 yesterday, cannot get a gain on information that they
49 learned while they were here. Okay. It's happened
50 before on council. It's happened before on council

1 where someone did realize financial gains from
2 information that they knew here on county council.
3 But, anyway, that's my ordinance -- that's my amendment
4 to the ordinance.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

6 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: And I put that in the form
8 of a motion.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion on
10 the floor on the amendment. Do I have a second?

11 TOM ALLEN: I'll second.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a second.

13 Now we're in discussion.

14 CINDY WILSON: I have an amendment to the
15 amendment.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

17 CINDY WILSON: May I offer the amendment
18 that we make all of this retroactive to and including
19 1999.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have an amendment
21 from Ms. Wilson retroactive to 1999. Do we have a
22 second? I'll second it. Okay. Any discussion on that
23 amendment?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. My husband was on
27 board in 1999. I'll have to go dig him up so he can
28 come back here and defend whatever decision or whatever
29 his decision was in 1999. All right. And also, if we
30 go back that far, then we can amend other things that
31 has happened since then. But that's ludicrous. 1999.
32 You mean '99? You want to amend this all the way back
33 to 1999?

34 CINDY WILSON: Including 1999.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We're going to --
36 everybody hold it down please. We're going to vote on
37 Ms. Wilson's amendment to the amendment.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I've got some
39 -- is discussion still open? I've got a question for
40 the attorney that -- Mr. Pitts, would that, would that
41 be legal?

42 MIKE PITTS: That would be something I
43 would have to, again, research further. It's a general
44 -- generally it's -- laws are prospective in nature.
45 In other words, they apply go forward only.

46 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I think. And
47 really, what research I've done on this anyway, all of
48 this -- which is fine. I've got a question about the
49 original motion. But all of this state law pertains --
50 covers every bit of this stuff right now. If anybody's

1 doing any of these things, there's a law on the books
2 now that will put you in the pokey if you get caught,
3 or can.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

5 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

7 TOM ALLEN: If I might echo kind of what
8 Mr. Dunn said. I looked these up on the internet under
9 the ethics laws and Section 8-13-725 basically says you
10 can't use confidential information for profit if you've
11 been an elected official. And then if you go on down
12 to Section 8-13-55, that says you can't come back to
13 work for at least a year if you are -- you know, as an
14 elected official. You can't come back to work for that
15 agency or anything you had purview over during that --
16 during your tenure as an elected official. So we're
17 kind of covered in state law, unless we have to have
18 local ordinances for some reason.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. That's what I
22 thought too. But you voted as well to implement this
23 -- the ordinance. If you knew all of that then, that
24 -- what -- you didn't say that then. So why is it
25 being said now? Both of these -- both issues are
26 covered. But yet you -- I'm not through -- but yet you
27 voted, you voted to implement it.

28 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman. If I may
29 answer that question. I looked this up today.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh.

31 TOM ALLEN: I was unaware of it prior to
32 that time. I'm sorry. I'm a little slow.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Right now we're --
34 anyone else?

35 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted
36 to go back ---

37 EDDIE MOORE: We're discussing right now

38 Ms. Wilson's amendment.

39 BOB WALDREP: That's what I'm trying to
40 do.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

42 BOB WALDREP: If I may.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right.

44 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I just noticed that
45 it had a section in here that refers to personal
46 friends or acquaintances or their business associates.
47 Is that what the language is, Mr. Pitts? Is that in
48 paragraph one?

49 MIKE PITTS: That's correct.

50 BOB WALDREP: Do we have a definition of

1 acquaintances?

2 MIKE PITTS: No, sir. That's not
3 defined. That's not a defined term.

4 BOB WALDREP: We would -- that would be
5 someone that you might have known at one time back in
6 1999?

7 MIKE PITTS: I suppose it certainly could
8 be, depending upon the circumstance.

9 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I just -- the whole
10 bill kind of troubles me because of definitions in
11 here. The vagueness of it. I see it as a -- kind of a
12 lawyer's retirement fund.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

14 BOB WALDREP: I think people might, might
15 enjoy ---

16 EDDIE MOORE: This is coming from a lawyer
17 too, you know.

18 BOB WALDREP: I think the legal profession
19 would enjoy it. Thank you.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Councilman from Anderson
21 County.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

23 CINDY WILSON: Bob, that may preclude you
24 from being here.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: But, Mr. Chairman, if I may?

26 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: This amendment is only an
28 extension of the one that you voted for on three
29 readings. How can you say that a person can't do this,
30 but yet you won't vote, you won't vote to limit the
31 knowledge that a person can use that will advance him
32 or her personally. You won't vote for that. And I'm
33 retired. I don't have another job. I don't have to
34 have another job. Okay. But what about the rest of
35 y'all? You retired too? Okay. All right. But you
36 and I are retired. Yeah. What about the rest of you?

37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. In reference
38 to my amendment to the amendment, and reflecting on the
39 ordinance as written, I don't know about y'all, but my
40 memory's getting really fuzzy the last few years.
41 There may be people I was acquainted with twenty years
42 ago that I can't even remember them now. I wonder if
43 acquaintances is the right word to put in there? I
44 concur with Mr. Waldrep. This could get very
45 complicated.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, does -- was
47 acquaintance in the verbiage that I used the first
48 time.

49 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am. It sure was.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: I will gladly, I will gladly

1 write the word acquaintance. But I -- was business
2 partners in there?

3 MIKE PITTS: Business associates.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Was in there. Okay. But I
5 think we all know what was meant by acquaintances.
6 That means that I know something that's going on and I
7 know you, but I know I can't vote on it, but you can,
8 and we split the profit. That's an acquaintance.

9 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We'll now vote
10 on Ms. Wilson's amendment to the amendment. All in
11 favor, raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it be
12 shown that Ms. Wilson and Mr. Moore voted yes. Mr.
13 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Waldrep
14 voted no. So now we're back to Ms. Floyd's amendment.
15 Any more discussion on Ms. Floyd's amendment?

16 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yeah.
17 Although we did pass the other ordinance regarding the
18 one year abeyance on employment, actually that's,
19 that's just kind of a -- another cap, as I'm reading
20 it, on top of what the state already says. So if we
21 vote for Ms. Floyd's amendment that really is just
22 another cap on top of what the state law basically says
23 anyway. So this is my comment. If we voted for one,
24 vote for the other. What's good for the goose is good
25 for the gander, so to speak. But I don't think it's
26 really going to change anything, whether we vote for it
27 or not. That's was all, Mr. Chairman.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Real quick. Mr. Pitts, I
32 believe I asked this yesterday and hadn't had a chance
33 to get back with you. Maybe you can answer this now.
34 If I own a piece of property, say my house for
35 instance, and the county comes by and takes, takes the
36 right-of-way from me, does this mean -- this ordinance
37 means a council person couldn't be -- wouldn't be
38 compensated for that right-of-way?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: What do you ---

40 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe so because
41 you wouldn't be in any way leveraging your ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

43 MIKE PITTS: -- your former position or
44 using confidential information.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. I just wanted to make
46 sure.

47 MIKE PITTS: The county approached you in
48 that situation.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. And is the word
50 acquaintance being stricken, or not?

1 MIKE PITTS: Acquaintance.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Acquaintance.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, a few minutes ago
4 I think I told you I will happily strike the word
5 acquaintances. But in the interest of open and honest
6 transparency in government, we will keep a lookout for
7 that one.

8 (SOMETHING SAID IN AUDIENCE)

9 GRACIE FLOYD: You heard it. Excuse me.

10 EDDIE MOORE: We're not having audience
11 participation, so everybody hold it down. Okay.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, so the word
13 acquaintance is staying in?

14 EDDIE MOORE: Yes.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. We'll now
17 vote on Ms. Floyd's amendment. All in favor, raise
18 your right hand. All opposed. Let it be shown that
19 Ms. Floyd voted yes. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore,
20 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep, Ms. Wilson voted no. Now we're
21 back to the ordinance. First reading. Now vote on the
22 ordinance.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: What did we just vote on?

24 EDDIE MOORE: That was the -- I thought it
25 was -- that was the amendment -- her amendment, wasn't
26 it?

27 TOMMY DUNN: That was her amendment.

28 That was, Mr. Moore. That was it.

29 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. That's it.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: The ordinance has been voted
31 on three times.

32 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. My
33 mistake.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Why are we voting again?
35 Oh, okay.

36 EDDIE MOORE: My mistake.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 10,
39 resolution requesting initial steps be taken in the
40 process of converting current Anderson County Animal
41 Shelter into Spay and Neuter Clinic upon completion of
42 the new Animal Shelter and matters related thereto.

43 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a
44 body politic and a corporate and political subdivision
45 of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through
46 the Anderson County Council desires to state its
47 objective to renovate the former Anderson County Animal
48 Shelter to become a Spay and Neuter Clinic for domestic
49 animals in Anderson County; and

50 Whereas, Anderson County Council, acting

1 through Anderson County Environmental Services
2 division, strives to ensure that distinguished
3 standards of safety and health opportunities are made
4 available to the animals of Anderson County; and

5 Whereas, on September 1st, 2009, County
6 Council voted to accept the generous donation of
7 certain property from the Glenn family, dedicated to
8 citizens of Anderson County, that is to be used solely
9 for the new animal -- Anderson County Animal Shelter;

10 Whereas, the said property entails a twelve
11 acre area located on Highway 29 South near the
12 intersection of South Carolina 28 By-Pass; and

13 Whereas, County Council, in sincere
14 appreciation to the Glenn family for their selfless
15 act, has decided that the current Anderson County
16 Animal Shelter shall now be used as a Spay and Neuter
17 Clinic for animals of Anderson County; and

18 Whereas, Anderson County Council has asked
19 that the initial process of this renovation commence
20 once the current Animal Shelter is available for
21 transformation.

22 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that the
23 Anderson County Council:

24 1. The Anderson County Council on behalf of
25 the citizens of Anderson County hereby fully supports
26 and accepts the motion to convert the current Animal
27 Shelter into a Spay and Neuter Clinic.

28 2. Anderson County Council asks that
29 initial steps in creating a Spay and Neuter Clinic from
30 the current Anderson County Animal Shelter begin
31 promptly following the completion of the new animal
32 shelter.

33 This resolution is to take effect and be in
34 force immediately upon enactment. Resolved in a
35 meeting duly assembled the 20th day of October, 2009.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
37 motion to move.

38 BOB WALDREP: Second.

39 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to move and
40 we have it seconded. We now are in discussion.

41 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

43 BOB WALDREP: I just wondered what the
44 fiscal impact of this resolution is. Does it -- is
45 this facility incorporated in the cost of the
46 construction of the new facility? Or is there
47 additional cost in doing this transformation?

48 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep, there are
49 several groups who are interested and no one's been
50 selected who have approached the county interested in

1 doing a spay and neuter clinic. There are no funds
2 allocated. No funds offered. I will point out that we
3 do have a Hundred and Seven Thousand Dollars that has
4 been given to the county by persons who have passed
5 away that could possibly be used for this purpose.
6 That was their intent. But at this time, no financial
7 obligation's been made to anyone in any manner.

8 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Burns, could you
12 please -- have we looked into what the costs could be
13 to implement this program?

14 RUSTY BURNS: Well, the way we were
15 approached there would be no cost to the county other
16 than offering that facility and possibly refurbishing
17 that facility. That facility's constructed primarily
18 of concrete block. While we don't have an exact cost
19 figure, we don't think that it would be that expensive.
20 We would also not be equipping that facility. We would
21 just be making it available.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The person who gets
23 it, would that person be paying anything at all to the
24 county out of the profits that are made?

25 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, all this does is
26 allow us to begin a discussion with different non-
27 profit groups who are interested in doing that, and we
28 have not discussed a rental fee, or a charge, or
29 anything at this point in time. This just merely
30 allows county staff to gather information, present it
31 back to council, find out what council's wishes are,
32 and do something about the ten thousand animals that we
33 have to euthanize every year.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: So in other words, you
35 haven't gotten to that point yet to talk to that. But
36 you've been talking to people about it?

37 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: But you haven't talked about
39 what their intentions would be, could be, should be ---

40 RUSTY BURNS: Oh, I can, I can ---

41 GRACIE FLOYD: -- back to the county, you
42 know, whatever?

43 RUSTY BURNS: Well, I didn't want to run
44 out ahead of the council. I wanted to have the
45 permission in place that would allow us to do this to
46 bring the information back to council and let council
47 make a decision.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So Mr. Burns, am I
49 correct that you're saying that nobody will be hired or
50 promised anything until, until it comes back to

1 council. And then when it comes back, we will then
2 decide on how much that we're going to get out of this?
3 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely. But we are not
4 looking, at least in this stage, of the county hiring
5 anybody. These would be non-profit groups who would
6 receive charitable donations and other funds. And we
7 haven't been -- no funds have been requested of us at
8 this point in time. I'm not saying that that might not
9 happen. But this is not anything that we're looking to
10 put a person on the county payroll there.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
12 TOM ALLEN: Mr. ---
13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
14 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Would
15 this -- since this would be for a non-profit
16 organization, would this go out as an RFP or -- and be
17 done that way or not?
18 RUSTY BURNS: With competing groups, it
19 would have to, Mr. Allen, because I mean, we have to
20 give everybody a fair shot.
21 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So it would specified
22 in that what we're looking for and what we have to
23 offer and then they would come back with what -- and
24 then we'd have a chance to look at those.
25 RUSTY BURNS: Absolutely. Yes, sir.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, right behind you
27 is a lady who's saying that it would not go out for
28 RFP. Now I don't know what she knows or what she
29 doesn't know, but she's sitting there right behind you
30 and she's going this and you're going this. You know,
31 so ---
32 RUSTY BURNS: Well, we would ---
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Don't, don't say it. Don't
34 say it. Don't say it. Let it go. Don't say it.
35 Okay. Thank you.
36 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else?
37 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
38 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
39 CINDY WILSON: The ultimate goal here will
40 be no more strays or huge litters of unwanted little
41 cats and dogs, and that should -- if -- with a good low
42 cost spay and neuter program in place, that will
43 certainly be a big help to the county's animal control
44 problems. And I think over the years it will be a big
45 help. Thank you.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Now vote. All
47 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: Can we take a break?
49 EDDIE MOORE: We will now take a five
50 minutes break.

1 BREAK

2 EDDIE MOORE: Everybody come on back in
3 and have a seat. We'll get started back. Now go to
4 Item 11.

5 (TAPE CUT OFF AND JUMPED TO CINDY WILSON
6 IN MIDDLE OF SENTENCE AND THEN ENDED)

7 CINDY WILSON: ... to acquire the stock and
8 will be a subsidiary ...

9 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

10 CINDY WILSON: ... time. The county has a
11 hauling contract with Carolina Container Corporation
12 and it renews itself in December every year. Anderson
13 County must notify Carolina Container Corporation by
14 November 30 of each year about the hauling contract so
15 the county may be able to look at rebidding the hauling
16 contract. Accounting for host fee last year was Seven
17 Hundred Thousand Dollars. The projection for this year
18 is Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars. Mr.
19 Waldrep asked about in-state and out-of-state waste.
20 The contract between Anderson County and Allied Waste
21 prohibits out-of-state waste, yet many trucks for the
22 past ten years, all hours of day and night, were
23 observed coming and going from the former Big Creek
24 Landfill. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Pitts and Mr. Daniel to
25 look into the host fee and how it is accounted for.
26 Solid waste enterprise funds - 5.4 to 5.5 Million
27 Dollars this fiscal year. 3.2 Million Dollars special
28 revenue bond to cover upgrades and expansions at
29 several convenience centers. The committee discussed
30 the litter situation in the county. Captain Keith
31 Bowman stated that during the past year, Keep America
32 Beautiful Board, with volunteers, worked on the tarp
33 campaign. The county had a thirty percent reduction of
34 uncovered loads as a result. Ms. Wilson asked about
35 out-of-state garbage coming in and what was being done
36 to prevent it. Mr. Jimmy Jackson said that the county
37 needed to post officers at county state lines and state
38 lines and watch for these haulers coming into the
39 county to illegally dump their loads. At the centers,
40 the staff could ask for driver's licenses or some type
41 of proof of residency to prove that citizens are from
42 Anderson County, which would help prevent out-of-county
43 and out-of-state dumping. The committee asked Mr.
44 Pitts and Mr. Hopkins to check the status of the
45 Carolina Container contract and checked into the host
46 fees for past years, get a copy of the manifest and
47 videos of trucks coming in and leaving. The meeting
48 was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. We had our meeting on
49 Friday, and we were discussing issues regarding the
50 hauling contract. And also we had a number of parties

1 present. And I just want to invite everybody to the
2 next meeting. We'll try to set that up before we leave
3 here tonight. There will probably be a bid of the
4 hauling contract. That's what we've requested so far.
5 I do want to correct a statement that I'd made. It was
6 our impression that the original contract had never
7 been bid out. But I have been informed that I was
8 mistaken and that there was a contract and a bid
9 process that was finally located in county files.
10 We've had a number of things missing from our files.
11 So I just wanted to clarify that. That I mistakenly
12 said that. We have a lot of recommendations and
13 suggestions. And shall we set up a meeting for the
14 next time right now while we're talking about it? We
15 all have a vested interest in no litter. Can y'all
16 look at your ...

17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, was this one of
19 the committees that you did in January?

20 CINDY WILSON: It's an ad hoc.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Yes.

23 GRACIE FLOYD: It was on committee in
24 January. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Mr. Chair, the
25 minutes that the person from District Seven just read
26 us, was that included in the stack of minutes that we
27 received -- was it last month?

28 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not sure. Were those
29 included in our minutes -- they're not in our packet.
30 We just get -- we're just doing it for approval of
31 minutes. You will get a copy at the next meeting.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. No, no, no. This --
33 she was reading from April. Am I correct? Was that
34 the last meeting you had?

35 CINDY WILSON: We had a meeting on Friday.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Was that the Friday
37 minutes you were reading?

38 CINDY WILSON: This was from April the 3rd
39 Friday meeting. Last meeting ---

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Was a
41 copy of that minutes -- of the April the 3rd minutes in
42 the packet of minutes that were given out at the
43 council meeting last year -- last month?

44 CINDY WILSON: I don't recall. But I know
45 that we approved our minutes in the ad hoc committee on
46 Friday, which I understand is our proper procedure. So
47 I wanted to read this to update everybody.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But it's just that --
49 I'm just asking. Did we receive a copy of the minutes
50 the day that you all handed out several minutes at one

1 time?

2 CINDY WILSON: I don't recall.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I will check. I'll
4 check that and see. Thank you. And I had one more
5 question, but I can't remember what it is.

6 EDDIE MOORE: On your date -- Ms. Wilson
7 you got a date on that, on the meeting?

8 CINDY WILSON: Would maybe Friday, one
9 thirty on November 6th be a convenient time for
10 everybody?

11 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

12 CINDY WILSON: And, of course, the public's
13 invited. We all have a vested interest in this. We're
14 having great participation. In the April meeting, our
15 Sheriff and compliance folks. We had -- Mr. Waldrep
16 came in. And we had county staff. We had great, great
17 participation. And I'm trying to remember who all we
18 had on Friday. But we have very interesting
19 discussions. And I think from these discussions now
20 that we're able to get all heads to the table and
21 actually discuss, which was not something we were able
22 to do in years past.

23 EDDIE MOORE: What time is that going to
24 be?

25 CINDY WILSON: Do you think one thirty
26 would be convenient for you?

27 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Now Mr. Wilson,
28 you're on that committee too, and Mr. Allen. Okay.

29 CINDY WILSON: Is that convenient for you,
30 Mr. Wilson?

31 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, the meeting last
33 Friday was announced in the newspaper Friday.

34 CINDY WILSON: I think there was twenty-
35 four hour notification.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: It was announced Friday.

37 EDDIE MOORE: It was announced ---

38 CINDY WILSON: Thursday.

39 EDDIE MOORE: -- Thursday.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Thursday. Okay.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. Twenty-four hours
42 before.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Which put
44 me in Columbia at that time. Having to be in Columbia
45 for another meeting that was already scheduled a month
46 before. Oh, by the way, Mr. Chairman, we missed you.
47 I saw your name. I started to get your tag and stuff
48 and bring it home to you.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Oh.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: But I didn't know if you

1 wanted me to. But I saw your name down there.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I would rather go to
3 the county meeting. This pertains more to the county,
4 so ...
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Not this time, Mr. Chair.
6 You missed out on that, on that act I was telling you
7 about. That's going to pertain to the county a whole
8 lot more. But that's neither here nor there. And I
9 thank you.
10 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson, you through?
11 CINDY WILSON: I am. If anyone has any
12 questions. Thank you.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen, do you have any
14 report from your committee?
15 TOM ALLEN: I do not at this time.
16 EDDIE MOORE: All right.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, one other thing, Mr.
18 Chair. I noticed that when I put something on the
19 agenda last week, I was told that I had -- the message
20 was you have to -- the chairman told me that you have
21 to have back-up. So I got the back-up, but I notice
22 there's no back-up in this one.
23 EDDIE MOORE: We'd like to know exactly
24 what you're going to be talking about. It's pretty
25 much in the ordinance. It says that you will make a
26 statement and have exactly what it pertains to ---
27 GRACIE FLOYD: But that -- yeah. But there
28 was ---
29 EDDIE MOORE: -- the ordinance. With the
30 back-up if you can.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But there was no
32 back-up for the one that she -- the one that we just
33 finished. No back up whatsoever.
34 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I respond?
35 Our minutes had not been approved yet. I know we've
36 handed them out, but they had not -- at some point I
37 think they've been available. But properly approved
38 did not happen until Friday. And we'll have the next
39 set of minutes immediately after the next committee
40 meeting. It'll -- those minutes will be for the next
41 -- provided at the next council meeting.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. -- Ms. Wilson, I
43 understand and I thank you. And I will accept your
44 explanation. And I thank you for it. But the same --
45 nevertheless, I was told that I had to have back-up or
46 they were going to throw my things out like they did
47 one time before.
48 CINDY WILSON: I actually had requested
49 this back-up ---
50 GRACIE FLOYD: But I thank you and I can

1 understand what happened to you. No problem.

2 CINDY WILSON: I was informed, and I guess
3 we need to remember this in the future.

4 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman.
5 It's -- point of order. I think -- the colloquy
6 between council members I think is inappropriate.
7 Thank you.

8 EDDIE MOORE: Basically committee reports
9 -- I don't think you would need a back-up report
10 because you're having meetings. And we're just asking
11 a report -- a lot of people can't come to the meetings,
12 and especially a lot of citizens if the work and things
13 and we have these meetings. This is basically just a
14 report to the people so they understand what the
15 council's doing. So really it's not -- it's pretty
16 self-explanatory. So we'll now go to Item 12,
17 appointments. Ms. Wilson, do you have any
18 appointments?

19 CINDY WILSON: None. None, thank you.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

21 BOB WALDREP: None, Mr. Chairman.

22 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

23 TOMMY DUNN: No, Mr. Chairman.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: None.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

27 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have
28 some appointments. I would like to reappoint the
29 following individuals to the District Four citizen's
30 advisory group. And that would be Mr. Paul Rummage,
31 Mr. Charles Gibson, Mr. Smith Wham, Mr. Tom Roose. And
32 as a new member I like to appoint Mr. Steve Hartsell to
33 that group.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I second that, Mr. Chairman.

35 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion on the
36 floor and we have the second. Any discussion on Mr.
37 Allen's appointments? All in favor raise your right
38 hand. Unanimous. Do you have any more, Mr. Allen?

39 TOM ALLEN: No, Mr. Chairman.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

41 RON WILSON: None.

42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 13.

43 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, we just have
44 two items for you to act on tonight. There are three
45 different pages there that are notification to council.
46 And then there's two items that I'd like to discuss. I
47 laid a copy on your desk of the -- Mr. Dunn's
48 committee, I think he's chairman of, met this -- week
49 and a half ago or so and discussed the Ronald P.
50 Townsend Government Building, construction of. And

1 they had recommended to move that before council. And
2 I bring that before you tonight to get approval to go
3 out for bids for construction of that building. Excuse
4 me. Renovation of that building.

5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

8 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to put that in the
9 form of a motion. The committee did meet and want to
10 -- voted to move this forward. The managers and
11 everybody involved seems to be well pleased. I think
12 it's a design building with -- we've had a few
13 improvements in working and hopefully we can get the
14 second floor done and save us some money in the long
15 run. And so we'd like to get that -- get this moving.

16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'll second it. Any
17 discussion?

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr.
21 Chair, at the last meeting I think -- I think you owe
22 me an apology. I told you that I was on that committee
23 and you told me that I had resigned. But, in fact, I
24 did not resign from it. And I think that I owe -- you
25 owe me an apology. Whether I get it or not doesn't
26 matter. Thank you.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any other discussion?

28 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Moore, if I could -- Mr.
29 Moore, if I could just add that, as requested, I gave
30 each council member a copy of the plans for your
31 information at this point. And once -- if you approve
32 and those go out on the street, it should be in
33 approximately ten days to two weeks when those go out.

34 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else? We'll now
35 vote. All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
36 Okay.

37 ROBERT CARROLL: And the only other item I
38 have is on the furnishings for the Broadway Lake
39 Community Center, Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and
40 Six Dollars.

41 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Do I have a
42 motion on that one?

43 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, did we ever
44 get a breakdown on that? That seemed rather excessive
45 for the description. All right. It's not in my
46 packet.

47 EDDIE MOORE: I do have a motion.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I put a motion on the
49 floor, please, that we accept this bid.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Do I have a second?

1 RON WILSON: Second.
2 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Now
3 we can discuss. Okay. Anybody else? Okay.
4 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might.
5 There was, there was one thing. I believe, as I
6 recall, the way that contract was written, it does
7 state in there that the building is to be furnished.
8 Was that the verbiage? Or equipped, I think, was the
9 word. Do you recall, Mr. ...
10 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. I believe that is
11 correct.
12 TOM ALLEN: It did say equipped. Okay.
13 CINDY WILSON: But the question is, do we
14 have to equip it at that figure?
15 ROBERT CARROLL: That's what it's before
16 council tonight for again.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
19 TOMMY DUNN: I mean it was put out on
20 bids. This price is right. You just didn't pull this
21 figure out.
22 ROBERT CARROLL: No, sir. These items are on
23 state contract through K.I. International, Kruger
24 International. And the local dealer for Kruger that
25 was selected is Fant's. State contract -- usually
26 state contracts on furniture run somewhere around fifty
27 to fifty-five percent off list price. And then this is
28 delivered to the site. And there's really no
29 installation involved since this is just round tables,
30 chairs. Our own county employees will unload them.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody else?
32 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
34 BOB WALDREP: When you say equipped, is
35 that for the kitchen? Is that equipped in the sense
36 that it's got a stove, a refrigerator, and that sort of
37 thing? Does it have those things or do we know?
38 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't want to say
39 definitely which of those items are or are not on
40 there, Mr. Waldrep -- Mr. Waldrep, at this time, but I
41 will check into that and see. I mean there are certain
42 items that -- there is a kitchen area, there is, of
43 course, men and women's restroom, there is a storage
44 area, and then there is an open meeting area, so to
45 speak, which these items that are in question tonight
46 will or will not go in.
47 BOB WALDREP: Okay.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else?
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I think when they
2 used the word equipped, I think that they -- whoever
3 did this, Mr. Carroll, I think you were with, you were
4 with the people who put all the bids and things in. Am
5 I correct? That the architecture ---

6 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes. Yes, ma'am.
7 Architects put this out for us.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I'm sure that
9 they were counting on common sense to realize that
10 equipped has got to be equipped with tables, it's got
11 to be equipped with chairs, it's got to be equipped
12 with the other equipment that's needed in order to run
13 as a business. The same way we equipped the new
14 building on River Street, the same way we're going to
15 equip the Townsend Building. So I am sure that they
16 realize that -- they were hoping that we would realize
17 that it had to be equipped. Thank you.

18 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

20 TOM ALLEN: Does it -- do you know, Mr.
21 Carroll, what they were thinking when they talked about
22 equipped? Was that ever discussed? Did it mean
23 refrigerator and stove or did it mean chairs and tables
24 and ...

25 ROBERT CARROLL: It wasn't itemized. That's
26 just language, I think. FF&E is furniture, fixtures
27 and equipment.

28 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

29 ROBERT CARROLL: It's just common building or
30 architectural phrases.

31 TOM ALLEN: And the money has been -- is
32 budgeted for that, correct?

33 ROBERT CARROLL: It's all part of the Ten
34 Million Dollar bond which this project was a part of.

35 TOM ALLEN: So, to me, if we were
36 building a gymnasium and it had to be equipped, I would
37 assume that would mean weightlifting equipment,
38 treadmills, etc., etc. I would think for a meeting
39 room such as this to be equipped would mean tables and
40 chairs and so on.

41 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes. The reasons these
42 items are separate, they're -- they weren't part of the
43 contractor's responsibility. So based on our new
44 purchasing regulations that council voted on, that's
45 why, again, we're bringing it to you.

46 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: What does this say here?
48 Does this same equipment, furnishings, or is it -- what
49 does that one ... As far as ...

50 ROBERT CARROLL: It -- the same -- it'll be

1 the same type.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Equipment.

3 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. It -- I mean
4 that will be part of that project to furnish ---

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Equipment as well.

6 ROBERT CARROLL: Furniture, fixtures and
7 equipment.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But, no. No, no, no,
9 no.

10 ROBERT CARROLL: Well, I think -- I don't
11 want to speak for Rita, but I think we're talking about
12 two different things. I think where that equipped is,
13 that's part of the bond language.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Will you ask her if
15 that included tables and chairs in the bond language?
16 Ms. Rita? In the bond language, does that include --
17 equipment, does it include tables and chairs and all
18 those other things?

19 RITA SMITH: Yes, ma'am. Typically that
20 would include any item getting it ready for its
21 intended purpose. To place the building in service so
22 that it can be useable by the public or, you know,
23 Anderson County employees.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Anybody else.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

28 TOMMY DUNN: I want to say we -- we've
29 got this building whether we like it or not. It's
30 built. We need to use -- I hope we've got some -- at a
31 later date somebody comes up about terms about leasing
32 this building or using it and got a hold of that. We
33 need to put some tables in there. I do agree the last
34 figure I seen, the Fifteen Thousand Dollars, seemed to
35 be a little bit -- seems to be high to me on that. But
36 if you bidded it out, we need to, we need to furnish
37 the building and get it used and move on. I just want
38 -- like to say that. And thank you.

39 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Anybody else.
40 We now vote. All in favor raise your right hand. All
41 opposed. Let it be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms.
42 Floyd and Mr. Dunn voted yes. Mr. Moore, Ms. Wilson,
43 Mr. Allen -- I mean Mr. Waldrep voted no.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, may I
45 say a little bit more about the building itself? The
46 usage of the building itself? The papers this morning
47 sort of disappointed me a little bit. The building is
48 not to be -- the building will not be used only for
49 community meetings. That building will be used for
50 county meetings as well. Folks, we don't have anywhere

1 in Anderson County to meet. Okay. I know most of you
2 wouldn't know that. But we can meet at the library if
3 we can find room. We can meet at the museum if we can
4 keep it open long enough. Or we can meet at the civic
5 center, but that's way out of the way for a lot of
6 people. And that sometimes will -- we'll have other
7 people booking the civic center. This is an entity
8 that the county will and can use for meetings. It can
9 be used for other agencies and other people that would
10 like to have a meeting. The community down there will
11 use the room only when it's not available to somebody
12 else. They will be -- they can use the room. But any
13 other community can use that room as well. As far as
14 weddings and whatever, yes, it will be used for that
15 because we're hoping to be able to make enough money to
16 take care of the maintenance -- let the building take
17 care of its own maintenance and stuff. And as far as
18 the person who said, let the community organization buy
19 the furniture. All right. That was one of the most --
20 I can't say stupid, can I? Can I say stupid? I can.
21 Good. That one of the most stupidest things I ever
22 heard in my whole life. Why would you put that burden
23 on the community to sponsor the tables and the chairs
24 for a county entity? Thank you.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 14, request
26 for council members. Ms. Wilson. Mr. Dunn.

27 TOMMY DUNN: None at this time.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: None ---

30 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: -- at this time.

32 TOM ALLEN: I've got, I've got to think
33 for a second. No. None at this time, Mr. ...

34 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson. Okay. Now go
35 to Item 15, Administrator's Report.

36 MIKE PITTS: Two items for information.
37 On November the 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at the new tank site,
38 the Starr-Iva Water groundbreaking ceremony will occur
39 and all members of council are invited. The next item
40 that I would like to bring to your attention is the
41 Veteran's Day parade which will be held on Sunday,
42 November the 15th at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Anderson.
43 We'll have more details to follow.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: That's next week. Next
46 Sunday.

47 MIKE PITTS: No, ma'am. November the
48 15th.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right. Now go to

1 Item 16, Citizen's Comments.

2 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have four
3 folks signed up tonight. The first is Mark Powell.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

5 MIKE PITTS: Not here. Ms. Leslie White.

6 LESLIE WHITE: Good evening. Just a couple

7 of quick notes that I took down during the meeting.

8 Questions that I have which I know you can't answer me,

9 but just food for thought. The first is, is there an

10 association of white county officials? Because I'm

11 confused at the difference in that. I mean, aren't

12 your responsibilities the same? I'm, I'm frankly

13 confused about that. And that's not a smart aleck

14 remark. I sincerely am asking that question. The

15 second thing that I made note of is, can a copy of that

16 new reimbursement travel policy be made available for

17 citizens to look at? That would have been something

18 nice to have had in our hand tonight as that was being

19 discussed as that went back and forth about travel

20 expenses and so forth. And also I would just like to

21 say that, Ms. Floyd, I -- I've said this so many times

22 that it's very difficult for me to sit here and listen

23 and view your treatment of other council members, as

24 well as the administrator and other county employees,

25 and to not want to regurgitate. It hurts my heart and

26 I think it is absolutely counter-productive to progress

27 on this council. That's not a personal attack on you.

28 I totally agreed with you tonight on the South Main

29 Post Office. I agree that is something that we should

30 all be concerned about and should be calling and

31 writing our, our legislator to discuss that with them.

32 I also don't speak when you're speaking, Ms. Floyd. I

33 sit in the back of the room by myself so that I can

34 never be accused of making those comments. And so for

35 you to continue talking while I'm speaking, I think is

36 incredibly rude. As do I think the many and most times

37 that you leave the meeting before we get to this

38 opportunity. You know, there needs to be -- this is

39 the opportunity for citizen comments.

40 EDDIE MOORE: Please address the Chair.

41 Refrain from using council members' names.

42 LESLIE WHITE: Mr. Moore, we've had this

43 discussion before, sir. And I believe that it is my

44 inalienable right to address my elected officials. Mr.

45 Wilson happens to be my personal representative, but

46 Ms. Floyd is also a member of my county council, and

47 the actions and the votes and the decisions of each of

48 you affects me as a citizen, and therefore, I view all

49 of you as my elected officials.

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

1 LESLIE WHITE: Thank you very much.

2 MIKE PITTS: Last is Brooks Brown, IV.

3 Oh, I'm sorry. Elizabeth Fant was next on the list.
4 Sorry.

5 ELIZABETH FANT: Several little things. I am
6 concerned about what happened to the Broadway furniture
7 and stove. There was a nice stove out there before
8 they tore the building down, and I would like to know
9 what happened to those items, because I think they did
10 have some monetary worth. I do believe we would need
11 new furniture, but would like to know what happened to
12 those items. I'd also like to know what kind of policy
13 is going to be made regarding the fees for people to
14 use that facility and how those fees will be accounted
15 for. And a policy on who should have first preference
16 to sign up and how that will be taken care of. Yes, I
17 was the one shaking my head behind Mr. Burns when he
18 was talking about the spay and neuter. I misunderstood
19 what he was saying when he was saying the RFP, the
20 proposal. What I was shaking my head was to tell you
21 that when you do have a spay neuter clinic that is in
22 there that is a charity clinic, they will be doing all
23 the operations themselves. They will not be asking Mr.
24 Burns or Chairman Moore how to run it. They will be
25 doing all that themselves. They will be doing the
26 funding. They will be doing the spaying and neutering.
27 And hopefully we can get a handle on this big over-
28 population in Anderson County. And it would be nice to
29 have, when we get the new shelter, for it to be really
30 for adoption of animals and not a kill shelter. And we
31 can do that if we can spay and neuter these other
32 animals. The other thing about zero litter again. I
33 think we need to have a little bit of a policy as to
34 the types of people that litter. As I was saying
35 before, if you have those that excel in doing the right
36 thing, why not reward them. Why not, let's say, the
37 hundredth truck or vehicle that comes in that has their
38 load properly ---

39 MIKE PITTS: One minute.

40 ELIZABETH FANT: -- properly tarped, let's
41 reward them. Maybe gets Books-A-Million for that time
42 to give a Ten Dollar gift certificate. And the next
43 hundredth maybe Mama Penn's would give a Ten Dollar
44 lunch certificate. Reward those people that do the
45 right thing. I think that would go a long way. Those
46 people that you have to reprimand, they need a little
47 bit of extra viewing of maybe the ordinance. Give them
48 a little bit of extra help. But then on the third go-
49 round, the people that are actually non-compliant and
50 perceived to be and want to be, those are the ones that

1 you should zap that fine to great. Thank you.

2 MIKE PITTS: And last is Brooks Brown,
3 IV.

4 BROOKS BROWN, IV: Mr. Moore, we lost another
5 business. Company out of Dallas making pipes could
6 have located in Anderson. They located south of here.
7 They said it was because they found a building that was
8 suitable. I went around and counted twenty-seven
9 buildings in Anderson empty that they could have moved
10 into. They said the reason they moved over to South
11 Carolina was to be closer to the east coast operations.
12 Part of that is our interstate system. That's
13 something that counties below us don't have. We've got
14 the interstate, we've got the access, but they still
15 went down there. Why? Because the president of the
16 company said this county council did not welcome them.
17 This county council seemed too ingrained in the past.
18 They were not pro-business. They did not invite these
19 people in. They did nothing to make them feel welcome.
20 A hundred and fifty jobs go south. We've got one of
21 the highest unemployment rates in the state. Nothing
22 is being done about it. All we've got is seven people
23 up there, seven different opinions, that at any time
24 can't get any two of you to agree on anything except we
25 want to look to the past. Want to dig into the past.
26 Well, let me tell y'all something. Back in 1974, in
27 January, the Democrats took control of the U.S. House
28 of Representatives. By July they had already
29 investigated and ordered up Articles of Impeachment
30 against the President and forced him to resign the
31 first week of August. Less than eight months. Any
32 idea of the total cost of that, ladies and gentleman?
33 Six Hundred Thousand Dollars. Y'all have spent more
34 than that, more time than that, and you haven't
35 produced one charge. Not one allegation that can be
36 substantiated. Nothing. You're locked in the past.
37 You're going to continue to lose jobs. You're going to
38 have businesses look at y'all and say, we don't want to
39 go to Anderson. Because they may look in the past,
40 they may decide, well, since they're interested in
41 passing these ex post facto laws maybe they'll just
42 change their mind when we get there and take away any
43 incentives they gave us to locate in the first place.
44 They don't know. They have no confidence in you
45 whatsoever. You've got to get together as a team.
46 You've got to be seven and oh anytime a business wants
47 to locate. You've got to give them a reason to come to
48 Anderson. Forget personalities. There's no
49 possibility that you're going to get the Million
50 Dollars back.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Now go to Item 17, remarks
2 from council members. Ms. Wilson.

3 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 I'll take Mr. Brown's lead-in with what we're working
5 on and hopefully this will remedy the issue. I'm going
6 to read a letter that's from our Anderson County
7 Council and make this announcement and get everybody's
8 signature so it can go out and be made public very
9 quickly. This is to the Anderson County Economic
10 Development Advisory Board, Anderson Chamber of
11 Commerce, the Board of Realtors, Upstate Alliance,
12 Innovate Anderson, and our citizens and landowner, from
13 Anderson County Council Members, and the date is today.
14 Anderson County Council recently learned that the
15 effort initiated last year to register all available
16 industrial and commercial sites and buildings on our
17 county database was not followed through. We've heard
18 from the Upstate Alliance and the South Carolina
19 Department of Commerce that Anderson County lacked
20 product for prospective buyers. In spite of thirty-
21 five plus or minus miles of I-85 frontage and numerous
22 buildings and sites of varying size and description
23 that have been on the market for more than two years in
24 locations all around the county, very few of these
25 properties were known to our recruiters. In order to
26 correct this situation, please bring your listings of
27 properties including ...

28 (TAPE SOUNDS LIKE A BREAK TIME AND
29 THEN CONTINUES BACK TO CINDY WILSON)
30 CINDY WILSON: ... from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00
31 p.m. Members of our Anderson County Economic
32 Development team, South Carolina Department of
33 Commerce, Upstate Alliance, your Anderson County
34 Council and administration will be on hand to answer
35 your questions and assist you. Individual landowners,
36 and of course interested citizens, are welcome. It is
37 expected that this effort will provide new marketing
38 opportunities and exposures for Anderson County and
39 contribute to good quality economic development. If
40 you are unable to attend or need more information,
41 please call Mr. Burris Nelson at Anderson County
42 Economic Development at 260-4386 or your Anderson
43 County Council at 260-1048. Sincerely. And I've
44 already signed my name and I'll pass it down for
45 y'all's signature.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

47 CINDY WILSON: It was pretty shocking to
48 find out in meetings that we've had all over Anderson
49 and the state since early September that what we
50 suspected that we just didn't have all the properties

1 available in writing and on a database for prospects.
2 And this measure, I hope, will take care of that
3 problem and hopefully, we'll all be able to pull back
4 together on that team. I know we had a wonderful
5 dinner meeting recently with a lot of different
6 parties, Chamber of Commerce officials, Duke Power,
7 etc. And I think that we've begun to develop areas of
8 understanding. And the main thing that we all agree is
9 that we do need good quality economic development.
10 Thank you.

11 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Burns, do you have that
12 map that we brought back from the Chamber of Commerce?
13 I would like to show -- since -- Mr. Brown over there,
14 I would like to show him. Do you have that? Do you
15 still have it or did it go to economic development?

16 MIKE PITTS: The map's located in the
17 economic development office.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Okay. I will cover
19 that, some points, as soon as I get my chance. Mr.
20 Waldrep.

21 BOB WALDREP: A few things. I just want
22 to make sure about the Veteran's Parade November the
23 15th. Has that been cleared with Ms. Peace?

24 MIKE PITTS: Absolutely, Mr. Waldrep.

25 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I just want to make
26 sure we do first things first. And then the second
27 thing is the East-West connector, I think most of you
28 realize, was opened up or the opening ceremonies were
29 last Thursday, and we had a great turn out. Mr.
30 Chairman, you were able to come. And we had the
31 chairman of the third congressional district, some of
32 the commissioners and we had the chairman of the South
33 Carolina Highway Department, Mr. Limehouse, was there,
34 and Senator O'Dell, and Brian White, and we had a
35 number of folks that came out to celebrate the fact
36 that we finally are being able to fund this connector
37 which we've been working on, it seems to me like about
38 twenty years or so. So I'm just real excited about the
39 fact that that's something positive for Anderson
40 County. And they will start removing the scrub and
41 what have you. The work is a, somebody's used that
42 hackneyed phrase, a shovel-ready facility or
43 opportunity and so that will be starting very soon.
44 And I believe, Mr. Chairman, we got a shovel with our
45 insignia or something on it that we'll be able to put
46 some place. The next item I wanted to mention is that
47 there's been some illusion here to living in the past.
48 and I certainly don't want us to live in the past but
49 want us to live in the present. But living in the
50 present requires some time knowing what happened in the

1 past and how to make those corrections. There will be
2 a report forthcoming very shortly to the people of
3 Anderson County with regard to the activities of the
4 investigation that have been going on. The illusion
5 has also been made to economic development, and a lot
6 of discussion here tonight with regard to people
7 profiting or possibly profiting or having acquaintances
8 that they might be involved in some self-serving
9 activities. Those are some of the things that will
10 probably be coming out to some degree, and also some of
11 the things that I think are being corrected. With
12 regard to economic development, I just want to say I
13 would like to get the name, the address and a telephone
14 number of that gentleman who, for some reason, found
15 that he could not come to Anderson County and felt
16 unwelcome here for some reason. I would personally go
17 to that man and make an apology if it's needed to be
18 made. We all learn from our mistakes, and if we did,
19 in fact, make a mistake, I think we need to apologize.
20 And I'll be the first one to apologize for it. But I
21 need that information because if that is true, it would
22 be deeply disturbing. I'd like to say that I have full
23 confidence in the people that we have in economic
24 development at this time, Mr. Burns, of course, and Mr.
25 Nelson, and other people that are on the staff. We
26 have worked extremely hard, I think, in the last --
27 particularly in the last few months trying to put
28 together a sensible and focused economic development
29 team. And it's -- would be very disturbing to me to
30 know that somehow or another that there's some flaw
31 that we need to correct. So if that information will
32 be forthcoming to me or to the Chairman, I feel sure
33 that immediate action will be taken to find out how we
34 can correct our problems. The only, the only way you
35 ever move ahead is if you try something, you fail, you
36 learn from your failure. And I want to find that out.
37 So having said that, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
40 I'll keep it very short. I'd just like to echo Mr.
41 Waldrep's sentiments on the economic development front.
42 I also have a very -- very much confidence in our
43 economic development team and the administrative staff.
44 And I've seen great strides in what they're working to
45 do in these very difficult economic times, and I think
46 they'll bear fruit. We just had a dinner engagement
47 the other night with some Chamber people, and I think
48 the business community is seeing the light and seeing
49 the thing coming on and building confidence in the
50 community. That's first hand without throwing out wild

1 accusations. And secondly on the Post Office in the
2 south of Anderson, it very much too disturbs me and
3 hope we can do something about that. Just let the
4 people know that I have been in personal contact with
5 Senator DeMint's office and Congressman Barrett's
6 office and have wrote letters to both of them. And
7 also Senator Graham's office, I have personal contact
8 with him too, and hopefully with them that's able to do
9 something, we'll be working very hard to see what they
10 can do to remedy this. And thank you very much too,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to make my
14 remarks tonight to the lady who stood up there a few
15 minutes ago. First of all, I leave just to keep from
16 hearing the stuff that you brought up here tonight. I
17 don't have to hear that. You talk about it on the
18 radio. You talk about it in front of the TV cameras
19 where everybody can see. Okay. But you have never
20 called me. Not one time. And I gave you my phone
21 number, 226-3491, and I said if you've got a problem
22 with me, call me. But I guess it was more convenient
23 to come up and have your picture on the, on the TV so
24 everybody could see you. Maybe that's your thing. I
25 don't know. I don't know you, ma'am. I don't even
26 know your name. All I know is you just showed up,
27 what, the last two years or the last year or something.
28 And all of sudden you showed up and here you are
29 apologizing for me. Because you said you lived in
30 Charleston, and you know, you may have had to apologize
31 for the council people in Charleston, but you don't
32 apologize for Gracie Floyd. I can do my own apology
33 when it's necessary. Thirdly, you have disrespected
34 me. As many times as you have been up here saying all
35 kinds of things about me that you don't know. You
36 can't, you can't prove it. You know, you don't even
37 know my stance. You don't know my position on hardly
38 anything. How could you know? We've never talked.
39 And another thing, you were the one who came up here
40 time after time to tell people to stay, stay, stay.
41 You didn't care that those people have children to put
42 to bed. You didn't care that those people had to get
43 up in the morning time to go to work when we were
44 having ten and eleven o'clock meetings. You didn't
45 care that they were doing the best they could to be
46 involved with the time that they had. The only thing
47 you were telling them is stay, stay, stay. So what
48 happened? They stopped coming. If you have a problem
49 with me, call me. Show up. Some people we won't let
50 in my house. But if you've got a problem with me, you

1 call me, make an appointment, and we can talk. It's
2 not necessary to get on TV and do your clowning or
3 whatever it is you're going to do. You're going to
4 tell me off on TV. That's not necessary. I will stand
5 downtown main street for you to tell me off.

6 END OF TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE

7 GRACIE FLOYD: ... whatever I have said or
8 done, or didn't say or didn't done -- didn't do to you,
9 I'm sorry. I'm sorry. But my phone number is 226-
10 3491. Be woman enough to call me. Don't stand here in
11 front of these people. There is nobody out there to
12 control me. Nobody out there. My husband is dead. He
13 couldn't even control me. You can't control me. And
14 you darn sure can't apologize for me. Now, Sheriff, I
15 owe you an apology. Where is the Sheriff? I owe you
16 an apology. It was the Sheriff's -- I did dial the
17 wrong number. It was the old Sheriff's number that I
18 called. I put the Sheriff in there as Sheriff and I
19 put the old Sheriff as Sheriff and the new Sheriff is
20 -- what's your name? Skipper. The new Sheriff was
21 Skipper. So I do have your number straight to you and
22 I appreciate you calling it whenever I call you, which
23 is a lot. And I just appreciate you being there.
24 Okay. But like all of you in the audience, I have
25 times when I can't remember either. Okay. And let's
26 see what else I had here. I apologized to the Sheriff.
27 Just showed up. One thing about Gracie Floyd that you
28 need to know, I don't listen to your radio station. I
29 don't open any mail sent to my house that says -- with
30 no return address on it. I don't do that. I give
31 those to my lawyer. Let her open it. Let her figure
32 out who sent it because I don't have time. If you're
33 about Anderson County -- if you're about making
34 improvement in Anderson County, then let's talk. But
35 if you're about just coming here so you can make fun at
36 a poor old shot-up widow woman, hey, the skin is thick.
37 And with that I'm going home. Thank you, thank you,
38 thank you. I appreciate that.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
41 just have two items. I've been getting some questions
42 on the tax bills that went out on property taxes, home
43 taxes, and some of them are a little bit difficult to
44 answer, and I can't always come up with the right
45 answer. So I've made a suggestion that what we might
46 be able to do on the county website is put an
47 explanation on there of what these tax bills mean. And
48 I brought this up too, and I'm not supposed to mention
49 her name, Ms. Stringer, but she was already somewhat
50 ahead of me. They have -- they've come up with a draft

1 item which they're going to redo and what it will do is
2 list all the areas on your tax form and then possibly
3 down below that it'll list one, two, three, four, five,
4 etc. What does that mean? What is a mil? Most
5 people don't know what a mil is? They don't know where
6 this money's going to, how it's derived, who sets the
7 levy, etc. And I think if we can put that on the
8 internet, that would be certainly one source that
9 people could use. And it might not be a bad idea to
10 make hard copies of this and have them laying over at
11 the Assessor's office maybe, so people can pick them up
12 and take a look at them. So -- and that'll get some of
13 the heat off me because I can't explain all this either
14 all the time. The second item that I wanted to bring
15 up and I'm kind of keeping my fingers crossed on, ever
16 since I attempted to pass that magnificent legislation
17 a few weeks ago about gun safety -- it worked so well.
18 The NRA has been involved, and they're very interested
19 also in gun safety, that's one of their main tenants.
20 And they've been in contact with us and down in Mr.
21 Moore's area there are about three sites down there
22 that are potential sites for public ranges. We're
23 looking at those now. We had a great meeting last week
24 with DHEC, DNR, the National Rifle Association and
25 several county employees to take a look at those sites
26 and we're trying right now to work out what might be
27 the best route to go. It's still up in the air, and
28 like I said, I'm keeping my fingers crossed. Now
29 that's not going to solve the -- completely solve the
30 problem that I was concerned with and that's stray
31 bullets flying around. You know, that only applies to
32 maybe one percent of the people that are going to go
33 out there and pull the trigger and not realize where
34 that bullet's going. If we can get some public ranges
35 in here, that will give them -- some of that group
36 somewhere to go, but there's probably still going to be
37 that one half of one percent out there that's going to
38 go out and start pulling the trigger and not know where
39 the bullet's headed to. But we're trying to do
40 something to bring some measure of gun safety into the
41 county. And there is a good deal of money available
42 from DNR and from the National Rifle Association to do
43 this. So it's going to be minimal if -- or at no cost
44 to the county to put one of these sites up. And that's
45 all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Moore, for that land
46 down there if we can get in your area with it. Okay.

47 EDDIE MOORE: We're very excited about
48 that. Mr. Wilson.

49 RON WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
50 would just like to comment on the economic development.

1 I worked with Nelson Burris when he was with the county
2 before he left, and I can't imagine there's a problem
3 with him in the economic development team. Concerning
4 the Post Office, I think it's, more than anything else,
5 a characteristic of the times we're living in. We've
6 got diminished revenues, and I suspect that the worst
7 is in front of us, not behind us. And that we are
8 dealing with a situation economically that's been band-
9 aided with this stimulus money and it sort of gives us
10 a false bounce. So I think the worse for us as a
11 council will be the next budget, not the one we just
12 came through. And I think this is a very trying times
13 economically in this country and will continue to get
14 -- be worse, I believe. I hate to say this, but I
15 suspect that we're raising the first generation of
16 Americans that will not do as well as their parents.
17 And we have manufacturing, which is a key component of
18 a nation's wealth, has left this country for good. We
19 have niche manufacturing and we'll continue to have
20 that. But I think we're living in tough times and I
21 think it would behoove all of us to look, because until
22 all of this bad debt and things is washed out of the
23 economy, we're going to continue to have trouble.
24 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 EDDIE MOORE: And I would like to address
26 -- a few weeks ago we went down to Columbia, Mr. Burns,
27 Ms. Wilson, and myself, and Burris Nelson went. And
28 they had a map of Anderson County. And on that map
29 they showed potential sites, potential buildings. They
30 showed sewer lines, where sewer lines were. The
31 problem was the thing had not been updated in about
32 twelve or thirteen years. It did not reflect any of
33 the sewer lines. It did not reflect all of the
34 available buildings. I, myself, when I was elected
35 last year, I went around and got every available
36 building that was in my district and turned them over.
37 Those buildings were never turned in to the state.
38 They want to know that available -- of buildings that's
39 available in a county. It had never been turned in.
40 That list and that map that Mr. Burns now has over at
41 economic development, they're going through it now with
42 a fine tooth comb. A great effort is going on to make
43 sure that all available buildings in Anderson County
44 are on that list. It also is going to show the water
45 lines. I mean there's water lines that run by my house
46 that has been there for eight or nine years. It was
47 not even on at all. It was completely out of date by
48 probably ten years. I don't know whose fault it is,
49 but I can tell you one thing, it's being updated now.
50 And it will be down at the commerce department so that

1 we get a fair shake from these companies. And I
2 personally challenge you to get that gentleman to call
3 me or to call Mr. Burns and set up an appointment,
4 because I can tell you one thing, we have talked to a
5 lot of people that's interested in Anderson County, and
6 we're making every effort to try to attract businesses
7 in this county. This council up here is a business
8 friendly council. We have shown it in our actions. We
9 have shown it by these business seminars, small
10 business seminars, trying to help out the businesses
11 that exists in the county. Eighty percent of all jobs
12 are created by small businesses. That is the reason
13 we've had so many small business seminars. We will
14 also have a summit at the Civic Center in the next week
15 or two. We invite you to come out to that also. And
16 we're inviting a lot of potential clients for Anderson
17 County and businesses that will be there also. And we
18 hope that this positive action that we're doing is
19 going to reflect in attracting some companies to come
20 here so that all our people can work. We don't like to
21 be high in unemployment like we are. We want work. We
22 want companies to come here. And we're real excited
23 about Mr. Burns, what he's done. We're excited about
24 Burris Nelson and the whole economic development
25 department. They're energized. And I guarantee you
26 you've never seen so much energy coming out of that
27 little brick building over there. We was over there
28 this morning, Mr. Allen and myself, over there. And
29 they paid some pretty good compliments to us over there
30 and I really appreciated that. And we're excited about
31 what we're doing, and we think we're going in the right
32 direction. And with that, we're adjourned.

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34 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.
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Anderson County Council

Anderson, South Carolina

Regular Meeting – November 3, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

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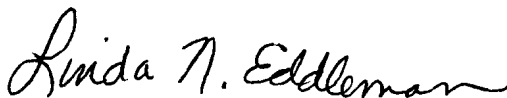
PRESENT:

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chair Tom Allen – District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson – District #6
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Rusty Burns – Interim County Administrator
Michael S. Pitts – County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

November 3, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: Call to Order. We now have
2 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by council member
3 Bob Waldrep.

4 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BOB WALDREP

5 EDDIE MOORE: Before we go to the minutes,
6 I would like to make a couple of announcements. First
7 of all, this coming Sunday on November the eighth,
8 2009, there's going to be a ride. And you're welcome
9 to join. This will be the third annual. It will be
10 November the eighth. And it will be at the Anderson
11 County war memorial and it will be at 2:30. The bikes
12 will line up at 1:30. This will be at the RMC
13 Veteran's Nursing Home 'You Are Not Forgotten' run. So
14 everyone that has a bike -- motorcycle would like to
15 come out and join. Items this year needed for the
16 veterans are sweatshirts and pants, socks with grip
17 soles, books, board games, DVDs, just anything that you
18 can think of would be greatly appreciated. I do have a
19 flyer here and I will lay it on the outside. It's got
20 a telephone number. If y'all would like to call Kit
21 Sanders. If you've got a pencil ready, his number is
22 940-4527. That's 940-4527. Or go out by Timm's Harley
23 Davidson. All bikes are welcome and come out and make
24 this a good Veteran's Day. And also the county council
25 -- this will be on November the fifteenth. I want to
26 go ahead and make the announcement on this also. And
27 we do have a brochure -- a poster and I was wanting to
28 let everybody see that. And we're going to post it out
29 here also today. And the parade festivities will begin
30 at 2:00 p.m. with a patriotic procession open to
31 participates including walkers, cyclist, motorcycles,
32 classic vintage cars, floats, etc. Everyone is
33 encouraged to come out and show your patriotism. The
34 Electric City News will choose the most patriotic in
35 each category and present the winners with a gift
36 certificate during the ceremony after the parade. A
37 minimum entry fee will be collected. All of the
38 proceeds from the patriotic procession will be divided
39 between South Carolina Military Scholarship and Family
40 Care Association, Incorporated and the Veteran's
41 project to construct a carillon bell tower in the
42 Veteran's cemetery. Everyone please come out and
43 support this and we'll be talking about it more. It
44 will be on our website also. And we'll have these
45 posters everywhere around the county so everyone will
46 have an opportunity. And this will be on November the
47 fifteenth.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman. I believe you
49 might have misspoke. It's three o'clock. Somebody in
50 the audience was holding up three fingers. It's three

1 o'clock.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Right.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. They had two on this.

5 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Three o'clock.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep.

8 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to make sure
9 that everyone understood that there is no charge to any
10 Veteran that is participating in this parade. There
11 was some misunderstanding I think from some people and
12 Ms. Peace wanted me to say that, so ...

13 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

15 EDDIE MOORE: And I want to make one more
16 thing too and I'll go to you, Ms. Floyd. 2:00 p.m. is
17 the patriotic processional. 3:00 p.m. is the Veteran's
18 parade. Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I, too, have
20 an announcement I would like to make. On Friday at
21 three o'clock in Columbia, the, the census committee
22 will be meeting at the, at the hotel in Columbia, the
23 Embassy Suite. We will have a representative from the
24 state census board as well as from the regional census.
25 They will be there talking about the census and how to
26 -- how -- they're giving people information on how to
27 come back to their hometown and train people or to work
28 with people at the census. The census is very
29 important to us. We need to take this thing seriously.
30 Anderson County was grossly under counted by hundreds
31 and hundreds of people at the last census in 20 -- in
32 2000. But this year we need to make sure. Not only
33 did we lose the money because you see, folks, the
34 census is tied in to how much money you get per person
35 for your county. Not only did we lose that, we
36 probably lost some political gains that we may have
37 realized in -- by having the numbers counted correctly.
38 We could, we could have been privileged to have one
39 more congressman or one more representative at the
40 state as well as the federal level. But this year,
41 2010, ten years later, we have to make sure. Now I
42 know a lot of you aren't interested in this and I
43 haven't had too many people -- well I haven't had
44 anyone from Anderson County other than me who's going
45 down there. But there are people from all over the
46 state that have registered for this, for this thing.
47 You need to register as soon as possible because the
48 number of folks is going to be limited. This is
49 Friday. Again this is Friday at three o'clock --
50 excuse me. At one o'clock. One o'clock Friday at the

1 Embassy Suites. There is a slight cost of Twenty
2 Dollars and that's for your meal when you get there.
3 And I thank you.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And also I want to
5 remind council members tonight on Item 12, the
6 appointments. I hope each and every one of you have
7 made your decision on a committee member for the census
8 committee. We discussed that at the last council
9 meeting. So during the appointments if you have talked
10 about or maybe some of the -- your constituents would
11 be interested in serving on the census committee. I
12 would appreciate it if you would make an appointment.
13 We'd like to have every district represented. At least
14 one person on the appointments tonight. With that said
15 we'll now go to Item 3 (a) on the approval of minutes.
16 We'll go to Item (a), October 6, 2009. Do we have any
17 corrections to the minutes?

18 CINDY WILSON: Motion to be approved.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made. And do we have
20 a second?

21 BOB WALDREP: Second.

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
24 favor raise your right hand. All opposed.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm abstaining.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Abstain. Let it be shown
27 that everyone voted for it but Ms. Floyd. She
28 abstained. We now go to (b), October 20, 2009 minutes.
29 Any corrections?

30 BOB WALDREP: Move they be approved.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made to be approved.
32 Do I have a second?

33 TOM ALLEN: Second.

34 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
35 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
36 opposed. Abstained. Let it be shown that everyone
37 voted for it but Ms. Floyd. She abstained. We'll now
38 go to Item 4 on the agenda, Citizen Comments - agenda
39 matters.

40 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, we have two
41 citizens signed up tonight. The first is Rick
42 Freemantle.

43 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman,
44 Council. I'd like to speak on Item number 5 tonight,
45 News You Can Use. Mr. Chairman, it was interesting to
46 learn that just because someone is a council person,
47 they are entitled to -- no, excuse me, this person says
48 she has a right to exactly forty-two minutes of agenda
49 time. My question is why do you allow this person to
50 take up so much more time than she has a right to.

1 Also under more News We Can Use, this same council
2 person says she's supposed to be able to put as many
3 items on the agenda as she can get on it. Mr.
4 Chairman, in exactly which book of fairy tales are
5 these mythical rights written? Again, Mr. Chairman, it
6 is confusing. Is this really the same person who has
7 consistently whined about how long the council meetings
8 last? And is this the same person who so rudely
9 interrupts every meeting to make her grandiose exit
10 because it's past her bedtime. Also under more News We
11 Can Use, this same person explained that we are
12 supposed to help each other out. Can I expect this
13 person to help us all out by explaining what she meant
14 when she said that she knew for a fact that previous
15 council people profited from their positions as council
16 members? And under more News We Can Use, I was
17 fascinated to learn that there was a South Carolina
18 Association of Black County Officials who are funding
19 one of our county members -- council members. Is there
20 an association of white county officials? And where
21 exactly do these black county officials get the money
22 they use to fund various people? Also under News You
23 Can Use, it was very interesting to find out that the
24 state is projecting another Forty-four Million Dollar
25 shortfall. What was even more interesting was how
26 upset the council person from District Two was because
27 the entire deficit could not be placed on the
28 taxpayers' back through the use of increased milage
29 rates. Thank God we have some muzzles on the liberals
30 who would tax us, the taxpayer's, out of existence if
31 they were left unchecked. If I might add, Mr.
32 Chairman, I am rather beginning to enjoy these more
33 News We Can Use moments. Thank you.

34 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.
35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
36 MIKE PITTS: That's it, Mr. Chairman.
37 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 5.

38 Ms. Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I am the person
40 who does the News You Can Use. I am the person who's
41 president of the black county, county officials. No,
42 we are not supporting anybody at all. If you want to
43 be a member, just let me know and you can be there
44 right with me. I asked for fifteen minutes. I only
45 get five minutes to speak. Yes, I do have a right
46 according to the code -- book of code. Each council
47 member can speak up to forty-eight minutes. And I, and
48 I can put anything on this thing I want to as long as
49 it is within the forty-eight minutes. If you don't
50 have a copy, please see Ms. Linda. She may -- she

1 might can help you get one. News You Can Use. Did you
2 know that you can be held liable for what you say on
3 the internet? Folks, please be careful of that.
4 You're writing stuff on the internet about other
5 people. You're saying other things that's not the
6 truth. I have an article which I left home because of
7 everything else I had to bring. But you can be held
8 liable and some folks are understanding that. The
9 thing number two, News You Can Use. I have sample
10 ballots here. Oh yes. It's the truth. It's the
11 truth. I have sample ballots here of a practice test
12 for field employee positions. Those of you who would
13 like to have -- I think this is a test that will
14 measure your skills to work in the census -- for the 20
15 census, a practice test. If you're needing a job or
16 you know someone who would like to have a job, please
17 get a -- please see me for copies of this before I
18 leave tonight. Also, I have -- News You Can Use, I
19 have the census -- a census handout for you that will
20 help you, that will help you with this. News You Can
21 Use. We're still fighting for the south end of town
22 with the Post Office down there. Folks said we get
23 about one out of fifteen people who will tell me I
24 don't live down here, I'm just down here because the
25 north Post Office is too busy. But if they think that
26 line is long now, you just wait until or if they close
27 this Post Office down on south end. Nine hundred and
28 thirty-three boxes are going to have to be put
29 somewhere. We have collected over seventeen hundred
30 names of people who will be standing in that Post
31 Office line if we don't, if we don't do something. And
32 yes, yes, this is something that y'all need to be
33 concerned about. I know you have not paid me any
34 attention but that's all right too because House Bill
35 3272 is here. It is a bill that's going to put a cap
36 on constructions and anything else that's going to hit
37 Anderson County. And no, we will not be able to recoup
38 from this because we cannot raise the milage taxes but
39 so much. So whether you want a raise or not, you won't
40 be able to get it. I am not sitting here advocating
41 raises or tax hikes. What I'm sitting here trying to
42 do is to get you to understand that we need to be on
43 this. That we need to be doing more than hiring,
44 hiring lawyers to look for what happened twenty years
45 ago. We need to be working on these kinds of things
46 now. I'm going to Columbia Friday and I will be there
47 to listen. They have a, a speaker who is going to talk
48 about this to the counties who will be -- people will
49 be there to hear this. This is serious. This is
50 important. Now you can come up here and you can try to

1 belittle me and my projects. That's up to you. But
2 meanwhile I have to work. All right. Is my time up?
3 Thank you. Also News You Can Use. If you would like
4 to support us on the north -- south end of town as we
5 fight to save this Post Office, please do so. Please
6 do so. I think I have covered everything that you will
7 allow me to cover tonight in five minutes. I have some
8 more stuff. News You Can Use. And when I can say you
9 can use it, you can. If you don't want to use it, it's
10 up to you. But if you do want to use it, you need to
11 pay attention to these things that I'm telling you
12 about. The census, House Bill 3272, and other things
13 that's going on around here in Anderson County. Also,
14 the jobs. I'm sure by now you know that South Carolina
15 was able to get the contract for the air, for the air
16 plant. I think it's Boeing, contract. There will be
17 boo coos of jobs opening down in the Charleston area.
18 We need to start -- the economic development person is
19 here. I think I saw him somewhere. Where are you?
20 Over there. The interim. We need to start looking at
21 how -- yeah, the interim. We need to start looking at
22 how Anderson County can benefit from these jobs. We
23 need to start seeing what Anderson County can do up
24 here that we can ship down there to take advantage of
25 some of this money. All right. I don't care what
26 happened last year. I want to know what's going on
27 this year. And that's News You Can Use.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Go to Item 6.
29 Transparency in Government. Ms. Floyd.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Transparency in
31 Government was a little bit too much to bring tonight.
32 I'll tell y'all the truth. I have been working like a
33 Trojan trying to, trying to help my folks in my area.
34 And I'm tired. And I wasn't coming here tonight. But
35 I've got a tip from somebody that told me something
36 that I thought I'd better come here to talk about
37 transparency in government. But I also realize that
38 it's going to be on the agenda so I'm going to save my
39 little five minutes to get my forty-eight minutes on
40 the next part of it. And I thank you.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 7.
42 Third reading. Ordinance authorizing an amendment to
43 certain Multi-County Park Agreement dated November the
44 first, 2006, as subsequently amended governing a Multi-
45 County Business/Industrial Park between Anderson County
46 and Abbeville County to authorize expansion of
47 boundaries of the park and other matters related
48 thereto.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt
2 this on third reading.
3 EDDIE MOORE: All right.
4 TOM ALLEN: Second.
5 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Do we
6 have any discussion? All in favor raise your right
7 hand. Unanimous. We now go to Item 8. And at this
8 time I would like to, I would like to propose that the
9 county attorney be instructed to perform the necessary
10 legal research and draft proposed changes to the
11 county's travel policy in order to provide that all
12 council members receive an equal allowance for travel
13 expenses and that if they exceed their share additional
14 travel expense reimbursement may be approved by
15 majority vote of the full council. All other aspects
16 of the travel policy would remain unchanged. So that
17 everyone has a chance to see and propose changes before
18 there is a public comment, I would suggest that the
19 second reading be put off until the next meeting. And
20 I would like to put that in the form of a motion to put
21 this off until the next meeting to give the county
22 attorney time to make some changes to that.
23 CINDY WILSON: Second.
24 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. We're
25 now in discussion.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
27 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's pretty --
29 that's good. That's good. I would like to propose
30 something even better. I would like the county
31 attorney to please go back and look at a statement that
32 he wrote to me in a letter that I questioned him about
33 and he said that the, that the notes -- it says -- it
34 doesn't say anywhere at all where we have to pay travel
35 to, to county people. All right. And the county
36 council folks. He said it doesn't -- we don't have to
37 do that at all. So in light of this tough economic
38 issues we're going through, in light of us having to
39 maybe suspend some of our good county employees, I'm
40 going to make a -- I'm going to ask you to please draft
41 some papers -- some verbiage that say that -- to ask
42 council members to give up the travel since the travel
43 is such a, a ticklish thing all of a sudden. And I've
44 traveled for ten years with no problem. My travel has
45 never been called back down to the ethics commission
46 for anything. I've never had to do that. I made one
47 mistake on my travel and that was corrected and I
48 haven't done that anymore. Okay. My travel is in
49 detail as you will see. As you already know. But I am
50 going to recommend that each council member be polled

1 and asked to give up the travel for a year or until --
2 starting in 010. Or to -- let's put that money back in
3 the place where it's supposed to go. Now I tried to do
4 the same thing, Mr. Chair, with our salaries. Let's
5 give up our county council salaries for, you know, for
6 a year to help with the budget matters. But I was told
7 that we couldn't do that because by law it said that
8 you couldn't do that. And also we cannot be
9 furloughed. All the other council -- I mean all the
10 other county workers can, but county council members
11 cannot take a furlough without pay. Okay. So in light
12 of that I'm saying let's give up our travel. Let's
13 give up our travels for one year so we can help balance
14 the budget and we won't have to be looking over anybody
15 else's travels or anything like that. I have nothing
16 to hide. In fact, I have not applied for travel since
17 December fifteenth, I believe it was, 19, I mean 2008.
18 I don't have time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Well, Ms. Floyd does that
20 mean you're going to give up your phone also?

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I can give up the phone
22 easily. That's -- I have no problem with that. I can
23 easily give that phone up. But there will be no way
24 for some of these people to harass me.

25 EDDIE MOORE: I know I don't -- county's
26 not paying for my phone. Is any other council member
27 getting a phone paid for?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you getting
29 reimbursements on your phone?

30 EDDIE MOORE: Nope.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well as of tomorrow I
32 will not have a county phone.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Now.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Everybody please hold it
36 down. Thank you.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Now, Mr. Chair, also you
38 need to know that the county doesn't pay me anything
39 for insurance. I don't get any insurance. But there's
40 one council member who has gotten over Thirty-six
41 Thousand Dollars. Oh yes. Got the proof. Thirty-six
42 Thousand Dollars. One council member has been paid for
43 insurance. I don't get insurance. Do you get
44 insurance, Mr., Mr. Chair? Okay. Mr. Waldrep and I
45 don't get insurance. You don't pay nothing for my
46 insurance. Okay. Thirty-six Thousand Dollars one
47 council member has been paid. And I've been here the
48 longest.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Call for the question.

2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Have a second? All
3 in favor on calling the question raise your right hand.
4 Okay. We'll now vote. This will be to postpone it
5 until next council meeting. All in favor raise your
6 right hand. Unanimous.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Council, point of order.
8 Mr. Council, I'm, I'm trying to do my business up here,
9 but I hear somebody from the audience speaking so loud
10 that I can hear it up here with little, little things
11 being said. I would like for you to please ask that
12 person to understand this is not a town hall meeting
13 and if she or he has something to say, call me at 226-
14 3491 or wait until after the meeting. Thank you.

15 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 9,
16 Ordinance first reading, 2009-32. Ordinance
17 authorizing pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12 South
18 Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, execution and
19 delivery of a fee agreement by and between Anderson
20 County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing, LLC; (2)
21 other matters relating thereto. Ms. Rozakos and Mr.
22 Burns.

23 SHAY ROZAKOS: Good evening, Mr. Chairman.
24 Council members. I'm Shay Rozakos. I'm the Existing
25 Industries Manager with the Anderson County Office of
26 Economic Development. Pleased to be here before you
27 tonight to present to you this proposed Ordinance 2009-
28 32. This ordinance pertains to a new fee in lieu of
29 tax agreement for BMW. It pertains only to personal
30 property - certain machinery, equipment, molds, tools,
31 those sorts of things that BMW has in place at some of
32 their suppliers that are located in Anderson County.
33 BMW currently has identified as of July of this year
34 six Anderson County companies as tier one suppliers to
35 them. They do have over forty suppliers in the state
36 of South Carolina. There was a report done by the
37 Darla Moore School of Business at the University of
38 South Carolina that studied BMW's impact from 2002
39 through 2008. They determined that BMW had pumped more
40 than 8.8 Billion Dollars into the economy of the state
41 of South Carolina. The BMW plant that is located in
42 Spartanburg County generates 1.2 Billion Dollars in
43 wages and salaries annually and supports twenty-three
44 thousand fifty jobs in the state. Those wages and
45 salary numbers and the jobs numbers pertains to jobs
46 created through BMW and its suppliers throughout the
47 state. This fee in lieu agreement is for the statutory
48 minimum investment of 2.5 Million Dollars with an
49 assessment rate of six percent. There would be a five
50 year investment period with the standard twenty year

1 period that BMW would enjoy the fee in lieu benefits.
2 And again this only applies to personal property that
3 BMW would own that would be located at supplier
4 companies in Anderson County. The Anderson County
5 Office of Economic Development has reviewed these
6 documents and we recommend positive consideration of
7 this ordinance.

8 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
9 BOB WALDREP: Second.

10 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a vote and we
11 have a second. We're now in discussion.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
13 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Rozakos, would this --
15 would there be a cap on this or would this be never
16 ending? I mean like you said there's six plants now.
17 Would that stay at six or we would have to come back
18 and change the ordinance or could it go as many as ten
19 without us knowing it or adding machineries or what
20 not?

21 SHAY ROZAKOS: The way that the ordinance
22 is currently structured it specifies the two out of the
23 six suppliers that they have in Anderson County right
24 now. It specifies two at which they will be making
25 this investment. If they did want to include
26 investment that was made at other supplier companies
27 they would need to come back to council for that.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
29 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

30 BOB WALDREP: I just wanted to understand
31 now. What we're doing naturally doesn't affect
32 anything in any other county?

33 SHAY ROZAKOS: Correct.

34 BOB WALDREP: Anderson County. So we're
35 only -- and we've got how many suppliers in Anderson?
36 SHAY ROZAKOS: Anderson County, according
37 to BMW's information that they posted about their
38 suppliers, as of July of 2009 there were six Anderson
39 County companies that are direct suppliers to BMW.
40 There are many more companies that are in Anderson
41 County that supply those BMW suppliers so there really
42 is a multiplier effect. But it is only the six
43 Anderson companies that are identified by BMW right
44 now. This ordinance pertains to two of those.

45 BOB WALDREP: What is that percentage of
46 fee in lieu of? What -- the percentage?

47 SHAY ROZAKOS: Its assessment rate?
48 BOB WALDREP: Yeah.
49 SHAY ROZAKOS: Six percent.
50 BOB WALDREP: Six percent. Okay. And

1 that just applies to new investment, is that correct?

2 SHAY ROZAKOS: Yes.

3 BOB WALDREP: Right. Okay. Thank you.

4 That's all.

5 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. Just a
6 comment and it doesn't necessarily apply directly to
7 BMW, but I still think we need to encourage our state
8 legislature to address the state constitution where the
9 assessment ratios are concerned because industrial real
10 estate in South Carolina is assessed at a ten and a
11 half percent rate. It makes us so that we cannot
12 compete without fee in lieu of to even bring industries
13 and jobs here. The commercial assessment ratio is six
14 and residential is four. So I think if we really
15 wanted to see wide open economic development in South
16 Carolina we would address that ratio. Thank you.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Good point. Anyone else?

18 Okay. We now vote. All in favor raise your right
19 hand. First reading. Unanimous. Now go to Item 10,
20 Resolution R2009-73. A resolution introducing BMW
21 Manufacturing LLC to make certain investment in
22 Anderson County, South Carolina authorizing, under
23 certain condition, the entering into a fee in lieu of
24 tax agreement by and between County and company in the
25 event of such investment; and (3) authorizing other
26 matters relating thereto. Okay.

27 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

28 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
29 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
30 Unanimous. Okay. We now go to Item 11 on the agenda,
31 Acceptance of Roads Into County Road System. Mr. West.

32 BILL WEST: Your agenda has four
33 subdivisions listed for acceptance of new roads. These
34 have all been inspected by the county roads department.
35 Found to be in compliance with county standards. We
36 would recommend that you would accept the roads in
37 Springbrook Phase I, Ashley Woods Phase II, Hammond
38 Hall and Pendleton Plantation Final Phase III, Section
39 A.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

41 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

42 TOMMY DUNN: With no objections I move
43 that we accept all roads at one time and under staff's
44 recommendation.

45 RON WILSON: Second.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: I have a conflict with one
48 of them, so it probably would be best to do them one at
49 a time.

50 TOMMY DUNN: I withdraw mine then if

1 that's going to be a problem.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn withdrew his
3 motion.
4 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt
5 Springbrook Phase One.
6 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
7 RON WILSON: Second.
8 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
9 discussion on that?
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Wilson, which one do you
13 have the, the conflict with?
14 CINDY WILSON: I'll name it when we come to
15 it. It's Hammond Hall.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You're going to name
17 it when we come to it. Hammond Hall Subdivision.
18 Okay. Did -- you're going to recuse yourself for that
19 one?
20 CINDY WILSON: I just said that.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: No. You said you had a
22 conflict. You didn't say whether or not you're going
23 to recuse.
24 CINDY WILSON: I've already advised the
25 Clerk and the Chairman that when we come to that item I
26 will disclose and recuse myself.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Did you
28 fill out the necessary papers for that?
29 CINDY WILSON: He has one for me. I've
30 already told you.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: He has one for you. Okay.
32 Good. Thank you.
33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else? All
34 right. We're voting on (a). All in favor raise your
35 right hand. Unanimous. We now go to Item (b), Ashley
36 Woods Phase II Subdivision.
37 TOM ALLEN: I move to adopt.
38 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion to adopt.
39 Do I have a second? And we have a second. Okay. Any
40 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
41 Unanimous. And we now go to (c).
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Somebody's cell phone went
43 off.
44 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I have a
45 conflict of interest and I will recuse myself.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Wilson will
47 recuse herself. Okay. We'll call you as soon as we
48 vote on it. It's not mine. Mine's off.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: It wasn't mine.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the

1 motion we adopt (c) with staff's recommendation.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a motion to
3 adopt. Do we have a second?
4 TOM ALLEN: Second.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Pitts, you have to
7 guide me on this one, okay? Mr. Pitts, I'm concerned
8 about the recusal of one council member on this one.
9 Can we know the recuse -- the recusal reason or we just
10 have to just go on and not know it? In the past now we
11 have known what the reason was because a form is
12 supposed to be filled out and the reason is supposed to
13 be on that form. On that document. But I just want to
14 know if we can or can't, that's all.
15 MIKE PITTS: I'd have to pull the state
16 ethics rules and just see what in particular they say
17 about the extent of the disclosure. I mean, obviously
18 she's disclosed the fact that she has a conflict of
19 interest and she's not participating in deliberations.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: But what is the conflict?
21 MIKE PITTS: I don't have any ...
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Does she stand to gain from
23 this? Does someone else in her family stand to gain?
24 Does anybody stand to gain?
25 MIKE PITTS: I don't have any idea what
26 the, what the extent of it is.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon.
28 MIKE PITTS: I don't have any idea what,
29 what the conflict is.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
31 MIKE PITTS: Okay.
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Well. I just, I just don't
33 know how to vote because I want to know what is the,
34 what is the problem here. If I had to recuse myself
35 from Powdock Subdivision, I think I need to let y'all
36 know why I want to recuse myself. Maybe I'm getting
37 ready to buy a house out there. Maybe my mother is
38 getting ready. Maybe I own it out there. But I just
39 wanted to know, you know, so I could cast a -- an
40 informed vote. That's all. Thank you.
41 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody else?
42 TOM ALLEN: Just a quick question. Mr.
43 West, if I could. There's -- technically there's
44 nothing wrong with the roads in here, right? They meet
45 all specifications. This is just simply a recusal on
46 Ms. Wilson's part.
47 BILL WEST: This is a formality of
48 action for the county to take them into our system.
49 TOM ALLEN: Just wanted to be sure.
50 Okay.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: We have -- wait a minute,
4 son. We have never had a recusal on a acceptance of a
5 road into a subdivision before. This is a first time
6 for me in ten years. So I guess you can understand why
7 I am curious as to why.
8 EDDIE MOORE: Well, Ms. Floyd, you know,
9 we seem to have people that just enjoy suing everybody
10 on -- council members. So I don't much blame her. If
11 there was any possibility of anything like that, I
12 would probably recuse myself also.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I understand that, Mr.
14 Chair, and I understand there's a lot of reasons for
15 folks to be suing other folks too. But I'm not being
16 sued and I ain't suing. Now I'm trying to do my job
17 here and all I wanted was some more information. And I
18 thank you.
19 EDDIE MOORE: We now vote. All in favor
20 raise your right hand. All opposed. Abstained.
21 GRACIE FLOYD: I vote, I vote with the,
22 with the group. I'm sorry. I was just handed this
23 note.
24 EDDIE MOORE: The vote is six and zero
25 with Ms. Wilson recused. She abstains. So we now go
26 to (d). Call Ms. Wilson back.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.
28 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.
29 TOMMY DUNN: I move we adopt Pendleton
30 Plantation Subdivision Final Phase III, Sections A and
31 B, on staff recommendation.
32 BOB WALDREP: Second.
33 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Okay.
34 We'll go ahead and vote then. All in favor raise your
35 right hand. Six and oh. Now go to Item 12 on the
36 agenda, Appointments. And let's start with Mr. Wilson.
37 RON WILSON: I don't have any, but I'll
38 have that census member next meeting.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Allen.
40 TOM ALLEN: I don't have any at this
41 time either, but I have talked to some folks about the
42 census so I hope to have someone.
43 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this
45 time, but I will have my appointment next, next
46 meeting.
47 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And I would like to
48 go ahead and made my appointment. Tim Taylor at Iva
49 will be my census representative, District Three. I'm
50 still checking with one from Belton and they're

1 supposed to let me know. So ...
2 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I second that.
3 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Do we have -- do we appoint
5 one or two people?
6 EDDIE MOORE: Two. Two people. Yeah.
7 All in favor raise your right hand. Okay.
8 CINDY WILSON: What were we voting on?
9 EDDIE MOORE: That was my appointment for
10 the census. I've appointed Tim Taylor from Iva.
11 That's unanimous on Tim. And you can appoint two,
12 everyone, from last meeting. Mr. Dunn.
13 TOMMY DUNN: None, Mr. Chairman, at this
14 time. Thank you.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
16 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I have two
17 appointments. One is a reappointment of Dorothy Buice
18 to the museum advisory committee. If I do this in a
19 package I might -- the second one would be Mr. Al
20 Dobbins to be appointed to the board of assessment
21 appeals.
22 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I second that.
24 CINDY WILSON: Second.
25 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
26 discussion? All in favor of Mr. Waldrep's appointments
27 raise your right hand. Unanimous.
28 BOB WALDREP: Oh, and Mr. Chairman, I will
29 try to have those census folks next council meeting.
30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Wilson.
31 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
32 District Seven has one appointment for the census
33 committee thus far and that is Mayor Carthel Krout from
34 Williamston. And I'd like to put that in the form of a
35 motion.
36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'll second it.
37 Anyone else? Any discussion? All in favor of Ms.
38 Wilson's appointment raise your right hand. Unanimous.
39 Okay. We now go to Item 13. Mr. Carroll.
40 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, I have put a
41 revised list in front of each of you tonight before the
42 meeting and one item which will be the second item
43 we'll be discussing, I put an explanation from the
44 roads and bridges department on that in case any of you
45 have any questions. The first item we need to vote on
46 is the Pickens Construction. This is for Cedar Glen
47 Subdivision special tax district project for paving.
48 Low bidder was One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight
49 Hundred Fifty-three Dollars.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the

1 motion to accept this.
2 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a motion. Do
3 I have a second?
4 TOM ALLEN: Second.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in
6 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay.
7 ROBERT CARROLL: All right. The second item
8 is for stone materials for the Tri County Tech truck
9 driver training area. S & S Construction was the
10 lowest responsive responsible bidder - One Hundred Two
11 Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-four Dollars.
12 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept
13 it.
14 TOM ALLEN: Second.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Carroll.
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I just need information on
19 this, that's all. Okay. Why are -- why is Anderson
20 County paying for the stone materials, number one? And
21 are the other counties, Pickens and Oconee Counties,
22 also contributing to this cost?
23 ROBERT CARROLL: The answer to the first
24 question is I believe this is a C fund project and I'll
25 defer to Mr. Hopkins about the Anderson -- excuse me,
26 Oconee Pickens. Or Michelle Taylor.
27 HOLT HOPKINS: This is -- since this is in
28 Anderson at the Anderson campus, no other, no other
29 counties were involved. They approached the C fund to
30 pay for it.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I thank you.
32 That satisfied both of my questions. And I'm sure
33 others would have had questions on the same thing. But
34 if you had just put a little note down there that would
35 have been easier. Thank you so much.
36 EDDIE MOORE: What was the problem on the
37 specs? What did they not meet?
38 ROBERT CARROLL: It was the -- there's a
39 requirement in the bid specs for C fund money that
40 there's a goal of five percent for contractors to use
41 either a minority vendor or a woman owned vendor
42 enterprise and neither of the two that's listed there,
43 Ray Walker Trucking or Heron Trucking, submitted that
44 information with their bid, therefore they were not
45 responsive to the bid. And that's a requirement.
46 That's where this -- that's part of the C fund
47 requirement, my understanding.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Any discussion? Any
49 council members?
50 BOB WALDREP: A quick question. I was

1 curious about that. When you say specs I guess I
2 thought that related to the materials themselves, but
3 you're saying specs relates to the qualifications of
4 the person that's making that.

5 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. That was part of
6 the spec -- the overall specs of the work. That's a
7 requirement of this funding.

8 BOB WALDREP: I didn't know that. Thank
9 you.

10 EDDIE MOORE: It may be -- it would help
11 -- because we had a lot of questions on that. Maybe it
12 would help if you would maybe run a copy of that off
13 for us or -- and that way we could let people post it
14 outside or something. Because there was a lot of
15 questions about that. And then that way everybody can
16 understand, you know, what's going on. You know, I
17 know I'm sure you have something in writing on that.

18 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. Be glad to.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Might help us out in the
20 future. Okay. We'll now vote. All in favor raise
21 your right hand. Unanimous.

22 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, the next item
23 is the Manse Jolly Road convenience center. Last
24 meeting you approved moving forward with this project.
25 If you remember there's been some delays in this
26 project for eight to nine months. Those were addressed
27 through SCDOT and they have given us the permit to
28 proceed with that. But based on those requirements,
29 there were changes that had to be incurred based on
30 those requirements. And this is the result of that.
31 The engineering firm has reviewed them and recommend
32 approval. This is over the five percent change order.
33 That's why I'm coming before you. It's actually about
34 a seven ...

35 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE

36 TOM ALLEN: ... if I might. This still
37 puts us in below doesn't it as far as ...

38 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Thank
39 you, Mr. Allen.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chair, I make the
41 motion.

42 EDDIE MOORE: I have a motion. Do I have
43 a second? We have a second. Any other council member
44 have any questions?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: I realized that I wasn't
48 even on the right page. Hold on a second. Just the
49 matter of fact that (cannot hear on tape) I have not
50 had a chance (cannot hear) so is anything new on here

1 that was not put in here?

2 ROBERT CARROLL: The item we're on right now
3 is one item. And the reason that there are some
4 changes, each time we have to submit these normally on
5 Thursday to Ms. Eddleman and things that come up and
6 this came up after that time. Instead of delaying
7 another two and sometimes three weeks before the next
8 council meeting and that's why that is put on there and
9 there's a couple of other adjustments made.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: There are a couple of other
11 adjustments made?

12 ROBERT CARROLL: Not on that item. Not on
13 the item we're on now. But I'll speak ...

14 GRACIE FLOYD: This too?

15 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Well Mr. -- I understand, I
17 understand how things can get -- what I studied was --
18 is in the book. I don't, I don't know the things -- I
19 haven't gone over those things or asked my questions --
20 (cannot hear) any of my questions.

21 EDDIE MOORE: They're in red, is that
22 correct, Mr. Carroll?

23 ROBERT CARROLL: Not all of them. I put that
24 in red just because it's a change order.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

26 ROBERT CARROLL: The other items I will
27 address. But I will be glad not to change anything and
28 we'll delay things to the next council meeting if you
29 all choose.

30 EDDIE MOORE: I don't think that's
31 necessary.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: That's good. But I, I think
33 it's necessary. Cause he told me one thing -- sent me
34 information on one thing (cannot hear). Then (cannot
35 hear) Friday afternoon. All right. And when I sit
36 down and go over my stuff and I get here, he gives me
37 something totally -- it may not make a difference to
38 some. Maybe they have (cannot hear) here tonight. But
39 I'm just -- in fact I didn't know it was there until
40 they told me (cannot hear). I don't think that's fair.
41 I don't think that's right. How can I make a decision
42 when I don't have all of the accurate (cannot hear).
43 What am I to do?

44 EDDIE MOORE: Vote no.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what you would do.
46 What am I to do? But the fact that -- talk about them
47 later on or ---

48 EDDIE MOORE: I don't think they can hear
49 you on the mike, Ms. Floyd. You're mike might not be
50 on.

1 Ms. Floyd.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
3 ROBERT CARROLL: I think it's either we do it
4 the way I presented it tonight or next time I don't
5 change anything and we wait until the next meeting.
6 You've got two options.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So in other words I
8 -- in other words everybody here will be voting blindly
9 as I am, right? Because if they didn't have the
10 information before they got here, so they will be
11 voting just as blindly. You know, voting for something
12 that they don't understand either.
13 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I call for the
14 question.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor.
16 EDDIE MOORE: We have a call for the
17 question.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: I have the floor. Yeah.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Call for the question.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Robert's Rules say
21 that if a person -- as long as one council member has
22 the floor that -- and the floor has not been
23 relinquished, I have a right to finish, finish what I
24 was talking about but ...
25 EDDIE MOORE: That's not correct.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: This is a different, this is
27 a different ---
28 EDDIE MOORE: We have a call for question.
29 All in favor for call for question raise your right
30 hand. All oppose. Okay. We're going to move on. We
31 now already have a motion on the floor and we have a
32 second on this item. We now vote on it. All in favor
33 raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it be shown
34 everyone voted for it. Ms. Floyd voted against it.
35 We'll move to the next one.
36 ROBERT CARROLL: Second page that I placed
37 before you. These are items that are on state contract
38 and over Ten Thousand. First item to vote on is the
39 Dell computer services for existing Dell servers. This
40 is basically the maintenance to maintain what we
41 already have from Dell and this is covered under state
42 contract. Fourteen Thousand Seven Thirty-Four Sixty-
43 Six.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chair, I make the motion
45 we accept this.
46 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made to accept.
47 Second?
48 TOM ALLEN: Second.
49 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
50 discussion?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. This one has not
2 changed from the one you sent me to my house, right?
3 ROBERT CARROLL: That is correct.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anybody else? All in
6 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
7 ROBERT CARROLL: Next item is for the
8 Sheriff's Office. It's also for Dell computers for
9 laptop computers and accessories. Nineteen Thousand
10 Six Fifty-Three Twenty-five.
11 EDDIE MOORE: I make a motion we accept.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
13 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. Any
14 discussion? Mr. Allen.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: This one has not changed,
16 has it?
17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.
18 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
20 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I just, I just
21 had a question. Is this for the office staff or are
22 these for patrol cars? The computers? Okay. Thank
23 you.
24 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else? We now
25 vote. All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous.
26 ROBERT CARROLL: All right. The next sheet,
27 these are requests to have council approve for going
28 out for bids. We have not gone out for bids for this.
29 We are in a waste hauling contract. The current
30 contract runs out December thirty-first. This contract
31 has been in existence since approximately '98. And the
32 committee has voted on this to go out for bids again.
33 Your committee, Ms. Wilson. And we bring it before you
34 to vote for full council.
35 EDDIE MOORE: We have a motion.
36 TOM ALLEN: Second.
37 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
38 discussion?
39 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, just, just
40 very quickly. I would ask any pros and cons off the
41 top of your head pertaining to this going for bid, not
42 going for bid? Where do we currently stand?
43 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm going to let Greg speak
44 to it. I can't ---
45 TOM ALLEN: The financial markets.
46 Okay.
47 GREG SMITH: Mr. Chairman, members of
48 council. Anytime you take anything out for bid there
49 could be a certain risk to it on a contract. It could
50 come in a little higher. It -- as times are it could

1 come in lower. I've talked with our attorney. We
2 could possibly keep the current contract as is once the
3 bids come in. That would be -- we would have to force
4 that issue. But like anything else, it could come in
5 lower. And that's, that's the expectations of the
6 committee. What we talked about and all that with
7 these economic hardships and all, it could be cheaper.

8 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

9 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman. I just
10 wondered what kind of money are we talking about on
11 this contract on this waste hauling?

12 GREG SMITH: Basically we budgeted this
13 year about Nine Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand Dollars.

14 BOB WALDREP: The annual ---

15 GREG SMITH: Yes, sir.

16 BOB WALDREP: -- amount. And this ---

17 GREG SMITH: That is -- usually it goes
18 up a little bit every year. But right now with the
19 estimated pulls and everything we're, we're looking at
20 right around Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand.

21 BOB WALDREP: Can you explain just a
22 little bid about the activities of this hauling?

23 GREG SMITH: Yes.

24 BOB WALDREP: Where does it go? From
25 where to where now?

26 GREG SMITH: Basically it's your
27 convenience centers. Everybody uses convenience
28 centers to take like maybe their trash. When you take
29 trash there that trash is picked up, taken on the roll
30 off truck, taken to Anderson Regional Landfill. The
31 metal is taken to CRG. The C&D is taking to Starr C&D
32 Landfill. Recyclables are taken to the Recycle Murph
33 in Belton. If there is a speciality project that we
34 can't handle in house, we may have to call them to do
35 that, but we usually handle those in house.

36 BOB WALDREP: How many of these do we
37 have? How many ---

38 GREG SMITH: You've got eleven
39 convenience centers that have forty yard containers or
40 packer boxes. You're talking about, I think about
41 seven thousand six hundred hauls, something like that,
42 per year.

43 BOB WALDREP: So is this done on a weekly
44 basis?

45 GREG SMITH: No, sir. On a daily basis.

46 BOB WALDREP: Daily basis?

47 GREG SMITH: Yes, sir.

48 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

49 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Wilson.

50 RON WILSON: Mr. Smith, let me ask you.

1 What would -- you said the bids could always come in
2 higher. In these economic times, how could we expect
3 them to be higher?

4 GREG SMITH: Hopefully not. I'm not --
5 you know, a company can be ---

6 RON WILSON: I mean, I'm just asking you.
7 GREG SMITH: Absolutely. I mean we, we
8 hope that they will come in lower. That's are
9 expectation. That's not a guarantee by the company. I
10 mean they get to bid what they want to bid, so ...

11 RON WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 GREG SMITH: Sure.
14 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? We now vote.
15 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Okay.

16 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, the last three
17 pages are notification to council that requires no
18 vote, but I'll be glad to try to answer any questions
19 or have someone else step up to the mike to answer
20 questions.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Now which page are we on
22 now? Is this the one with the ?? with Nexsen Pruet.

23 ROBERT CARROLL: Well the fourth page was
24 Contect Construction Products for Thirty-five Thousand
25 Dollars.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Got you.
27 ROBERT CARROLL: And since it's under a Fifty
28 Thousand Dollar bid it -- it's just for notification.
29 But that was bid out. They were the only responding
30 bidder for the Old Mill Road bridge project.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
32 ROBERT CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, if I can make
33 a note. Ms. Floyd asked me -- had asked me earlier if
34 there are any other changes. On page five and six.
35 All right, page five the first item is -- at the top is
36 Nexsen Pruet - Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars. So if I
37 can get everyone's attention to that page. All right,
38 the last item, Wright Johnson Uniforms - Forty Thousand
39 Dollars. That was previously on the last page. But
40 what this is, this is grant money that the Sheriff's
41 Office has. And instead of the two smaller purchase
42 orders which they had -- actually the second one was a
43 duplicate that we've already made the changes to make
44 this the full Forty Thousand which is the amount of the
45 grant. So that's the items on there for notification
46 that was the sole source. And on the last page there
47 was one item, like I said, that was merged with the
48 previous item I just spoke of. There are three
49 requisitions -- excuse me, two requisitions on the last
50 page. The Wright Johnson, a explanation of that. One

1 of those is out of the Sheriff's general account, 280,
2 which is uniforms. The other line item is out of the
3 Detention Center's account for uniforms. That's why
4 there's two separate ones there. And then you have the
5 -- on the previous, like I said, the grant.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
7 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Carroll, that -- that's
9 totally confusing. Now here I am with two sheets.
10 Don't forget that now, okay. I've got the one that you
11 sent me to study and to go over. And the one that you
12 put at my desk tonight. So what are you telling me now
13 is that the one that you sent me to look at had Nine
14 Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Dollars for the
15 Sheriff's for purchase order for uniforms. Am I
16 correct? Right?
17 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: So you took four of those.
19 One, two, three, four. And you lumped them together
20 and you got Forty -- close to Forty Thousand Dollars.
21 Am I correct on that one?
22 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well then Forty
24 Thousand -- okay. Then explain it to me again.
25 ROBERT CARROLL: There were, there were two
26 purchase orders that had the same account number. The
27 second one was mistakenly entered in the system. The
28 department didn't catch it. We didn't catch it. When
29 we caught it, we contacted the accountant and he said
30 it was grant monies. There was Forty Thousand Dollars
31 which would be spent out of that toward uniforms. We
32 canceled the second purchase order, increased the first
33 purchase order from Ninety-nine Ninety-nine up to Forty
34 Thousand Dollars.
35 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Thank you, Mr.
36 Carroll.
37 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you.
38 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 14 on
39 the agenda.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.
41 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Is it too late to go back
43 with Mr. Carroll?
44 EDDIE MOORE: We've already moved on.
45 We're on Item 14 now. Requests for council members.
46 Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.
47 TOM ALLEN: Yes. Out of my recreation
48 fund I would like to take Fourteen Hundred Dollars for
49 the Pendleton Community Center.
50 CINDY WILSON: Second.

1 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second.
2 Discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
3 Unanimous. Okay. Any more, Mr. Allen?
4 TOM ALLEN: That's all. Thank you.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Floyd.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: No. And I -- this is when I
7 take my leave.
8 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn.
9 TOMMY DUNN: No, Mr. Chairman, not this
10 time. Thank you.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep.
12 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I'd ask that
13 Five Hundred Dollars be taken from my recreational
14 account for the Festival of Trees.
15 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I'll second it. Any
16 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. It
17 will be six and oh. Let the record show that Ms. Floyd
18 has left. Okay. Do you have any more, Mr. Waldrep?
19 BOB WALDREP: No. I'm sorry. That's all
20 I have.
21 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.
22 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 Out of District Seven's recreation account, the
24 remaining funding I'd like to place into motion -- into
25 a motion the appropriation of Six Hundred Dollars for
26 the Pelzer Senior Citizens and Five Hundred Dollars for
27 the Whitefield Fire Department for some remodeling work
28 that they're doing.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Second, Mr. Chairman.
30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We have a second.
31 And then any discussion?
32 BOB WALDREP: Second.
33 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
34 right hand. Unanimous. Six and oh. Ms. Floyd's not
35 here to vote. Anyone else have any? Okay. We now go
36 to Item 15, Administrator's Report.
37 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, with your
38 indulgence, we have a special situation that we've been
39 working on and I would ask Mr. Smith to come to the
40 microphone to assist me with this. But basically what
41 it is, we have a situation with the Mountain Creek
42 Sewer System and lagoon. And the problem is they don't
43 work and we have citizens who are in dire straits and
44 we would like to be able to assist them, but we have no
45 money to assist them. But working with DHEC and Mr.
46 Smith, we have managed to secure Fifteen Thousand
47 Dollars to correct the program. And I'll let Mr. Smith
48 give you additional details. But with council's
49 permission, we would like to proceed and get these
50 people out of misery.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
2 GREG SMITH: We -- basically we did a bid
3 process on this. DHEC is funding the project. There's
4 actually a lagoon down below a couple of houses that
5 raw sewer could go into that needed to be corrected.
6 It's an environmental hazard and all that. We met with
7 DHEC on it. The actual figure is Nineteen Thousand
8 Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars. DHEC is funding the
9 whole project. We just need -- we've had the bids come
10 in. Miller Construction has the bid. We just want to
11 go ahead and get the project done and make it a safer
12 environment.
13 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.
14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
15 BOB WALDREP: Did I understand you to say
16 that the Department of Health and Environment and
17 Control was providing Nineteen Thousand Dollars to
18 correct a problem in Anderson County?
19 GREG SMITH: Nineteen Thousand Seven
20 Hundred and Fifty Dollars.
21 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, Merry Christmas
22 to Anderson County.
23 GREG SMITH: Absolutely.
24 CINDY WILSON: That's rare.
25 EDDIE MOORE: Sounds great. You reckon
26 you can get any more of it?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
28 motion we allow this to go forward.
29 CINDY WILSON: Second.
30 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Okay.
31 Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
32 Six and oh. Ms. Floyd's not here. Okay.
33 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the next item
34 we'd like to address is a report on what the county has
35 been doing on the census. And Gina, if you would give
36 a brief report on the efforts the county has been
37 involved in.
38 GINA HUMPHRIES: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Burns.
39 I actually have a written report. It's one page and
40 it's short and if someone will grab this and hand them
41 out. I just want to cover some of the high points.
42 Ms. Floyd is right to say that we should be concerned
43 about the census. Not only from a federal funding
44 standpoint -- thank you very much -- but also from a
45 grant standpoint. Because just in the short period of
46 time that I have been working in the grants arena the
47 last two or three months, you know, I'm fast learning
48 that it is very important to know the economic make-up
49 of your county because it certainly determines whether
50 or not you can apply for certain grants or not. And so

1 we're, we're concerned from that standpoint. But this
2 report, basically we wanted you to know that county
3 staff is involved with the census as we are every year.
4 And the point of contact, as far as county staff, is
5 Mr. Jeff Canada. He works in the assessor's
6 department. You probably have heard the name. He is
7 the GIS and E91 -- E911 addressing expert. And he has
8 been working with the census bureau to do a lot of pre-
9 planning work to get ready for the census in terms of
10 mapping, meeting and training opportunities. And
11 particularly what we wanted to let you know, one of the
12 most important things that we have done is actually
13 work with the census bureau to help them correct what
14 they call 'tiger line files' which, as I understand it
15 is just traditionally center of the road line markings.
16 And we have actually shared our mapping files with them
17 and worked together to correct inaccuracies not only on
18 our records but on theirs as well. So there has been a
19 lot of activity behind the scenes going on in doing
20 this and there will continue to be activity throughout
21 the process. I mean it's just really getting started
22 now. 2010 will be a very busy year. But Mr. Canada
23 wants us to know that he's ninety-nine percent complete
24 with his mapping responsibilities. And we are, you
25 know, working to help them out in any way. Because in
26 the end it will, it will be to our benefit. And if you
27 have any questions about this report, I, Mr. Freeman or
28 Jeff Canada, I'm sure will be happy to talk with you
29 about it.

30 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just a bit of
31 further information. On Friday I had contact with
32 census officials and made them aware that Anderson
33 County would be interested in helping them with what
34 they call hard to count areas. And they know that we
35 stand ready to assist them in that effort in those hard
36 to count areas. But I wanted council to have the
37 benefit of the knowledge of what we are doing on the
38 census area. Another thing, with council's indulgence,
39 and I promise you we will be brief. We made a pledge
40 to you that we would have the new county economic
41 development website up for your review tonight and I
42 think I can state that we are ninety-eight percent
43 there. I hope and I hope and I hope. But we have Mr.
44 Burris Nelson and Angie Stringer and Shae Rozakos, and
45 they've worked diligently to get this up here. I hope
46 you can remember what we had before and I wish we could
47 show you that to show you what we have now.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like
49 to way when we're getting ready for this, I want to
50 thank the staff for its hard work. It seems like the

1 staff's got well in hand about the census thing and
2 have been working on it. And I had confidence in them
3 the whole time. And want to thank you for what y'all
4 have done. And if council can help in any way, Mr.
5 Burns, please let us know.

6 BURRIS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
7 council, Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns, I want to thank you for
8 giving us this opportunity to rush this, rush this to
9 fruition. But if you -- if you've seen our website in
10 the past, you can tell there's a huge difference in the
11 appearance. And we've actually changed our logo at the
12 top - Anderson County Today. And this website is
13 specifically designed for consultants who are surfing
14 the web looking for opportunities to bring their
15 industries and their business to Anderson County.
16 Specifically it's not designed -- our county website is
17 designed for the general citizens and other folks in
18 the community. Obviously, when we have the website
19 completed, we'll supply the URL to everyone and they
20 can still go there. But it's not designed for general
21 consumption however. If you'll notice we have our four
22 targeted industry sectors - advanced materials,
23 automotive, bio-sciences and energy. And there are
24 four components to each one of those and those are the
25 companies that we have been trying and will continue to
26 try to recruit to Anderson County. Site selection and
27 of course data. We've had a lot of conversation
28 recently about our sites and trying to add to those and
29 give us greater opportunity to recruit industries. And
30 always, it's a little slow in loading the information
31 but it's coming. We are the first county in the
32 upstate with the Upstate Alliance and the Appalachian
33 Council of Government to have the sites and buildings
34 dedicated from the Upstate Alliance website to county
35 only. So when you look at a site for us others go to
36 all ten counties. However, we are the first to be able
37 to specify and locate only on Anderson County.
38 Obviously, that's our purpose to bring business to
39 Anderson County. We love those other folks, but they
40 need to do the best they can on their own. The
41 outlines you saw there were sites -- that were outlined
42 in purple were sites. If you go to those -- click on
43 those it gives you information about the sites, number
44 of acres, that kind of information. Work force. And
45 our list of initiatives there. Awesome. This wasn't
46 in the rehearsal. Industrial information,
47 international hub, sites, buildings, and industrial
48 parks. All of those are components on our industrial
49 site database. ?? And, of course, those are our allies
50 that where you can find general information about any

1 ?? that's going to ask those questions about who
2 supplies power, what's the location, how do they do
3 that, who should they contact. We talk about our
4 quality of life issues and all the great things we have
5 here. The lake, golf, sports and entertainment center,
6 Anderson County's facility. And top load downloads.
7 Just general information. There will be more of those
8 downloads that will be available for the consultants.
9 Okay. Our industrial directory. And I want you to be
10 aware that this is corrected. It has all of the
11 companies that have -- that are no longer here. This
12 is good information to have. The last you had printed
13 had some errors in it. This is corrected. It has all
14 of the ones that are there. It has them in
15 alphabetical order. It has a photo. It should have.
16 Really it's one of the things that's took so much
17 longer to get the website up.

18 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

20 BOB WALDREP: Is it too late to get a shot
21 of Mr. Allen and Mr. Wilson and folks, I'm going down
22 ---

23 EDDIE MOORE: You know I wasn't going to
24 bring that up but...

25 BURRIS NELSON: As long as the photo's
26 available, we can add anything we want to to this
27 website.

28 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I just would ask ---

29 EDDIE MOORE: We did find out one thing.
30 Mr. Allen, he was definitely not in the Navy.

31 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Going, going down the
32 Saluda River has a whole new meaning when you're
33 talking about my kayaking abilities, okay.

34 EDDIE MOORE: I wasn't going to mention
35 Mr. Wilson.

36 BURRIS NELSON: But the website is up. And
37 one of the questions we had is about putting --
38 translating into languages. We have some opening
39 statements on those and we beefed those up a little
40 bit. Changed the wording a little bit. That's the
41 only portion on anybody's website that is translated
42 into other languages. There is some software out
43 there. One of those is called Babble ??. Just feed
44 the information into it and it translations out. It's
45 not very accurate. We actually have our consultant who
46 is locating folks that are native tongue and will
47 translate these passaging and we should have that
48 component up in the near future hopefully. Question?

49 EDDIE MOORE: That's great. Anyone else
50 have any questions?

1 BURRIS NELSON: Thank you very much.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Thank you for
3 doing a good job.
4 TOM ALLEN: Real good.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Outstanding.
6 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just to thank
7 all of those people who worked very hard to make this
8 happen and they've done an excellent job. Not only in
9 that website but in other areas. We're real proud of
10 them. Thank you. That's my report.
11 EDDIE MOORE: That was great. We now go
12 to Item 16 on the agenda. Citizens Comments.
13 MIKE PITTS: We have two signed up, Mr.
14 Chairman. The first is Rick Freemantle.
15 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman
16 and council. Well we found out something else
17 interesting tonight. We now know who the president of
18 the black county officials are. God bless them.
19 They're going to need help. Now I'm really confused.
20 You know, is it forty-two minutes or forty-eight
21 minutes that y'all have a right to? This is getting to
22 be like the new hiring contract for Mr. Michael
23 Cunningham. You know, the one that was hiding in the
24 pocketbook. Did we ever find out who really told Mr.
25 Martin to draft that document? Mr. Chairman, council,
26 please don't be fooled by the one year offer to forego
27 travel monies. It sounds nice. If y'all do it, that's
28 good. I'm sure it would be with good intentions and
29 probably would help somewhere in the county. But you
30 know, if you have a notion to move on that offer, make
31 sure that that one year offer just be an additional
32 item to Ordinance 2009-30. I would ask that you
33 continue to move forward with that ordinance and set in
34 stone a responsible set of regulations pertaining to
35 travel. It's long overdue. You know, I was amused by
36 the woman -- the council member -- excuse me, the
37 council member from District Two. Where did this
38 person or did this person become so overwhelmed with
39 all the correct procedural pathways to follow. It's
40 too bad she wasn't consumed with all this recent desire
41 to do the right thing on November eighteenth, 2008.
42 You know, we heard call for the question numerous times
43 that evening. And that particular council member was
44 all too happy to silence debate or a period of
45 questioning by the two people who were opposed to the
46 proceedings that cost us 1.14 Million Dollars. And in
47 my humble opinion was so corrupt, so mis -- the whole
48 act was just totally wrong, should never have happened.
49 There was no concern whatsoever for the taxpayers of
50 this county. There was only concern for one

1 individual. A county employee no less. I'm surprised
2 we have any economic development going on in this
3 county whatsoever. This particular council member from
4 District Two is embarrassing this county almost every
5 time this person takes her seat. It's becoming a
6 disgrace. If I were a business owner, especially of a
7 Fortune 500 company, I wouldn't shame myself or my
8 company by coming to Anderson. And it's unfortunate
9 because Anderson County is a great place to live and
10 work and raise a family. It's just a real shame that
11 we have to go through this every single council
12 meeting. I was asked by Mr. Harvell to ask the
13 Chairman if he might be able to address the council in
14 citizens comments. He got here just a tad too late to
15 put his name on the paper. With that I say thank you
16 and good evening.

17 MIKE PITTS: Next is Leslie White.

18 LESLIE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like
19 to say that I'm not happy with the vote to postpone the
20 regulation on travel. I agree that it is a policy that
21 is long overdue and that hopefully y'all can come to
22 some kind of agreement so that we can get that rolling
23 again next council meeting. And once again I would
24 just like to say that I think that it's unacceptable
25 for a paid council member to consistently leave the
26 meeting early. I sit on these hard seats every meeting
27 for the full length of the meeting and I'm not paid to
28 do it. And I think it's unacceptable and I've said it
29 a million times and I will continue to say it as long
30 as any council member, not just Ms. Floyd, but any
31 council member consistently leaves a meeting early
32 because they choose not to hear from citizens. To me
33 that is the most absurd thing I've ever heard in my
34 life. If you don't want to hear from your citizens,
35 your constituents, turn the freaking chair over to
36 somebody that does. Thank you.

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

38 EDDIE MOORE: We now go to remarks from
39 council members. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.

40 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I have a couple of
41 remarks. Thank you. The first item, there was a
42 situation up in Pendleton, right beside the library up
43 there and it's on county property. We have some
44 fencing up there that's in a -- in dire straits to say
45 the least. And apparently we've been renting that
46 fence, paying for it over the years and it -- it's
47 getting kind of decrepit and I would like to see if we
48 could do something to get a new fence put in there. If
49 we've got any money or anyway to get that done because
50 right now it looks pretty bad right beside the new

1 library. All right. The second comment I would like
2 to make. I'd like to thank a couple of people for
3 working so hard on this Veteran's Day parade coming up.
4 Ms. Peace, thank you. And I would also like to thank
5 Ms. Stringer. I know she's done a lot of work on this.
6 And Mr. Burns, thank you. I have heard some people say
7 that they maybe didn't like the way things were working
8 out for the parade. But if -- I'll say this, if they
9 don't like it, let them do it next year. I think these
10 folks have done an excellent job and I'm honored that
11 they're working so hard to put a parade on for the
12 veterans this year. Thank you.

13 APPLAUSE

14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd
16 just like to say also -- echo Mr. Allen's sentiments.
17 I just want to thank everybody for their part in
18 putting together the Veteran's Day parade. I know the
19 veterans greatly appreciate it. I know I do. I'd also
20 like to again thank the economic development team for
21 what they're doing. I think it's going to pay off. I
22 think you've got to start a foundation and the county
23 staff under Mr. Burns' direction I think is starting to
24 lay the bricks for the foundation -- for a good
25 foundation for some economic development growth. In
26 getting to the travel policy, I want to make sure
27 everybody understands. The reason we postponed this,
28 we found a little glitch that needs to be tightened up
29 and hopefully we can get that thing up. Because if
30 nothing else -- as far as county council members having
31 to vote or we're talking about spending money, it's
32 very easily just don't accept it or don't spend it. I
33 haven't spent a dime. Haven't asked for none. From
34 the start told them I wasn't. So if you don't want the
35 money, you ain't got to have the other six council
36 people to vote for it. Just don't take it and spend
37 it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

38 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Waldrep.
39 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, on the travel
40 issue, I just wanted to ask if there could be some
41 research and investigation done with regard to all the
42 seminars that are -- that seem to be required. All the
43 -- a lot of the meetings that are required to go to.
44 It seems to me I -- just my experience over the last
45 several years that I've watched that there's been a
46 development of almost like a cottage industry of all
47 these seminars that are being held all over the place.
48 And some of them, of course, might be in Colorado
49 during ski season and, you know, at the beach during
50 the height of the good season there. And I'd say this

1 is all very nice and I know that people have gotten
2 into the mentality of, well they just won't go unless,
3 you know, they have nice surroundings. And I can
4 understand why you would like to be at some of these
5 very nice watering holes throughout the state and the
6 country. But having said all that, I would ask that we
7 start seriously looking at the internet availability of
8 some of these meetings that I understand that these
9 things -- a lot of these meetings could be put through
10 the internet meeting system that we have facilities --
11 electronic facilities to look into that. And I think
12 we could save tons of money and people would not be so
13 stressed with all these requirements of travel and what
14 have you. We could have -- I certainly think we have a
15 facility here in the county that could address that. I
16 just think it deserves some serious consideration and a
17 great deal of savings I think that could be made on
18 that point. And that's about all I have to say about
19 that. Except the last thing I have here is Veteran's
20 Day 2009, Wednesday, November the eleventh at Richard
21 Campbell Nursing Home and that is a eleven a.m. to one
22 p.m. Is that open to the public?

23 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

24 BOB WALDREP: I just got an advertisement
25 note for that. And so with that I thank you. Mr.
26 Burns.

27 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Waldrep, you were going
28 to give a report on the meeting Friday on the inter-
29 municipal committee meeting.

30 BOB WALDREP: A report on ---

31 RUSTY BURNS: With the mayor and a
32 representative from the municipal association.

33 BOB WALDREP: Uh-huh.

34 RUSTY BURNS: You were going to talk about
35 that just a second.

36 BOB WALDREP: I'm not, I'm not so sure I
37 -- how about you talk about it and tell me what I was
38 supposed to say.

39 RUSTY BURNS: On Friday, Mr. Waldrep, the
40 mayor, the city manager, a member from the Anderson
41 County Municipal Association, representatives from the
42 Chamber of Commerce met to -- and the second part of
43 the meeting that was established with a majority of
44 council to conduct a dialog amongst all these groups
45 and that second meeting was held last Friday and it was
46 put into a regular rotation where it's going to occur
47 on a regular basis. Mr. Waldrep was there because Mr.
48 Moore had to attend the chairman of county council
49 meeting at Tri County Tech. But just to let you know
50 that that effort that y'all attended is still moving

1 forward.

2 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Mr. Burns, on that
3 note, there has been some issue about whether or not
4 we've had really meaningful meetings with the municipal
5 authorities and with the city of Anderson and that sort
6 of thing. And I just want to allay everyone's feelings
7 as far as this council's concerned. We are certainly
8 open to meeting with all the cities on different
9 issues. And we've got a lot of issues that affect the
10 county and the cities. And as the city residents
11 always remind us, they're county residents and they're
12 paying taxes to the city and they're paying taxes to
13 the county. So with that in mind, I really hope we can
14 move forward in our, in our relationships. And I think
15 we've got some agenda items, don't we, in particular
16 that we want to address first? And one thing of course
17 that we always talk about, you know, with the city of
18 Anderson is the water situation. They don't like to
19 talk about that. It's a very, very sensitive area that
20 we get into. But it's an area that we probably need to
21 at least talk about, you know. So I wanted to see a
22 kind of a list of priorities that would have taken
23 place. The last thing I was going to say, and I guess
24 I got side tracked in my thinking about this, but the
25 city of Anderson for example is going through a lot of
26 city rehabilitation and things of that nature. And I
27 think that this affects county residents as well in our
28 city that we try to do something about these areas that
29 have deteriorated so much. And there is a movement
30 that we -- I don't know that we have to so much -- put
31 so much money in but we need to communicate and with
32 grants and things of that nature and have a
33 collaborative effort. That was my point with all the
34 cities and the towns. And if we can collaborate and
35 focus on these things, we get so much more things done
36 because we've been a little fragmented out there. And
37 on that last note I wanted to say that as far as
38 economic development is concerned, Mr. Dunn has been
39 working on that along with many others. If we can get
40 focused like we're reorganizing, that will help us a
41 great deal. One stop shopping center for economic
42 development. And bring Boeing to Anderson. Thank you.

43 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

44 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In
45 regards to the travel I know we looked into what other
46 counties did and the approach that Charleston used was
47 a very interesting one. That is that their council
48 members travel it was -- you know, everything was okay
49 as far as South Carolina Association of Counties,
50 National Association of Counties, that was factored in.

1 But anything beyond that the majority of council voted
2 to approve. And in this case that would be four of
3 seven. The other thing regarding our economic
4 development, you know, we're in a terrible recession.
5 But the good thing about bad times is it makes you take
6 stock of what you have that's so important and
7 prioritize. And I'm feeling very encouraged with what
8 we're hearing and seeing around the state about
9 Anderson County now. And one of the issues that was
10 brought up at a recent meeting was the cool factors
11 about Anderson. And one of them -- and it was cold and
12 wet yesterday, wasn't it. Mr. Allen and Mr. Wilson. We
13 have so many awesome resources in this county and so
14 many resources that, you know, you don't really notice
15 until you're out in the middle of them. And yesterday
16 it was absolutely gorgeous. It was a blue bird day,
17 crystal blue, cobalt blue sky and most of the leaves
18 were down with a few of them still up. And going down
19 that river in that cool, crisp air. I saw a
20 kingfisher. I haven't seen a kingfisher in years. And
21 all the wood ducks going up. It was beautiful. And
22 that's one of the cool factors about Anderson. We've
23 got Lake Hartwell. We've got all these incredible
24 creeks and lakes. So many neat things about this
25 county. So many wonderful people. And it's really
26 exciting to see that even though times are tough, we're
27 pulling together. And that is great to be a part of
28 it. And coming up I think we'll have the municipal
29 association meeting in Pelzer/West Pelzer coming up.
30 We'll have a meeting -- a community meeting over there
31 prior to that particular function where we'll have
32 community input on some of the Saluda River issues and
33 parks and so forth. So anyway, things are looking up
34 even though times are tough. And it's -- what is it
35 when they say, when the going is tough, the tough get
36 going and that's what we're doing. Thanks.

37 EDDIE MOORE: I want to remind everybody
38 this weekend is the balloon festival -- Friday,
39 Saturday. So don't forget about that. And it's going
40 to be some fun. I think at last count I believe he
41 said it was twenty-seven balloons that will be here.
42 And also in Starr they have the fall festival this
43 weekend also. Right near the fire department at the
44 walking track. And they'll have a lot of vendors and
45 things there too. So a lot of stuff going on this
46 weekend in the county. I also wanted to cover -- this
47 past week we had a lunch with the chairman -- I had
48 lunch with the chairman of the Pickens County Council
49 and also the Oconee Council and I wanted to kind of
50 give y'all a report of that. This is just kind of a

1 non-formal meeting with the council chairmans just to
2 sit down and talk and discuss the counties. And every
3 county as close as we are, each one of us have unique
4 problems and, you know, it's kind of what do you do and
5 what we do and what works, what don't work. And it's
6 really good and I have really enjoyed it and got to be
7 real close with those guys. Pickens County and Oconee
8 County, those are good counties and I really have
9 enjoyed that an awful lot. And with Dr. Booth --
10 Ronnie Booth up at Tri County Tech has put this
11 together and we got up and we just have a ...

12 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

13 EDDIE MOORE: ... a gentleman that was
14 wanting the land to sell it. You know, let the council
15 bring it up before full council and discuss it. But
16 they have reaffirmed their vote. They really -- it's
17 really not a suitable location for any kind -- we had
18 talked at one time I think about a jail and stuff. But
19 it's really -- the location of it is not really
20 suitable for it. And that was discussed that, you
21 know, that for us to bring it up that their consensus
22 was to sell it. And that was really the only thing
23 that we discussed as far as any kind of items with the
24 county. But it's really good and I hope that it
25 continues on next year, whoever the new council
26 chairman is to continue that. I think it's real good
27 to do that. And I want to go ahead and hold the poster
28 up one more time. Don't forget our Veteran's Day. Ms.
29 Peace.

30 MS. PEACE: Thank you. May I clarify
31 one thing. My phone is ringing off the hook. At two
32 p.m. the patriotic procession will be at the Recreation
33 Center. You go first to the Recreation Center and we
34 will be collecting personal items to send to the troops
35 in Iraq and Afghanistan and there is no fee for anyone
36 to be in the parade. They will be accepting donations
37 and you can get a list from Angie as to where the
38 donations will be divided and then the parade will kick
39 off at three o'clock as it did in 2006 when I helped to
40 put that on. Also, I want to thank you, members of
41 council, for allowing me. I called Mr. Waldrep, I
42 think in July, and asked if we could restart the parade
43 since we had not been able to have one in 2007, 2008.
44 And personally, while I'm standing up here, I want to
45 say never have I worked with more cooperative people.
46 The administrator, Rusty Burns, Angie Stringer, who's
47 always been a dear to me. We had a good time out at my
48 house as we planned everything and got it all
49 straightened out, so we thought at the time, didn't we
50 Angie? But we got side tracked. And it has been so

1 nice to work with you. Also I would like to interject
2 that on Friday, Angie and I will be at Anderson
3 University for breakfast representing the county for
4 sponsoring this Veteran's Day parade for breakfast.
5 There's one veteran's thing that is taking place that
6 is open to all veterans that has not been announced
7 tonight and that is on the tenth at Westside High
8 School. Be there at 9:30. The Army ROTC group will
9 escort you back to the room and then there will be the
10 parade of the veterans. And if you've never been
11 before, I always feel so guilty as the grand coat
12 always makes me bring up the tail end of the parade to
13 represent the American Defenders of Bataan Rigador
14 since we've lost most of them. But he has me to do
15 that. Not in honor of just my husband who was on
16 Bataan but all who were the first troops to engage the
17 enemy in live combat in World War II before we went to
18 work with -- before we went to war with Europe five
19 hours after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Also
20 there's going to be one car with the chairman, the co-
21 chairman of council, and any of the rest of you council
22 people that will get in there with them. There is a
23 plaque, I think down in the Human Resource building,
24 that has chairman, co-chairman plaque to go on the car
25 and I'm sure Angie will know where that is. And thank
26 you for allowing me to break protocol.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Thank you very much, Ms.
28 Peace. We're really looking forward to that. With
29 that do I hear a motion to adjourn. Motion made to
30 adjourn. Do I have a second?

31 TOM ALLEN: Second.

32 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
33 right hand. We're adjourned.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, ANDERSON COUNTY

FROM: M. Cindy Wilson

DATE: Nov. 3, 2009

RE: Recusal from County Council participation due to potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety

Pursuant to Section 8-13-700, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, I am hereby giving notice of my abstention from the matter regarding the issue of acceptance of HAM Hammond Hall
into County Road System
as it appears before Anderson County Council on Nov 3, 2009

The potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety for which I am recusing myself and abstaining from participation is: Item 11(c)
An approximately 1999-2000 I acted as broker in the Developer's purchase of adjoining tract. This
(for example: a personal or financial interest in the matter in question; a conflict or appearance of impropriety due to business or other relationships with one or more of the parties involved; and so forth).

This document is to be filed as a matter of public record, and is to be included with the official minutes of the County Council meeting at which the matter in question was brought before Anderson County Council.

particular developer only partly paid the agreed upon commission. Respectfully submitted,
As such there would be a conflict of interest for me to participate
M. Cindy Wilson
in discussion or a vote on this item.



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Exhibit A - 11/17/09

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Called Meeting – November 10, 2009 - 3:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep – District #1
Gracie S. Floyd – District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4
Tommy Dunn – District #5
Ron Wilson - District #6 (arrived at 3:10)
M. Cindy Wilson – District #7
Mike Pitts, County Attorney
Rusty Burns – Interim Administrator
Linda N. Eddleman – Clerk to Council

Chairman Eddie Moore called the meeting to order and then he gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Chairman Moore announced that County Council lost their honorary County Council member; Brantley Jordan. A special presentation for him is scheduled for Tuesday.

Chairman Moore moved to accept and authorize the release to the public, County Council members and news media of the report done by Mr. Bob Daniel. Mr. Waldrep seconded and vote was six in favor and one absent (Mr. Wilson).

Ms. Wilson said that she had not seen the report and was eager to see it and study it. She said it was important that citizens are given a copy and that a copy be placed on the County website so that the public would have full access to it.

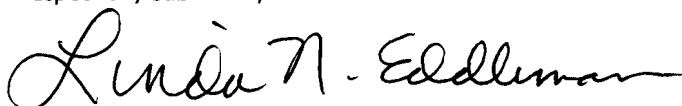
Mr. Waldrep thanked members of Council and the public for their patience in going through the process. The particular report is labeled as Exhibit A and B and it may not be complete at this time. He thanked Mr. Bob Daniel for his hard work and he said hopefully it would be beneficial to everyone as to the operation of Anderson County.

Mr. Tommy Dunn also thanked Mr. Daniel and staff for all their hard work. He said he would reserve further comments until the report is read.

Ms. Floyd asked when Council would get the report now or after the meeting has been adjourned. Chairman Moore explained that they would be given out after adjournment. She said that in today's paper, the Chairman was quoted as saying that Mr. Daniel works directly for them. She wondered if "them" meant "Nexsen Pruet". She asked who was bringing the report to Council. Mr. Burns stated that the report was being presented under the auspices of Nexsen Pruet as part of the investigation but the physical presentation was not a presentation of the report. She also said that the paper said that Mr. Daniel worked directly for Nexsen Pruet and she thought that he worked directly for Council. Chairman Moore said that you couldn't believe everything that you read in the paper. Mr. Burns said that he was working under the guidance of Nexsen Pruet and he was a county employee. Mr. Mike Pitts said that it was Mr. Daniel's report and he had worked with Nexsen Pruet but not for Nexsen Pruet putting the report together.

Mr. Allen also thanked Mr. Daniel for his hard work. There being no further business, Mr. Dunn moved to adjourn and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, Anderson County Council Clerk

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Called Meeting - November 12, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

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PRESENT

Chairman Eddie Moore, Presiding
Bob Waldrep - District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Vice Chairman Tom Allen - District #4
Tommy Dunn - District #5
M. Cindy Wilson - District #7
Rusty Burns - Interim Administrator
Mike Pitts, County Attorney
Linda N. Eddleman - Clerk to Council

ABSENT

Ron Wilson - District #6

Chairman Eddie Moore called the meeting to order and Ms. Wilson asked everyone to join her in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Waldrep moved to enter executive session at 2:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing and reviewing claims that the County might be involved in with a severance agreement that was previously signed by the County and former administration with Mr. Joey R. Preston. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was six in favor, none opposed (Mr. Wilson absent). Mr. Mike Pitts stated that attorneys representing the Wyche Burgess Law Firm would be providing their legal analysis. Ms. Floyd asked which attorneys were present and Mr. Pitts informed Council that Mr. Frank Holliman, Mr. Ted Gentry, and Mr. Carl Muller were all here. They were employed in early September to provide analysis and legal research on these claims.

Mr. Dunn moved to return from executive session and re-enter regular session at 3:40 p.m.; Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Waldrep reminded the audience that no action was taken in executive session. He then moved to employ the services of Wyche Burgess Law Firm for the purpose of reviewing and taking appropriate legal action - the rescission of the contract with Joey R. Preston. Mr. Dunn seconded motion. Ms. Floyd questioned if the motion was to employ the said firm. Chairman Moore said yes. Floyd also inquired if members of Council wished to ask further questions of the law firm and if the County is fully prepared to hire them. Mr. Allen stated that the decision was to act to hire and to accept the legal advice of the firm. Chairman Moore confirmed Mr. Allen's statement.

Ms. Floyd suggested that Council consider how advantageous this action would be for the taxpayers of Anderson County and also see if the County could afford such a task at the amount quoted. She asked the Council if this motion should not be discussed more in depth as the County has already spent a quarter of a million dollars for an investigation that has yet to be completed and is still incurring costs. "There is a possibility that the County will have more law suits and there are law suits books now that the County will have to settle," Floyd said. She then questioned how much more

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – November 17, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

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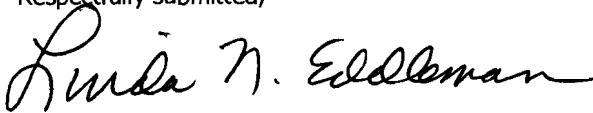
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A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Eddleman, CCC
Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)

County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 EDDIE MOORE: ... 17th is called to order.
2 I would now -- like to now ask each and every one of
3 you to please stand. We're going to have a moment of
4 silence for Mr. Jordan.

5 MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF MR. BRANTLEY JORDAN

6 EDDIE MOORE: We'll now have the
7 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Council member
8 Tommy Dunn.

9 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOMMY DUNN

10 EDDIE MOORE: Ladies and gentlemen, I hope
11 y'all came out to the Veterans Parade this weekend. It
12 was an overwhelming success and we were thankful for
13 everyone that participated and helped us out and we had
14 a lot of volunteers and just an outstanding,
15 outstanding event. And we just -- I think everybody
16 enjoyed it and I've never had so many people come up
17 and thank us for it and we're just so happy to be a
18 part of it. And right now I want to really bring
19 someone up that is really an outstanding citizen in
20 this county and I'm just so happy to recognize her
21 tonight. And she was a big part of this event. She
22 helped us to organize it. And she just did so much for
23 us in this event and she means so much to the
24 community. I think most everybody here will agree.
25 Ladies and gentlemen, please, I want you to stand up
26 and give a big round of applause to Ms. Elizabeth
27 Peace. And Ms. Peace, would you please come forward.

28 APPLAUSE

29 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Peace, Bob was
30 jealous. What a great event. That was really fun. I
31 think everybody had so much fun. It was nice riding in
32 some of those old cars. And Bob had the fastest one.
33 We put him in the first, so ... We have a couple of
34 announcements too. We are privileged to have something
35 that's going to happen next April. And I'm going to
36 give these to all the council members. We have an
37 event coming to -- and I want to try to get Mr. Burns,
38 if you would, get this scanned in to the website. We
39 have an event coming up next April and it's going to
40 really, really be some fun. We're having the first
41 South Carolina -- well, I think they've had it before,
42 but this will be the first time it's ever been held up
43 in the Upstate in many, many years. We're going to
44 have the South Carolina State Chili Cook-off. And it
45 will be for your family. It'll be April the 17th, 2010
46 and Superior Engineering, Clemson Downs, and a lot of
47 -- the Belton Area Museum Association, the Center for
48 the Arts, the Interfaith Ministry Association of
49 Belton, it does a lot of community assistance with
50 those in need. It's basically a -- it's a great event

1 we're going to have. It will be the first time and
2 we're going to -- hopefully everybody will maybe get
3 their churches or if you've got some 401C(3)'s that you
4 know of to make some money up. It's going to be a
5 great event. And it's going to be here in the Upstate.
6 I think most of the time it's been held around
7 Charleston, the lower part of the state. And I can't
8 ever remember it being held in this area. It might
9 have been, but I don't remember. And it's a pretty
10 good event. It's a big event. And it's recognized by
11 the International Chili Society. And the winners will
12 go to the national competition, I think it's out in New
13 Mexico. And it's going to be a great event. So we'll
14 scan it and put it on the website. And if you've got
15 some churches or something that want to get involved
16 with it. It really will be a great event. We're
17 really looking forward for it coming up in this area.
18 It'll bring a lot of people to the area. So we're
19 really, really looking forward to that. Ms. Floyd.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: I also have an announcement.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I wanted to
23 announce again about the census. There are jobs
24 available for those of you who may be interested in
25 doing some work in the census. Again I have the
26 practice test that you can get to take home with you to
27 practice what to do. Please keep in mind that this is
28 an important count for Anderson County as we do get
29 money from the federal government based on the number
30 of people we have. Please keep in mind also that we
31 were under counted at the last census. We were forty-
32 ninth. From one being the top, the best count in the
33 nation to fifty. We were forty-ninth. South Carolina
34 was forty-ninth behind Alaska. Folks, we can do better
35 than that. And there is something new coming to
36 Anderson that you're going to be hearing about pretty
37 soon. It's something that's going to be really good
38 and we're hoping that it's going to tie us in to
39 Charleston so that we can get some of those jobs down
40 there. I'm really excited about it and -- but you'll
41 be hearing more about it soon. And Mr., Mr. Chairman,
42 I appreciate that. And with that I do not have -- I
43 would like to remove number 19 because I have done my
44 News You Can Use. Thank you.

45 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We'll now go to Item
46 5, Approval of Minutes. Do we have any changes to the
47 minutes?

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Except for number 19, Mr.
49 Chairman, I ask that you -- that be removed now since I
50 have finished my announcements.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. I have a motion of
2 minutes. Do we have a second?

3 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All in favor raise
5 your right hand. Unanimous. Minutes are approved. We
6 now go to Citizen's Comments, Agenda Matters.

7 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first
8 citizen signed up to speak is Leslie White.

9 LESLIE WHITE: Good evening, council. I
10 just would like to make one quick statement and that is
11 that the news that I could use would be to know if
12 there were any minutes from the secret meetings held in
13 Greenwood with the previous council and if so, could
14 those minutes be produced? Thank you.

15 MIKE PITTS: Next is Charles Crowe.

16 CHARLES CROWE: Mr. Chairman, I'm Charles
17 Crowe from the Five Forks Community. I wanted to speak
18 on two items on the agenda tonight. Number one is Item
19 Number 10(c) on the litter. There's not anybody in the
20 county more concerned about litter control, especially
21 than those of us that live on Manse Jolly Road, since
22 y'all fixing to put us a new dump station there. We
23 figure there'll be a good, a good bit of litter
24 scattered out from people going to it. However, this
25 bit about the cover. That's the most ridiculous thing
26 I've ever heard. I'm sure you have proficient enough
27 litter control people that all you need on the
28 ordinance is litter control and if people litter the
29 highways they receive a citation. And so, you know,
30 whether it's controlled -- covered by a lid, covered in
31 a bag with it tied. Whatever. That's covered. I
32 don't know why you need to have the net or the tarp or
33 any of that kind of stuff over it. Because I have
34 followed big trucks down the road with the tarps on top
35 and it was blowing trash out both sides of it. Okay.
36 The second thing I'd like to say is I'd like to -- it's
37 number 12(b). I'd like to commend the lady from
38 Council District Two for showing some concern in trying
39 to save the taxpayers of Anderson County money. Since
40 I'm a member of the Anderson County Taxpayer's
41 Association, we appreciate that. But I would hope that
42 council is not so naive that you would cut this thing
43 so close that there may be some reason you need to
44 travel out of town. And even as tight as those of us
45 in the taxpayer's association is, we've got sense
46 enough to know that there are some times that you have
47 to make those trips and those things. We just wish
48 she'd been that concerned about taxes for the last ten
49 years and the savings for those last ten years. So
50 thank you very much.

1 MIKE PITTS: Elizabeth Fant.

2 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
3 Three, Belton. I, too, am speaking on the News You Can
4 Use. I would like to speak on the news that's in the
5 paper today. Folks, we have an epidemic that's going
6 on and it's not the swine flu. I think what we have is
7 an epidemic of the prostitution of the United States.
8 Prostitution meaning everything in the world that is
9 criminal instead of everything in the world that is
10 good. If you look at today's paper you're going to see
11 that there is everything in there about drugs,
12 perverts, thieves and murderers and I would like to
13 just read some of the headlines. Who will save the
14 shelter. Talking about that. Animals are no longer --
15 their quality of life is no longer important. It's all
16 money that counts. Man pleads and avoids prison in
17 Greenville for killing somebody by going eight hundred
18 yards in his car at eighty-five miles an hour and over
19 an embankment, hits the house, kills a man and is
20 drinking. Indicted. Council -- Clemson city council
21 member submits a letter of resignation for false
22 document. Honea Path Rescue Board takes voluntary
23 suspension for somebody using the county credit cards
24 illegally. Former county council candidate has sued
25 the county and that's because of all this corruption.
26 Man dies of accident injuries after arrest in stabbing.
27 Two men rob the Citgo station on South Murray Avenue.
28 Hartwell Mayor-elect faces a DUI charge. Man goes on
29 trial in the killing of a pawn shop operator. New York
30 searchers find the missing body of the five year old
31 girl who supposedly was put into slave trade by her
32 mother. That's all in today's paper. Now you tell me
33 that the morals of the United States are not in the
34 sewer. This county council that's on now, the five new
35 members that are holding the line, it's not only about
36 justice, it's about keeping the morals high. And if
37 there are people at home that don't understand this and
38 they think there's a lot of money being spent for a
39 frivolous thing. It's not.

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

41 ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you.

42 MIKE PITTS: Rick Freemantle.

43 RICK FREEMANTLE: Evening, Mr. Chairman. Rick
44 Freemantle from the White Plains precinct. I guess
45 I'll pick on the News You Can Use also. You know, a
46 year ago we watched a great injustice take place in
47 this room. For me personally it's a very sorrowful
48 anniversary. A year ago twenty-five jobs meant
49 nothing. They were thrown out the window. Last week
50 during one of your called meetings there was much made

1 about those same twenty-five jobs. I find it rather
2 disturbing in the economy we're in right now to think
3 about those twenty-five people who may be losing their
4 homes right now, who may have been able to keep food on
5 the table, maybe have some medical coverage through the
6 county, and be able to make a better life for their
7 families. It meant nothing a year ago. We're going to
8 be talking about travel and things of that nature here
9 tonight. A year makes a big difference. The people of
10 this county stood up. They said they had had enough.
11 We now have five individuals on this council and as Ms.
12 Fant points out, the jobs you're doing are much bigger
13 than yourselves and I don't have to lecture you. I've
14 watched all of you in action. I know that you're aware
15 of that. It gives me great pleasure to know that each
16 and every one of you in the image of the founding
17 fathers, they would be proud of all of you. You have
18 truly put your honor on the table for everyone to see.
19 You have put your livelihood at risk to serve almost
20 two hundred thousand people in this county. You are to
21 be commended for the shame, the torture, and the
22 outright ridiculous trash you have had to put up with
23 this past year. I'm proud to know all five of you.
24 One last note. It's very sad that the veterans from
25 District Two and District Six, apparently their
26 representatives were too busy to be there and honor them
27 this weekend for the sacrifice that they gave to each
28 and every one of us so that we could sit in this room
29 tonight and run our mouths. Thank you very much.

30 MIKE PITTS: Jean Pruitt.
31 JEAN PRUITT: Mr. Chairman, Council women
32 -- council people and the audience and the people in TV
33 land. I'd like to speak too on News You Can Use. News
34 You Can Use. I would like to comment on this item.
35 The county employees that really have a real job and
36 work hard, I challenge you to look in the information
37 that was brought out in the investigation and find out
38 who got all the big raises, post them on every bulletin
39 board you can find, and I am sure that there will be a
40 lot of people mad and surprised. I know about what a
41 merit raise is. I worked in a plant that gave merit
42 raises to the hardest worker and the employees were not
43 allowed to socialize with any supervisors. If they
44 were, they were fired. If so, they were fired. And
45 news -- I would like to say something to the citizens
46 of Anderson too about the money being spent on all
47 these lawsuits. You really don't know what's going on.
48 You probably don't even know who your councilman is.
49 You need to get out of the house and find out what's
50 going on. We've got people coming in here filing

1 lawsuits against our new county council people that are
2 trying to find out where your money's going. It's our
3 tax money. Your tax money. And they're filing
4 lawsuits and complaining about the lawsuits and how
5 much money is being spent. Get a life. Just get out
6 and find out what's going on. And news that I could
7 use, I would like to ask Councilman Number Two. I read
8 in Anderson Independent this morning about a meeting in
9 Greenwood. I would like to ask Councilwoman Two if she
10 attended and if there were any minutes? Thank you.

11 MIKE PITTS: Steve Pope.

12 STEVE POPE: Steve Pope, District One,
13 Bellview Estates. Briefly I'm just going to discuss
14 the Ordinance 27 dealing with the litter control.
15 Several years back when we were discussing this, I
16 raised the, I raised the objection that why should a
17 tarp cover be needed if all your litter is covered in a
18 bag, sealed up, weighed down, tied down so there's no
19 way it could fly out and plus when you carry it in the
20 back bed of a pickup truck it does not extend over the
21 bed. Needless to say, you know, my suggestion was not
22 -- was more or less ignored and we went ahead and put
23 the tarp ordinance back into effect. And I tell you
24 when I was trying to transport what I worried about
25 most was the tarp flying off because it was hard to
26 really secure it and most of the time it would fly up
27 and I'd have part of a tarp flying back in the wind,
28 but my trash load didn't go anywhere. That's all.
29 Thank you.

30 MIKE PITTS: Dan Horner. Do I have that
31 right? Sorry about that.

32 DAN HARVELL: Mr. Chairman and members of
33 council. I have deliberately stayed away from this
34 microphone for quite a few months now because after all
35 the work that so many people did to replace the face of
36 this majority of council it was your job to do your
37 job. I must say that you have done your job in a very
38 admirable way and many, many thousands of people in
39 Anderson County appreciate that. We understand that
40 you've had much more thrown at you than we even thought
41 would occur up to this point, but I think you have, you
42 have performed under fire very well. The opposition
43 has done everything they can to muddy the water to
44 convolute what you all are trying to do to bring this
45 government into the shape that it needs to be in to
46 actually make us number one in the state in
47 transparency, number one in the state in county -- in a
48 county government that others around the state could
49 emulate. We thank you for that. The other thing I
50 wanted to say is I anticipated that in the news you

1 could use that the councilwoman from District Two would
2 bring up once again something that she's being crying
3 wolf about that you do not need to be that concerned
4 about. It concerns Act 3272. I understand the
5 position of the Association of Counties on this, but I
6 have full faith that this will be dealt with by the
7 General Assembly. It will not be a knee jerk reaction.
8 It's not going to cost the county millions and millions
9 and millions and millions of dollars. This will be
10 fixed in a timely manner. And I have faith in our
11 legislators in Columbia to deal with this. So don't
12 worry yourself about that to the extent that you were,
13 that you were warned. We all know that the Association
14 of Counties exists only through the benevolence of the
15 counties that make up the membership. And, of course,
16 for them to proliferate their cause they need more
17 money from each county. So it's only a natural
18 assumption that they would want as many taxes collected
19 as possibly could be. So just keep that in mind and I
20 can fill you in on a lot of details concerning the
21 property tax situation that will be discussed in
22 Columbia this coming session if you'd like to talk to
23 me about it. Thank you very much and thank you for
24 your good work.

25 MIKE PITTS: That's everyone.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 7
27 on the agenda. Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. It is my
29 privilege today to welcome Major General Herbert Newton
30 to Anderson County. I cannot tell you enough about
31 this man so before he starts I would like to ask Tommy
32 Thompson please to come up. Mr. Thompson, I know I'm
33 putting you on the spot, but I would like for you to
34 introduce this Major General Herbert Newton and the --
35 where -- is it general -- General Newton? Okay. I am
36 District Two just in case you were wondering. Okay.
37 Mr. Thompson.

38 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Yes, ma'am.

39 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, ma'am. You have put me
40 on the spot because I -- I'm very privileged to be able
41 to introduce Major General Newton to you and to
42 Anderson County. He is going to be here. He has come
43 through the ranks as a soldier and as a member of the
44 South Carolina National Guard. There's very few states
45 that have two two star generals in their -- within
46 their state. He is a real soldier and a soldier's
47 soldier. Most states in the National Guard, they're
48 Adjutant General are the only two stars that we have.
49 But he has such an important command that he ranks as
50 two. And with that I think that as he goes through his

1 briefing you'll understand a little bit about who he
2 is, what he does, and who he commands. And I thank you
3 for calling me up and giving me this privilege. Thank
4 you.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you for accepting.

6 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Thank you,
7 Councilman Floyd. Thank you, Tommy. Mr. Chairman,
8 Members of council. I appreciate the opportunity to be
9 here tonight to just give you a brief synopsis of what
10 we're doing, a little bit of the Guard in South
11 Carolina, a lot of the Guard in Anderson and the
12 surrounding area. The Three Sixty-third Army Air
13 Missile Defense Command is one of three AAMDC's in the
14 inventory. Two are active duty, one is in the National
15 Guard. This is an overview of kind of what we do and I
16 will talk about the Guard in South Carolina, command
17 structure, and our mission. South Carolina National
18 Guard's commission is to provide combat ready units to
19 the Army and Air Force. We do that. We're number
20 seven in the nation in mobilization. But our -- that
21 second bullet there -- the second bullet is the most
22 important I think. Is that we provide planning,
23 coordination, and military capabilities to respond to
24 state emergencies. This is the division for the South
25 Carolina National Guard. Community based organization.
26 Supporting communities. Provide a relevant, trained
27 force structure. Again, that bottom bullet. We're
28 ready to meet the needs of this nation and state.
29 Trained and properly equipped to enforce it. The
30 National Guard has four hundred and two state
31 employees. Eleven hundred and two federal. Eight
32 hundred and thirty-five active guard reserves. Between
33 the Army Guard and the Air Guard we've got eleven
34 thousand three hundred fifty-six traditional soldiers.
35 Annual payroll is a Hundred Seventy-Nine Million.
36 Multiply that by two and a half which is about what the
37 turnover is and you can see kind of the impact that we
38 have on the state. We've got sixty-nine armories
39 across South Carolina. In Oconee County right now this
40 is the Three Sixty-Third's area, we've got three
41 million turnover. Pickens eight million. Greenville
42 twelve million. Anderson is thirty-three million.
43 That's payroll Optipo (phonics). Optipo is one of the
44 things we have going on. We've got classes going on
45 right now for the second of Three Sixty-third Anderson
46 facility doing their M Day training before they
47 mobilize in January. A little bit about what we did
48 last year in the National Guard. Had seven hundred
49 members deployed to Iraqi Freedom. Forty members of
50 this community were in Washington, D.C. providing

1 command and control peace for the national capital
2 regions integrated air defense system. Charleston
3 Readiness Center came online. The Anderson Readiness
4 Center came online. And we got the Clemson Reserve
5 Center maintenance facility up. Command Structure.
6 In the Anderson Armory we've got forty-six full time
7 staff and the Second Three Sixty-third is there now.
8 They have twelve full time staff. They've got a
9 recruiting and sustain facility there that's got three
10 full time staff. We've got one of three military ID
11 card facilities in the state. We did over twenty-eight
12 hundred last year. We'll go over three thousand this
13 year. And that's not just for the National Guards.
14 That's for regular Army, retirees that all come to this
15 area. That's a benefit that we provide to those
16 retirees so they don't have to travel. Folks in the
17 Seneca Armory and Easley Armory and the Clemson Armory
18 are all the same. They're all batteries. The old
19 reserve center we're going to put a full time
20 maintenance staff there and a command maintenance
21 facility for the brigade. This is a little background
22 for the Homeland Defense mission. I was mobilized for
23 Desert Storm in '90. I was mobilized in 2002 Homeland
24 Defense. I commanded the 218 Infantry Brigade at that
25 time. We had the first soldiers on duty in the
26 airports to provide security. Two years after that we
27 provided security at every Army and Air Force base east
28 of the Mississippi River. Defense of the homeland
29 according to the President of the United States,
30 President Obama and before him President Bush, is the
31 number one priority in the nation. That bottom bullet
32 says the United States Army designates the Two Sixty-
33 Third AAMDC as the Army Air Missile Defense Command
34 responsible to U.S. Army North NORAD Northcom U.S. Army
35 air defense operations to include the national capital
36 region of the integrated air defense system. We took
37 over that mission in 2002. This Two Sixty-Third Army
38 Air Missile Defense Command Mission statement. We
39 serve as supporting command to Army North. We all
40 serve with two hats. In that second paragraph I'm the
41 TAAMD Coord. That's the Theater Army Air Missile
42 Defense Coordinator for Army North. The third one, we
43 are deputy area air defense commander for NORAD
44 Northcom in the continental United States. We train
45 and certify and validate. I personally sign the
46 written statement that says that the next unit to go
47 into the national capital region is trained and ready
48 to assume that mission. We supervise and coordinate
49 all of that from here in Anderson. Again we've got our
50 state mission. This is NORAD and Northcom's line

1 chart. You can see the commander of NORAD and the
2 commander of Northcom are one and the same. Most folks
3 in this scenario wear two hats. North -- NORAD's staff
4 are mostly Canadian. The Northcom staff are Americans
5 generally. Most are dual hatted. I'm dual hatted in
6 both NORAD and Northcom as a TAAMD Coord for Army North
7 and the DACY for the air defense region C fact. See
8 those lines. The same in Northcom's command.
9 Northcom's mission is one of homeland missile defense.
10 NORAD's is their sovereignty. But the Two Sixty-Third
11 is right in the mix. Right here in Anderson. These
12 are some of the units we've worked with - the United
13 States Strategic Command, the National Guard Bureau,
14 Forces Command, First Army, Basic Missile Defense
15 Command. And the Two Sixty-Third Army Air Missile
16 Defense Command is the supporting unit to Army North,
17 Conrad -- Thomas NORAD Region, Fleet Forces Command,
18 NORAD and Northcom. Start on the bottom right. That's
19 the Northcom's area of operation. Two Sixty-Third
20 AAMDC is the AAMDC North America. Some of our mission
21 stats is we've got the National Capital Region
22 Integrated Air Defense Mission as I said. That's a
23 joint mission with the Air Force, the Coast Guard,
24 numerous government agencies. Responsible for doing
25 the training for all the five different states for all
26 the soldier's who assumed that mission. We're working
27 on a short notice Army Air Defense capability now
28 anywhere in the United States. That will be trained
29 and housed in Anderson, South Carolina. The Second
30 Battalion's mission -- it kind of mirrors ours. 2005
31 consecutive Two Sixty-Third mobilize and execute the
32 national capital region mission. 2010 they're going to
33 do that mission again. As part of a national level
34 exercise soldiers from Anderson, Seneca, Easley and
35 Clemson deployed to Oregon. We did a proof of concept
36 with that deployable IADs piece that I just mentioned
37 Fort Nanoose mission. Summer the Two Sixty-Third Army
38 Air Missile Defense Command and the Second Two Sixty-
39 Third have current development and critical condition
40 for executing missions that are unique for the National
41 Guard. We have National Guard soldiers in Anderson and
42 surrounding areas to be guarding the President of the
43 United States in our nation's capitol, the very pillars
44 of democracy. These soldiers have brought great pride
45 to the state of South Carolina. If you have any
46 questions, I'll be glad to answer them at this time.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

48 BOB WALDREP: General Newton, I really
49 appreciate your presence here, particularly in
50 Anderson. And I was hoping that we might have the

1 opportunity for our council to visit the facility here.
2 Is that a possibility?

3 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Yes, sir. It's
4 a very real possibility.

5 BOB WALDREP: Okay. I would just ask that
6 our administrator make arrangements that we have a
7 chance to go out and visit the facility. I understand
8 it's a fascinating experience and with all the
9 activities and all the gear and stuff that you have out
10 there that you might be able to some limited degree let
11 us know what you're doing out there.

12 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Yes, sir.

13 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

14 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: We're just
15 happy to do that. Mr. Burns can coordinate with ??
16 here and we'll get that laid on.

17 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Thank you.

18 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Major General
20 Newton, I just want to tell you how proud and pleased I
21 am that you've taken this time out of your schedule to
22 come talk with us. I have been privileged to have
23 already been out there. And when I think of what
24 almost happened, it just turns my stomach. I know that
25 we have a facility here -- right here in our midst that
26 is wanted desperately all over this nation. But yet we
27 have it. And I just want to, I want to thank you. I
28 want you to know that we're going to do all we can to
29 be good stewards of your, of your being here and good
30 neighbors to you. Okay. If this -- if I can ever
31 serve you, please do not hesitate to call on me. I'm
32 proud that you are here.

33 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Thank you,
34 ma'am.

35 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

36 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

37 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. It was exciting
38 to take a tour out there a few weeks ago and learn what
39 you did and it's an incredible service to our country
40 that you provide. And I agree with Ms. Floyd, this
41 county stood ready if your deal didn't work through out
42 where you are currently to offer you a site at the
43 airport. So we were not about to let you go. Thank
44 you so much.

45 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Yes, ma'am.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? I would like
47 to thank you also, General Newton, for coming and
48 sharing with us your vision. We really appreciate
49 y'all's hard work and being here in our county.

50 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Thank you, Mr.

1 Chairman. If I could, I've got a short video about
2 three or four minutes that I'd like to show that will
3 tie in with just what I did.

4 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

6 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: And again I
7 appreciate the opportunity to be here and thank y'all
8 for having me. Thank you.

9 PLAYED VIDEO

10 MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT NEWTON: Thank you.
11 Thank you.

12 APPLAUSE

13 EDDIE MOORE: That was great. We really
14 appreciate you coming and being with us tonight. We
15 now go to Item 8 on the agenda. Ms. Floyd.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. This is the part
17 that I really, really enjoy. The second part that I
18 really, really enjoyed of Anderson County. I'm going
19 to ask all the Young Marines and their parents and
20 their sponsors to please come down to the front with
21 me. (Unable to hear beginning)... but when they got
22 there and they learned that other people (unable to
23 hear). I have a resolution honoring them and also
24 honoring this -- also proclaiming November as the
25 Anderson County Young Marines month.

26 Whereas, the Anderson County Young Marines,
27 the local chapter of the United States Young Marines is
28 a youth education and service program for boys and
29 girls that focuses on promoting the mental, moral and
30 physical development of its members, including
31 character building, leadership, and encouraging a
32 healthy, drug free lifestyle; and

33 Whereas, the Young Marines in the official
34 youth program of the United States Marine Corp and is
35 open to youth ages eight through high school completion
36 who are in good standing in their schools; and

37 Whereas, the Young Marines began with one unit
38 in 1958 and has grown to more than two hundred and
39 forty units with a membership of ten thousand youths in
40 forty-six states, the District of Columbia, Germany,
41 Japan, and affiliates in other countries; and

42 Whereas, the Young Marine units are community
43 based program led by more than three thousand dedicated
44 and caring adult volunteers, many of whom are former,
45 retired, active duty, or reserve marines. Anderson
46 County Youth Marines came to the rescue twice during
47 the 2009 Veterans Day ceremonies. Seamlessly stepping
48 in with no notice to admirably and flawlessly fulfill
49 the duties of color guard at the memorial ceremony on
50 November the 7th;

1 Whereas, the leader of the -- the leaders of
2 the Anderson County Young Marines deserve recognition
3 and honor for their proven efforts to instill within
4 these youth the inner values of honor, courage,
5 diligence, and commitment.

6 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
7 Anderson County Council, the Anderson County Council
8 wishes to honor the Anderson County Young Marines and
9 its leadership for dedicated -- for dedicated and
10 exemplary services to the county and ...

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12 GRACIE FLOYD: ... Terry Chapman and other
13 volunteers have truly made a lasting, positive impact
14 on the future of Anderson County youth which will reap
15 results for years to come. We honor you and the youth
16 under your charge who exemplify the motto of the United
17 States Marine Corp "Always Faithful" by proclaiming
18 November as Young Marine Month.

19 This proclamation shall take effect and be in
20 force immediately upon enactment.

21 I want to thank each of you, Mr. Chapman.
22 (Cannot hear).

23 TERRY CHAPMAN: First I want to thank Ms.
24 Floyd, County Council, Mr. Burns, and all those that
25 worked for the parade. Angie Stringer. Sweetheart
26 there. And to ask us and we counted it an honor to
27 participate in honoring our veterans. Like she said,
28 it's a group -- boys, girls ages eight, eighteen or
29 finished school first that we try to instill
30 commitment, honor, and courage through a drug free
31 country. Through having respect for themselves and as
32 well as others and take pride in what they do. And
33 it's sort of hard to say -- Mr. Ellenburg, who had been
34 a leader for years and around, he's following other
35 avenues now so it's Commander Chapman now instead
36 Executive Officer. Which I just got sprung on me last
37 week. But I couldn't do it -- like I say these guys
38 and gals are the greatest. Mr. Joe Radford, my
39 training officer, and Annette Lang and Tina Scott. You
40 still hiding over there. Yeah. She's over on ...
41 Working with these kids because we don't, we don't put
42 our kids with just anybody. You can ask Ms. Floyd.
43 They called her and asked her about me. They called
44 the Sheriff at that time, Crenshaw, and asked him about
45 me. They called my pastor. They follow up on who has
46 got your kids. And because we have one lady with us
47 tonight. We had to have a lady with us. We don't
48 stick our young girls with men. And we don't stick our
49 young boys with women. We make sure that, that there's
50 a female and a male there and they're in good standing.

1 The kids don't just have to be, our leaders do. And we
2 appreciate what help we've got from, like I say Ms.
3 Floyd and Ms. Stringer, the County Council, the backing
4 they got -- that they give us. And of course we're
5 going to be asking for some more because none of these
6 guys work yet. So we don't have no money. We are a
7 501(3)(c) and we do have fund raisers and different
8 things and we do take them to Paris Island. If you
9 don't believe me, ask them. They knew they was in a
10 world of hurt when we turned them over to the drill
11 sergeants down there. And the ones that didn't cry out
12 then when they come down that fifty foot wall, they
13 done good. But we teach them. They're certified in
14 search training. They're county response emergency
15 team trained. They're boating trained. They took the
16 boating class, which my son says now I can drive your
17 boat without you. I says that don't give you that much
18 permission. But he's able. First aid. They go
19 through rifle training. They go through a lot of
20 things, but we still try to keep them as kids. They're
21 not Marines. And that's the reason I took them out. I
22 want to apologize to the council for disrupting. I
23 usually don't leave, but I don't subject my kids to
24 back door politics and we protect them any way we can.
25 But we thank this County Council, we thank Ms. Floyd,
26 we thank Mr. Burns, all of you, for the help. And Ms.
27 Angie Stinger, anytime you want to use us, just give me
28 a call. Thank you.

29 APPLAUSE

30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd's resolution is on
31 the floor. Do I have a second?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Now vote. All in favor
34 raise your right hand. Unanimous. Now go to Item 9.
35 Mr. Dunn.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 The resolution supporting the PC -- PCB funding for the
38 Water Educational Environmental Center, Green Pond
39 Project, and the Brown Road Project, and all other
40 matters related to thereto.

41 Whereas, the Lake Hartwell Natural Resources
42 Trustees initiated work to acquire a settlement for
43 natural resources injuries to Lake Hartwell associated
44 with the PCB contamination; and

45 Whereas, finding of the Trustees indicated two
46 major areas of natural resource injury. Ecological
47 injury, especially to Twelve Mile Creek and the
48 recreational fishery injury of Lake Hartwell; and

49 Whereas, a settlement of the Tumlowburger
50 Technology Corporation was achieved in 2006 resulting

1 in approval of a consent decree in Federal Court on May
2 30, 2006; and

3 Whereas, the ecological injury is being
4 addressed by removal of two woodside dams and
5 associated stream restoration. Funding for biological
6 monitoring of dam removal and additional stream
7 restoration projects at the end watershed; and

8 Whereas, the Lake Hartwell Natural Resources
9 Trustees are now addressing the recreational fishery
10 injury proposals to use remaining funds for the injury
11 to Lake Hartwell's recreational fishery by creating
12 opportunities for the public generally to harvest fish
13 that are not subject to fish consumption advisories
14 currently in place for Lake Hartwell, and Twelve Mile
15 Creek enhanced for recreational fishing of Lake
16 Hartwell, Twelve Mile Creek and the surrounding area,
17 and to implement projects designed to improve the
18 habitat and natural resources with the Twelve Mile
19 Creek corridor; and

20 Whereas, the Natural Resource Trustees have
21 identified projects that comply with the criteria set
22 forth in the consent decree meets State Fishery
23 Management's objectives and satisfy public interest;
24 and

25 Whereas, the Anderson County Council believes
26 the Water Educational Environmental Center, the Green
27 Pond Project, and Brown Road project will satisfy the
28 goals of the Lake Hartwell Natural Resource Trustees;
29 and

30 Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the
31 Anderson County Council, the Anderson County Council
32 supports the PCB funding for the Water Educational
33 Center, the Green Pond project, and the Brown Road
34 project. We believe if these projects are allocated
35 the funding will best fulfill the mission of the
36 natural resources.

37 Mr. Chairman, it's a great honor and pride
38 that I bring this resolution before council tonight for
39 adoption to send through to get these projects. It
40 would be great for Anderson County. Either one of
41 them. Hopefully we can get them all. But if we can
42 get one -- either one of these would be great for
43 Anderson County.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion on the floor.
45 Do I have a second?

46 BOB WALDREP: Second.

47 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second on it.
48 Any discussion on this?

49 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

1 BOB WALDREP: Just a couple of things that
2 -- I understand that these projects, particularly one
3 that was brought to my attention by our county
4 recreational department, the Green Pond project which
5 is -- would be the expansion on Hartwell Lake of
6 boating facilities out there as I understand it. And
7 that this would put Anderson County in a position of
8 taking on some of the fishing tournaments that come
9 here. It'd be a great economic engine and everybody's
10 very excited about that. Of course the other
11 facilities are very important too. The idea of the
12 Brown Road project is an excellent one that will
13 improve that facility for use and for family I guess --
14 I think that's more or less of a family facility for
15 fishing there. But the last question that I had was
16 the amount of funds that would be available. Do we
17 have any idea how much money will be generated, Mr.
18 Burns, from ...

19 RUSTY BURNS: There's approximately Ten
20 Million Dollars. But we're interested in and we have
21 already made the list on two of these projects. Not
22 the final list. This is a list that's up for
23 discussion is the Green Pond project. And off the top
24 of my head I believe that would be a Three Million
25 Dollar allocation. Again, this is off the top of my
26 head. And Brown Road would be approximately a Million.
27 If I'm off, I'll correct those numbers. But the
28 project on Brown Road would be partially a board walk
29 and make the area accessible not only for fishing but
30 recreation. As you pointed out on Green Pond, that
31 would allow us to have a mega ramp with amenities that
32 go with that and would allow us to attract national
33 fishing tournaments and other activities. Plus open up
34 the access to the lake. The last project, the Water
35 Resource Education Center. That group has worked
36 tirelessly. They already have land leased from the
37 Corp of Engineers and that would be not only an
38 educational facility that would benefit everybody in
39 Anderson County, but we believe that it would be a
40 national tourist draw. Bringing people right here
41 right off of 85 adjacent to the Anderson Water
42 Treatment Plant. So, like you said, Mr. Waldrep, if
43 we've got one, we're happy; two, we happier; and three,
44 we're ecstatic.

45 BOB WALDREP: Well, one thing just on the
46 history basis, I wanted folks to know that we had gone
47 through the tribulation of the famous Apple Island
48 project some time back. And you know, there was a
49 great deal of discussion about that because Anderson
50 County did not have a mega boat ramp. And I think we

1 probably would be getting some help from the Department
2 of Natural Resources as well for this.

3 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

4 BOB WALDREP: That would be kicking in.

5 It would not be an expense to the Anderson County
6 taxpayers except for maintenance. We always say except
7 for maintenance somewhat. But nevertheless I just
8 wanted council to be aware of the significance of these
9 projects. And do we have any drawings available? Are
10 they ...

11 RUSTY BURNS: We have drawings. And as a
12 matter of fact tonight we made available the Civic
13 Center for a public hearing for the upstate area.
14 That's going on and began at six o'clock. And the
15 reason it's going the same time we're here because they
16 had to pick the date. So they chose that date. But
17 all of the projects are on exhibit at the Civic Center
18 tonight. I don't know how long that will last. If we
19 get out at a reasonable time it would be well worth
20 anyone's time to go out there and look at the drawings
21 and the proposals on all of the projects.

22 BOB WALDREP: I move we adjourn.

23 Nevertheless, it would be a good thing for us to go out
24 there if we can possibly do that. Thank you.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else?

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

27 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Just so we understand, there
29 are other projects in addition to the named projects on
30 this resolution that are under consideration too. Is
31 that correct?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Throughout, you
33 know, the Pickens area and Oconee area of -- they're
34 asking for their piece of the pie too. But like Mr.
35 Burns said, we have -- two of these projects have made
36 the list. Cutting down. And that's what the meeting's
37 about tonight. It's a shame to have it at the same
38 time, but maybe our meeting will get over and if
39 their's is still on, it would be very important. But
40 this is the third project -- or the first one
41 mentioned, the educational water park is the Honea Path
42 park. It's in with the water resources. It's a great,
43 one of a kind project. I don't know of another one
44 around no where close if there's any one around. It
45 would be great for Anderson County. Any of these
46 projects would. And I yield back the floor to Ms.
47 Wilson.

48 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. But by our
49 supporting this it wouldn't preclude other projects
50 from being considered? Okay. Thanks.

1 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? We now vote.
2 All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed.
3 Abstained. Let it be shown everyone voted yes except
4 Ms. Floyd. She abstained. We now go to 10(a),
5 Ordinance amending Section 55-31 of the Anderson County
6 Code. This is a public hearing. Public hearing is now
7 open.

8 STEVE POPE: Good evening again. Steve
9 Pope, District One, Bellview Estates. Looking at
10 Ordinance 2009-30 there are several issues in here that
11 still need to be addressed. In Section (a) where you
12 have the statement, "It is the policy of Anderson
13 County to reimburse reasonable and necessary expenses
14 actually incurred by all individuals traveling for
15 Anderson County", you really need to add the phrase,
16 "For the purpose of." And when you incur expenses do
17 be very diligent and watchful. Document everything.
18 Maybe as far as the approval, you may need to think
19 about re-wording some of the matrix for who approves
20 what. Advances. Those should be made only in terms of
21 financial hardship. And once again documentation as to
22 reason why you need an advance. One of the expenses
23 that we also need to watch are the meal expenses. And
24 care should be taken when you're eating meals on county
25 dollars. Back to once again everything needs to be
26 documented. Not just to simply say, you know, you ate
27 at the Olive Garden and spent this much. Please
28 document what you ordered. And also while you're doing
29 business in the county you should not be allowed to
30 have any type of meal allowance or a credit card you ??
31 within the county. One of things county members get is
32 you do get a stipend for your services. And so use
33 that. Use some of your stipend money that you get
34 rather that this because there are a lot of people
35 right now in this county, given the current economic
36 situation, who are hurting and who would like to be
37 able to have that kind of benefit to be able to get,
38 you know, I'm on county business, I think I'd just like
39 to get a meal on the county. And if you're working
40 like -- if you're going to have like a working lunch
41 and it's going to be county people, once again let the
42 department pay for it. County individual members don't
43 get it. Just have the thing catered in. Have
44 sandwiches or whatever brought something in. As for
45 lodging, I think you may need to consider changing that
46 from where you have fifty miles, change it to about a
47 hundred and twenty. Because I know if I can go down to
48 Columbia and watch South Carolina play football, go
49 leave Anderson about nine o'clock in the morning, go to
50 the game, sit there all through it, get out of the game

1 by seven, get home by nine thirty, I know y'all can do
2 it -- y'all should be able to do it too. Fifty miles
3 is far too short. That's almost like just from here to
4 Spartanburg. So you should really have no overnight
5 allowance for something that short. And one thing we
6 also need to watch out for is, you should -- the county
7 should not be paying any participation expenses for
8 attending sporting events. If you want to attend,
9 attend on your own dollar. Not mine. And everything
10 -- with everything we've tried to do, one thing is you
11 have to do is you need to have documentation. And it
12 needs to be very specific so we can track and watch
13 where all these dollars are going. Basically you need
14 to also in you're documentation show what was the
15 reason, where was it, who was in attendance, how much
16 did you spend, what did you spend it on, and once
17 again, everything documented with receipts as proof of
18 the expense. If we don't keep -- start keeping track
19 of our expenses, we could find ourselves back where we
20 were before because I had a chance to look through the
21 great big black book and go through some of the credit
22 card expenses. And a lot of these I found, I found
23 somewhat, although legal, I found questionable. Thank
24 you.

25 RICK FREEMANTLE: Good evening again, Mr.
26 Chairman. At the risk of being a bore, I think I do
27 have a little something I'd like to say about this.
28 Much has been made in the past couple of weeks about
29 two particular trips that were taken a while back. One
30 to Canada I understand and one to China. The question
31 that comes to my mind, if you look at the definition of
32 embezzlement, if you are given a certain chunk of money
33 from a government agency and it's supposed to be used
34 for a government function, project, trip, what have
35 you, that's where that money's supposed to go. The
36 definition of embezzlement, if the individual holding
37 that money takes and uses that money for anything else
38 other than what it was designed for. Whether they
39 intend to pay the money back or not, the very basic
40 description of embezzlement, that meets it. What I'd
41 like to see -- I don't know how stringent you're going
42 to be on your rules. I hope you're going to be very
43 stringent. Knowing all of you I'm comfortable that you
44 will be. But what I'd like you to do is maybe have a
45 little bit of an educational program for the county
46 employees who may find themselves in a situation where
47 monies will go to them for certain governmental
48 practices so they understand fully that if they get the
49 notion that, um, I've got a big check coming I can --
50 need a couple of mortgage payments paid. I can just

1 shift the money. No one will know. I'll pay it back.
2 They need to know that that is not a good practice.
3 After all I trust that we pay our county employees very
4 well. They have medical. They have health care. They
5 have no reason to be using that money for anything
6 other than what it's given to them for. Further I
7 would hope that in the future we don't give anyone a
8 check or cash or anything in the amounts of Three
9 Thousand Dollars or Five Thousand Dollars or anything
10 like that. I would hope that we take care of their
11 plans ahead of time. That it's all pre-paid so all
12 they have to be worried about is getting on the plane,
13 going and doing their business, and coming back and
14 reporting to us what a good time they had. So they
15 won't have to be faced with these choices; do I use
16 this money for this and pay it back or do I -- you
17 know, just do what I'm supposed to do. Use it for what
18 it was given to me to begin with, period, and nothing
19 else. Thank you.

20 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District
21 Three. I agree that if somebody gets an advance any
22 excess over the cost should be refunded. If somebody
23 gets a Two Thousand Dollar check for a trip and the
24 expenses incurred are only Fifteen Hundred, that other
25 Five Hundred is due back. It is not an automatic thing
26 that if you get an advance that that's money to keep.
27 The second thing is there should be a two week limit on
28 reconciliation of bills at the max. You finish a trip,
29 get your receipts in order, document everything that
30 needs to be on the receipts. It comes into the county,
31 it's checked then by the finance department, not six
32 months later. Reconciled and who owes who is done
33 right then. If it's not done in two weeks, give two
34 more weeks to get it straight by the parties' finance
35 and whatever and then if it's not straight and you
36 still are out money, you lose that money. And any
37 public or professional thing that I did when I took a
38 trip, I paid for it myself. Then when I came back I
39 would be reimbursed. But there wouldn't be any of this
40 delay like it's been. Thank you.

41 LESLIE WHITE: Council, I'd just like to
42 say thank you for tackling this because obviously it's
43 been an issue here. And you know, those of us that are
44 in private business it only makes good business sense
45 that we have some controls, some checks and balances on
46 travel expenses that are company related or, in this
47 case, county related. The only other thing I would say
48 is that I would also like to see that there be some
49 rules as mentioned here earlier about a time frame to
50 reconcile those through the finance department. That

1 both employees and the finance department both be given
2 time frames within which that has to be reconciled so
3 that we are not finding ourselves again in a situation
4 where seven or eight or nine months out from an advance
5 we still don't have those records reconciled. So thank
6 you very much.

7 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Seeing none,
8 hearing none the public hearing is now closed.

9 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, if I might.
10 Yeah. Just to let folks know there is a ten day -- ten
11 working day reconciliation period in this. So there's
12 a time limit on it. I have a question that was brought
13 up regarding the fifty mile radius. Is that also -- is
14 that the way it's worded in the GSA guidelines or is
15 that something we determine? Does anybody know?

16 EDDIE MOORE: Before we get into
17 discussion we need to, we need to get it ...

18 TOM ALLEN: Okay.

19 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a motion to adopt?
20 Do I have a second?

21 BOB WALDREP: Second.

22 EDDIE MOORE: We're now in discussion.

23 Mr. Allen.

24 TOM ALLEN: All right. I got so excited
25 I jumped the gun. Does anybody know if -- Mr. Pitts or
26 finance, anybody know if that's -- is that GSA guidance
27 or ... Okay. I was just curious. That was all I had.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

29 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

30 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: It would have seemed, after
32 reviewing the personnel policy and employee handbook
33 and ordinances that we've had previous to this that
34 they were more than adequate. But they were routinely
35 ignored and at every level it was really bad. I do
36 appreciate the hard work that went into this by staff
37 and council members. I do have one quick question. I
38 believe Mr. Pope, who was the first speaker, said
39 something about putting for the purpose of and I didn't
40 quite understand that. Is that something that we need
41 to adjust the language on? I think it was right after,
42 it is the policy of Anderson County to reimburse any
43 reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by
44 all individuals traveling for Anderson County. I
45 didn't quite understand that. For the purpose of the
46 travel. Okay.

47 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Mr. Waldrep.

48 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, when we went
49 through this some questions that were raised a couple
50 of years ago when I was trying to do some inquiry into

1 credit card and travel experience -- expenses, I ran
2 into an administrative interpretation that I did not
3 quite understand. And I just want to make sure that
4 this ordinance would cover everyone. I was told that
5 there was two separate categories of expenses and
6 travel. And that in the area of, for example, economic
7 development that that was different in some way. That
8 was not covered. I just wanted to make sure that we're
9 covering everybody with an equal hand here. Is there
10 any question about that, Mr. Pitts, do you think that
11 we would have a ...

12 MIKE PITTS: I believe that the policy as
13 drafted applies across the board.

14 BOB WALDREP: Okay. That was my only
15 question. Thank you.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question please.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts.

19 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: On the second page, the part
21 (b), Approval. It was deleted for the council member,
22 chairman and vice president -- vice chairman. That was
23 -- all it says is deleted. Council member, chairman,
24 and vice president. The part that was put in is
25 underlined. Am I correct?

26 MIKE PITTS: Yes, ma'am.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Isn't that the same
28 thing we've been doing in the past? Each council
29 member receiving a set amount?

30 MIKE PITTS: That's my understanding.
31 Yes, ma'am.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

33 EDDIE MOORE: One other thing I wanted to
34 ask too on this thing. Mr. Burns, this might be
35 something for you. Do the council members see
36 reimbursement in excess including travel expenses
37 chargeable to the general accounts other than the
38 council. So can -- how is that handled if they go to
39 another account or something? That's what I'm getting
40 at.

41 RUSTY BURNS: There could be some
42 exceptions along those lines, but I'll be happy to get
43 you the absolute precise answer.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. All right.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: I do have one more question.

46 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Pitts, is there anything
48 in this document that would prevent a council person
49 from filing, from filing, let's say, for six months
50 periods of time?

1 MIKE PITTS: I'm not sure I understand
2 your question. When you say filing for six months?
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Not for -- do we have
4 to file monthly with this? Do you have anything in
5 here that indicates that the council people must file
6 monthly?
7 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe so. It's
8 just you get reimbursed. You know, you take your trip,
9 you come back, and you get reimbursed.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. What
11 about, what about in -- we've had two council people on
12 this, on this council that did not apply at all and
13 then came back and asked for money for years past. Is
14 there anything in this document that would put a stop
15 to that?
16 MIKE PITTS: I don't believe that's
17 addressed in there. No, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? All right.
20 We'll now vote. All in favor of moving this raise your
21 right hand. Unanimous. Now go to Item (b), 2009-32,
22 Ordinance authorizing pursuant to Chapter 44, Title 12,
23 South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the
24 execution and delivery of fee agreement by and between
25 Anderson County, South Carolina and BMW Manufacturing
26 Company, LLC and to other, to other matters relating
27 thereto. Public hearing. The public hearing is now
28 open.
29 CHARLES CROWE: Mr. Chairman, Charles Crowe,
30 Five Forks Community. I'm fixing to mess up again so
31 is the Sheriff here to protect everybody including me?
32 I'm fixing to ask a question again. I hope it don't
33 last forty-five minutes. The answer don't last forty-
34 five minutes and all these people throw stuff at me
35 when I leave.
36 EDDIE MOORE: I've got my throat lozenge.
37 I'm ready to read.
38 CHARLES CROWE: I might skip that question
39 then. Now I dare say there's many people in the
40 audience like myself that don't understand this fee in
41 lieu of. What we as citizens and taxpayers of the
42 community are going to receive because of this fee in
43 lieu of. And what -- in other words what does the
44 county, what does the county expect to receive? How
45 much is this fee in lieu of? What's -- what are we
46 losing by giving the fee in lieu of? How much are we
47 losing? And I'm also curious as to what part number
48 two of this ordinance is. In other words you've got
49 number one what it is. But it's got number two and all
50 it says is other matters related thereto. Are y'all

1 presenting an ordinance that you can't speak freely
2 with the public? In other words there's nothing about
3 real estate or anything of that nature? Could we find
4 out what those two locations are? But I am going to be
5 brave and ask that question. Can anybody explain and
6 preferably not the -- not the council chairman, but
7 could anybody else answer that question in less --
8 we'll give them three minutes like y'all give us. So
9 go ahead and tell us about this fee in lieu of because
10 I guarantee you if you'd ask for a show of hands that
11 there's very few people in here understand exactly how
12 that works. I certainly don't.

13 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

14 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Wilson.

15 CINDY WILSON: Our state constitution where
16 it addresses tax assessments, our residential is four
17 percent, commercial is six percent, industrial is ten
18 and a half percent. And the fee in lieu of taxes was a
19 way to make us competitive with other states that don't
20 have ten and a half percent, and still be able to have
21 some tax return to the citizens and yet have the
22 ability to attract industry. In other words, all the
23 other states that don't have fee in lieu of taxes
24 already have their tax by their state constitution very
25 competitive. We wouldn't be competitive at all. We
26 wouldn't be able to attract much industry here. And if
27 I've messed up I'm sure our ---

28 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Rozakos, would you like
29 to elaborate and maybe fill in some blanks there.

30 SHAE ROZAKOS: Good evening. I'm Shae
31 Rozakos. I'm the existing industries manager with the
32 Anderson County office of economic development. I
33 believe that I can address at least a couple of Mr.
34 Crowe's questions. These ...

35 EDDIE MOORE: Talk into the mike, Shae, so
36 people can hear. Thank you.

37 SHAE ROZAKOS: The specific investment that
38 this fee in lieu of tax pertains to is a 2.5 Million
39 Dollar commitment by BMW Manufacturing Company, LLC to
40 invest at least 2.5 Million Dollars in personal
41 property in Anderson County. That will be taxable in
42 Anderson County. These specific locations where this
43 personal property will be located is two of their six
44 Anderson County suppliers. They are specifically
45 Energy Automotive and Mergon, both of which are on Old
46 Pearman Dairy Road. And BMW has forty suppliers in
47 South Carolina and in order for South Carolina's
48 existing industries to be competitive with those other
49 suppliers and also other BMW suppliers that are located
50 around the country and around the world that is the

1 reason that we are extending this fee in lieu of tax to
2 them for their personal property, their machinery and
3 equipment that are located at their supplier companies
4 in the county.

5 CHARLES CROWE: Since she answered my
6 question I appreciate that. And I personally -- it
7 doesn't -- I don't have any objections with giving a --
8 what is it average is about a four percent -- is that
9 what you, you know, four percent? I think we're
10 getting our monies worth - well worth. And so I hope
11 you don't take this as I was speaking in opposition to
12 it. I just wanted everybody to be able to understand
13 it. Thanks a lot.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else? Seeing
15 none, hearing none, the public hearing is now closed.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

17 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

18 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt
19 this.

20 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made to adopt. Do I
21 have a second?

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
24 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
25 Unanimous. Now go to 2009-27, Ordinance amending
26 Chapter 42 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances
27 pertaining to the securing of litter while being
28 transported and matters relating thereto. And there is
29 a note that the public hearing will be held on the
30 third reading. Is that correct?

31 CINDY WILSON: That's what I was informed
32 by our council clerk.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Wilson.

34 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you. Just a
35 quick history of this proposed ordinance which is
36 Ordinance 2009-027. The first reading presentation by
37 title only September 15, 2009 was withdrawn from the
38 agenda at meeting time with the statement that first
39 reading would be held on October 6th. First reading
40 was approved October 6th, 2009. Vote was five to one.
41 An ordinance was -- this ordinance was put on hold
42 until committee meetings and discussions. The
43 recycling committee meetings held on October 16, 2009
44 and November 6, 2009. Another meeting is scheduled for
45 November 20th. Please note that the public hearing
46 will have to be on third reading because this ordinance
47 was held up and the required amount of time between
48 publication and the second reading was not adequate. I
49 think our state law or ordinance laws requires a
50 fifteen day advance publication. Our second readings

1 will be held tonight and I'll read this ordinance as
2 it's proposed.

3 Whereas, Anderson County, South Carolina, a
4 body politic and corporate and political subdivision of
5 the State of South Carolina, acting by and through the
6 Anderson County Council, previously adopted a certain
7 ordinance codified in Section 146, Chapter 42 of the
8 Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina,
9 providing for the securing and covering of litter loads
10 while being transported within the corporate limits of
11 Anderson County; and

12 Whereas, Anderson -- whereas, County Council
13 desires to amend Sections 42-146 (b) and (c) in order
14 to make it clear that a tarp or other form of cover is
15 not necessary, provided the load is otherwise properly
16 secured in such a manner so as to prevent litter on
17 public and private proper;

18 Now, therefore, be it ordained by County
19 Council in meeting duly assembled that:

20 1. Section 42-146(b) of the Anderson County
21 Code of Ordinances entitled, "Responsibility for Loose
22 Material on Property in Vehicles" is hereby amended in
23 order to delete that subsection in its entirety and
24 replace it with the following:

25 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person
26 to transport any loose materials by truck or other
27 motor vehicle in motion within the corporate limits of
28 the county unless the material is covered or otherwise
29 secured in such a manner as to prevent litter on public
30 and private property.

31 2. Section 42-146(c) of the Anderson Code
32 of Ordinances entitled, "Responsibility for Loose
33 Material on Property in Vehicles" is hereby amended in
34 order to replace the word "and" with "or" in the first
35 sentence of that subsection. Section 42-146(c) of the
36 Anderson Code of -- County Code of Ordinances entitled,
37 "Responsibility for Loose Material and Property in
38 Vehicles" is hereby amended in order to delete the
39 second and third sentences of that subsection in their
40 entirety. The remaining terms and provisions of
41 Anderson County Code of Ordinances not revised or
42 affected hereby remain in full force and effect.
43 Should any part of the provision of this ordinance be
44 deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court
45 of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not
46 affect the rest and remainder of this ordinance, all of
47 which is hereby deemed separable. All ordinances,
48 orders, resolutions, and actions of Anderson County
49 Council inconsistent herewith or to the extent of such
50 inconsistency only hereby repealed, revoked and

1 rescinded.

2 7. Following the third reading and
3 enactment by Anderson County Council this ordinance
4 shall take effect January 1, 2010 and expire December
5 31, 2010, unless extended by duly authorized action of
6 County Council.

7 And I'm placing this in the form of a motion
8 please.

9 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion made. Do I
10 have a second?

11 TOM ALLEN: Second.

12 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. We're
13 now in discussion.

14 CINDY WILSON: Just to kind of give
15 everybody an update, we will have another meeting
16 November 20th. The goal of our committee is zero
17 litter in Anderson County. And this is just a measure
18 to be put in place and see if that will work. We've
19 had a great attendance to these meetings and a lot of
20 input from county staff and citizens and so forth. And
21 I just hope that this will help remedy our situation
22 and put the focus on catching the litterers. Thank
23 you.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

25 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I just had one
26 question here about the Item 7 that speaks to this
27 extension of the ordinance to December 31, 2010 and it
28 says the ordinance shall take effect and will expire on
29 December 31, 2010. I'm just thinking about the next
30 council. I guess that would be coming up before the
31 next council to do that. And I was just hesitant to
32 have them deal with this issue again. I was just
33 thinking about people that are coming after us. Is
34 there some reason that we put that expiration in there?

35 CINDY WILSON: Well, this was a suggestion
36 of one of the attendees to the meetings. The effort is
37 that this may be a work in progress to clean this
38 county up and we may determine that another ordinance
39 in place of this would be more effective. I'll do
40 whatever ---

41 BOB WALDREP: No. I just -- I'm not being
42 critical. I'm just thinking about the fact that this
43 is -- always seems to be such a rather difficult deal
44 to deal with and I was just think about every year for
45 it to come up again.

46 CINDY WILSON: Your point is well taken.

47 BOB WALDREP: That's all I have.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

50 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

1 TOMMY DUNN: If I could I'd just like to
2 ask Ms. Wilson. I might have missed it. Ms. Wilson,
3 on this handout we got on -- at the bottom it will say
4 in the ordinance -- it's got a -- I didn't follow you a
5 while ago and I apologize. Plastic or paper trash bags
6 are not considered secured. That will be written into
7 it, right?

8 CINDY WILSON: It's basically already
9 covered in there, but there was a suggestion that we
10 amend and add that loose plastic or paper trash bags
11 are not considered secured. I think we've been trying
12 to make this airtight and clear and enforceable, so if
13 you would like to we could make that amendment.

14 TOMMY DUNN: I'm just asking a question
15 and I do think it needs to be made, you know, made
16 plain. I know that's a concern of folks. And I do
17 know, you know, trash bags will blow out of the back of
18 a truck if they're just sitting there, so that should
19 be plain. And too I do know like the gentleman --
20 somebody said a while ago it is very difficult,
21 especially some of these newer vehicles, to tie down a
22 tarp tight ?? sometimes I've gotten behind them and --
23 but I -- just some concerns. And I plan on I guess
24 moving this forward tonight. But I'll hold reservation
25 for the third reading to see how it comes. I'd still
26 like to do a little bit of -- hear a little bit about
27 it. Maybe make your committee meeting the 20th
28 hopefully and get a little bit more information, some
29 input from some more folks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

30 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Now vote. All
31 in favor raise your right hand. All opposed. Let it
32 be shown Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Dunn,
33 Mr. Waldrep and Ms. Wilson voted yes. Ms. Floyd voted
34 no. We now go to 11, Ordinance's first reading. We're
35 going to take a five minute break and we'll come back
36 to the Ordinance 11. We're going to take a five --
37 short five minute break.

38 BREAK

39 END OF TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO

40 EDDIE MOORE: ... previously amended by
41 Ordinance 99-029, 2000-063, 2001-014, 2001-046, 2002-
42 017, 2002-036, 2003-022, 2003-047, 2003-051, 2003-053
43 and 054, 2004-004 and 044, 047, 048, 2005-032, 043,
44 2006-027, 2007-007, 2008-024 and 054, relating to the
45 Industrial Business Park of Anderson and Greenville
46 Counties so as to enlarge the park. Ms. Rozakos.

47 SHAE ROZAKOS: Good evening, Chairman
48 Moore, council members. Again I'm Shae Rozakos. I'm
49 the existing industries Manager with the Anderson
50 County Office of Economic Development. Shamara, while

1 a new name to many, is one of Anderson County's
2 existing industries. In 2005 Anderson County entered
3 into a fee in lieu agreement with Tech Fab, LLC. In
4 2008 Tech Fab change its name to Shamara North America,
5 LLC. The language of the 2005 fee in lieu agreement
6 specified investment at one geographic location, South
7 Murray Avenue, for inclusion in the Industrial Business
8 Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties and Shamara
9 now operates out of two locations in Anderson. This
10 Ordinance 2009-033 allows new investment made at their
11 location at 305 Commerce Boulevard to receive the
12 benefits of the fee in lieu of tax going forward.
13 Shamara North America, LLC, a construction and
14 composite reinforcement materials manufacturer in
15 Anderson is in the process of expanding its composites
16 reinforcement unit. Shamara North America currently
17 has eighty-two employees and has invested approximately
18 Twenty-five Million Dollars in its Anderson County
19 operations. This new commitment will result in at
20 least an additional Five Million Dollars investment in
21 new equipment and infrastructure improvements with the
22 creation of approximately fifteen new permanent
23 positions. In the 2005 fee in lieu agreement the
24 company agreed to invest Five Million Dollars by
25 December 31st of 2010. If this threshold was met, as
26 it has been, the investment period was automatically
27 extended ending December 31st of 2015. They were
28 granted a six percent assessment rate. The Office of
29 Economic Development has reviewed these documents and
30 recommends positive consideration of this ordinance.

31 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman.

33 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Dunn.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I make the motion we adopt

35 this.

36 CINDY WILSON: Second.

37 EDDIE MOORE: Motion made to adopt and
38 second. We're now in discussion. Any discussion? All
39 in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. Go to
40 2009-034, Ordinance authorizing the execution and
41 delivery of the first amendment of that certain second
42 amended and restated Lease Agreement between Associated
43 Fuel Pump Systems Corporation, Robert Bosch, LLC, and
44 Anderson County to extend the deadline by which AFCO
45 must make certain required investment pursuant to
46 provisions of South Carolina Code Annotated, Section 4-
47 29-67 (1976), as amended; (2) other matters related
48 thereto. Okay.

49 SHAE ROZAKOS: Under Ordinance 2008-051
50 which was approved November 18th of 2008, Anderson

1 County Council approved incorporating AFCO Associated
2 Fuel Pump Systems into the super fee in lieu of tax
3 granted to Robert Bosch, LLC. This was in
4 consideration of the Forty-eight Million Dollars
5 capital investment which is planned during the
6 retooling of the AFCO facility. The existing
7 production lines and their products are entire -- are
8 slated to be entirely phased out by 2013. So the
9 current total current capital investment in the AFCO
10 facility here exceeds One Hundred and Eighteen Million
11 Dollars. Tonight's action, Ordinance 2009-034,
12 concerns extending the investment period allowed to
13 AFCO under this agreement. The downturn in the economy
14 required adjustments to the company's project schedule.
15 AFCO still intends to reach the full investment
16 commitment, Forty-Eight Million Dollars, but has asked
17 that council extend the investment period to December
18 31st, 2016 from December 31st of 2013. This will allow
19 them to move forward with their current business
20 planning.

21 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

22 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

23 EDDIE MOORE: Make a motion.

24 BOB WALDREP: I just had a question.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. And we can get my

26 second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

28 EDDIE MOORE: Got a second. Now we're in
29 discussion. Mr. Waldrep.

30 BOB WALDREP: I just had a question with
31 the companies. Have they -- they have changed their
32 name you say to -- okay. So Pump Systems. I know it's
33 out there with Bosch. They're a creature of Bosch.
34 It's the same ...

35 SHAE ROZAKOS: Robert Bosch owns fifty-one
36 percent of ---

37 BOB WALDREP: Fifty-one percent.

38 SHAE ROZAKOS: -- of Associated Fuel Pump
39 Systems which goes by the name of AFCO, A-F-C-O.

40 BOB WALDREP: And they have represented
41 that they intend to make this investment through, is
42 that 2016, did you say?

43 SHAE ROZAKOS: Yes. Those dates ---

44 BOB WALDREP: It's now 2013 is what you're
45 saying.

46 SHAE ROZAKOS: Yes.

47 BOB WALDREP: So they need that three year
48 period.

49 SHAE ROZAKOS: They are just trying to
50 match up the time frames for all of the different

1 incentives and programs that were tied to this
2 particular expansion project so that they all coincide.

3 BOB WALDREP: And the total investment
4 will be how much?

5 SHAE ROZAKOS: The total investment for
6 this specific project is Forty-eight Million Dollars.
7 That is in addition to the One Hundred and Eighteen
8 Million Dollars that AFCO has already invested in
9 Anderson.

10 BOB WALDREP: Okay. All right. Then that
11 also gets back to the six percent -- it will be at six
12 percent?

13 SHAE ROZAKOS: No, sir. This is in --
14 incorporated into the Robert Bosch super fee. The
15 super fee is at a four percent ---

16 BOB WALDREP: Four percent.

17 SHAE ROZAKOS: -- assessment rate. With
18 the Robert Bosch super fee, Robert Bosch did also have
19 a negotiated SSRC, but we specifically structured the
20 language as it pertains to AFCO, that AFCO will not
21 receive the SSRC benefit. They only get the four
22 percent assessment rate.

23 BOB WALDREP: Okay.

24 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else?

25 BOB WALDREP: That's all.

26 EDDIE MOORE: We now vote. All in favor
27 raise your right hand. Unanimous. We now go to
28 Resolutions 12(a).

29 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, point of
30 order.

31 EDDIE MOORE: What's your point of order?

32 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
33 bring back off of the table Ordinance Number 2009-021
34 which was the ordinance to consolidate certain
35 departments of the Anderson Public Safety Division
36 under the office of the Sheriff that was tabled back on
37 the 15th of September. I'd like to make a motion to do
38 that.

39 EDDIE MOORE: Motion on the floor to
40 untable. Do I have a second?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

42 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. We're now
43 in discussion.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.
45 Point of order. We need to vote on that getting it off
46 the table first. I think that's ---

47 EDDIE MOORE: I question this, doing this.
48 I'm going to say it from a point, I think we should
49 have had this on the agenda. And I think it's an
50 important matter and I think it should have been on the

1 agenda. However, we will vote on it, on taking it off
2 the table, but I think you're wrong. All in favor
3 raise your right hand. Okay. It's off the table.
4 Okay.

5 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chairman.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Allen.

7 TOM ALLEN: Yes. I checked with
8 numerous people and the word I was given was that since
9 this had been tabled we could bring it back off and it
10 did not have to be noted on the agenda because it had
11 been tabled previously. That's the reading I got. But
12 Robert's Rules of Order and so on is a, is a mystifying
13 booklet, I will say that. I just feel that we need to
14 move ahead with this. We've been discussing this for
15 some ten months now and I think -- this is simply a
16 first reading. And I think we need to move on this one
17 way or the other, whichever way it goes. We're looking
18 at the safety department, the animal control and litter
19 control. Animal and litter control have to stay as
20 part of county business. That can't be contracted out.
21 It is conceivable that safety could be contracted out.
22 But I -- whichever way we go with this, whatever
23 numbers anyone has, and I have some numbers here, I do
24 think we need to move forward with it.

25 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Anyone else? Okay.

26 BOB WALDREP: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just
27 -- I know it's kind of somewhat of a surprise to some
28 people with regard to the untabling at this time since
29 it wasn't on the agenda. But there will be a public
30 hearing on this as I understand it. They've got two
31 more readings, so one of these would have to be public
32 hearing. Is that correct? So that will afford
33 everybody an opportunity between now and -- let's see,
34 is this going to be -- we've got one more meeting in
35 December? Just one meeting I think normally. We just
36 -- isn't that correct? Or do we meet more than once in
37 December?

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. We usually have
39 two meetings. There are two meetings scheduled for
40 December, but council always vote during the first
41 meeting of December whether or not to hold the second
42 meeting. Sometimes we have done it and sometimes we
43 have not.

44 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

45 BOB WALDREP: Okay. Well, having said
46 that, that'll give everybody I think ample opportunity
47 to start looking at this situation. Thank you.

48 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? Okay. All in
49 favor raise your right hand. Ms. Floyd. We're voting
50 on moving this ordinance for first reading to the

1 second reading.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: On approving this on first
3 reading. That's what it is? Approving?
4 EDDIE MOORE: Right.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
6 EDDIE MOORE: All in favor raise your
7 right hand. All opposed. Abstain. Let it be some Mr.
8 Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Waldrep
9 voted yes. Mr. Moore voted no. Ms. Wilson abstained.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
11 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to say that I
13 voted on this on the first reading so we could move it
14 along. But I reserve the right to change my votes on
15 second and third reading. Thank you.
16 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Always something to say.
18 EDDIE MOORE: Yeah. And I'll say that the
19 only reason I opposed, I just like to see things on the
20 agenda where people, you know, know what's going on.
21 We'll now go to Resolutions 12(a), 2009-079, resolution
22 authorizing and supporting the application of Anderson
23 County for all available federal or state grants for
24 which matching county grant funds have previously been
25 made available of Anderson County Council to Anderson
26 County Operating and Capital Budget or for which
27 matching funds are not required, committing such
28 previously budgeted matching funds as required by any
29 such grant, authorizing the receipt and expenditure of
30 such grant funds, and other matters related thereto.
31 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, this is more
32 of a housekeeping item than it is anything else. This
33 is just a blanket resolution authorizing the county to
34 apply for all available state and federal grant money
35 provided that any match that's required or -- excuse me
36 provided that either there's no match required or that
37 the match required has already been budgeted for. This
38 is something I believe the county does every year.
39 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, I make the
41 motion we adopt.
42 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Motion made to adopt.
43 Do I have a second?
44 TOM ALLEN: Second.
45 EDDIE MOORE: We have us a second. Any
46 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
47 Unanimous. Now go to Resolution 2009-080, resolution
48 to suspend county reimbursement for travel expenses of
49 County Council members for the remainder of 2009-2010
50 budget year and matters related thereto. Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you. It
2 appeared at first that it was such a big deal about
3 travel expenses that the first thing we heard about was
4 that it may -- it was going to be approved by the
5 county chair and the assistant county, and I could not
6 understand this. I mean, why did it need to be
7 approved? So my thought was since we were having
8 problems with this and since we have spent so much
9 money this year on, on lawsuits and the ---
10 EDDIE MOORE: Everybody hold it down
11 please.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Let the record show that
13 again I have been heckled by the audience. Anyway that
14 if we needed to we could just suspend, we could just
15 suspend the travel expenses. I understand that there
16 are only two people on council right now who are
17 getting travel expenses. And if these two people
18 would, would suspend it that's fine. But since the
19 travel thing has been done and it's pretty good, I
20 don't see a threat or anything in there, Mr. Pitts, may
21 I just withdraw that? Thank you. So it is withdrawn.
22 Thank you.
23 EDDIE MOORE: All right. We have the
24 resolution -- resolution on the floor. Do I have a
25 second?
26 TOM ALLEN: She withdrew it.
27 EDDIE MOORE: She did. Okay. Anymore
28 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, it was
30 withdrawn.
31 EDDIE MOORE: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought
32 you -- I didn't hear you withdraw it. My mistake. Now
33 go to 13, acceptance of Brookstone Meadows Subdivision,
34 Final Phase III, roads into the county roads system.
35 Is Mr. West here? Okay.
36 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, the only
37 question we usually have is whether or not it meets the
38 specifications, I assume. Is that -- and Mr. Burns?
39 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. It does.
40 BOB WALDREP: It does meet the
41 specifications?
42 EDDIE MOORE: Do I have a motion?
43 BOB WALDREP: On that I would move that we
44 accept the roads.
45 EDDIE MOORE: All right. Do I have
46 second? I have a second.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion?
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Whose district is
50 this?

1 TOM ALLEN: Whose? That's mine.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: That's your district. Okay.
3 Can you tell us a little bit about it?
4 TOM ALLEN: Well, Brookstone as you know
5 is the golf course area and they've been developing
6 that in phases over the past several years and Phase
7 III is just the latest in that. And I believe, since
8 I've been through some of these before, that starting
9 in 2003 or '4 ordinances were passed where these
10 developers now have to meet county standards as they
11 put the roads in, so there's no question about whether
12 the roads meet county standards or not. Prior to that,
13 that's where we've had a lot of these special tax
14 districts pop up because we've had to go back in,
15 accept the roads into the county, and then repave them
16 to meet county specs. But that's not a problem any
17 longer.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Very good. Thank you.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Anyone else? We now vote.
20 All in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. We now
21 go to Item 14, appointments. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Allen.
22 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.
23 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Isn't this the time we're
25 supposed to be appointing our members for the census
26 board?
27 EDDIE MOORE: Yes.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Is this the last day we have
29 to do it?
30 EDDIE MOORE: I'm not sure when the last
31 day -- do you know, Rusty, when the last day on ...
32 RUSTY BURNS: Excuse me. We need to do it
33 sooner rather than later.
34 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
36 TOM ALLEN: Okay. I'm sorry. Then I
37 will -- may I go back and retract what I just said?
38 Okay. I'd like to appoint Ms. Retha Crowe to the
39 census board.
40 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Second.
42 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
43 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.
44 Unanimous. Okay.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to appoint Eric
46 Bradshaw to the census board.
47 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Do I have a second?
48 RON WILSON: Second.
49 EDDIE MOORE: We have a second. All in
50 favor raise your right hand. All opposed. Abstain.

1 Okay. Let it be shown that Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Ms.
2 Floyd, Mr. Dunn voted yes. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Moore, Mr.
3 Waldrep abstained. Okay. Mr. Dunn.
4 TOMMY DUNN: None at this time.
5 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.
6 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, I have two
7 appointments I would like to make to District One's
8 human relations board. Number one, Missy Embler. And
9 the second one would be -- is Floy Kenyon. And if
10 you'll contact them for the information, Linda, so that
11 you can have that.
12 TOMMY DUNN: I'll second that.
13 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any
14 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All
15 opposed. Unanimous. Okay.
16 BOB WALDREP: That's all I have right now.
17 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Ms. Wilson. Okay.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
19 EDDIE MOORE: Ms. Floyd.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Would it be possible for us
21 to make an appointment at the next meeting as well?
22 Because we're supposed to point -- appoint two people
23 and we only did that one. Because I'm trying to get my
24 appointees first trained before I put them on a board
25 like this. Mr. Burns, did I see you saying it was
26 okay? Okay. Thank you.
27 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Item 15,
28 acceptance of bids.
29 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, none tonight.
30 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Now go to Requests
31 from Council Members. Mr. Wilson. Okay. Mr. Allen.
32 TOM ALLEN: Yes, I have one. This is
33 for the Senior Citizen and Retired Club in Pendleton.
34 I would like to donate a Thousand Dollars to that
35 organization.
36 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Do I have a second?
37 I have a second. Any discussion? All in favor raise
38 your right hand. Unanimous. Ms. Floyd.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I would like to
40 appropriate a Thousand Dollars to the -- for the
41 Broadway Lake Fish Restocking. It seems that a
42 significance loss of the lake's fish happened when we
43 had the damage to the spillway. I would like to
44 appropriate this money to go to the parks and
45 recreation division. I've discussed this with Mike.
46 And I guess Mr. Brill. So I put that in the form of a
47 motion.
48 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Do I have a second?
49 We have a second. Any discussion? All in favor raise
50 your right hand. Unanimous. Okay. Anymore, Ms.

1 Floyd?

2 GRACIE FLOYD: That's it. Thank you.

3 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. Mr. Dunn.

4 TOMMY DUNN: None at this time. Thank

5 you.

6 EDDIE MOORE: Mr. Waldrep.

7 BOB WALDREP: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

8 From my recreation fund I would like to appropriate the

9 sum of One Thousand Dollars to the Golden Harvest

10 Charity. That's the food outfit that they take this

11 money and they're able to multiply it I think many

12 times the -- by the investment that we have. And

13 secondly Five Hundred Dollars to Crime Stoppers.

14 EDDIE MOORE: Okay.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

16 EDDIE MOORE: And we have a second. Any

17 discussion? All in favor raise your right hand.

18 Unanimous. Okay. Ms. Wilson. Okay. I have two. I

19 have Five Hundred Dollars I'd like to -- the recreation

20 account to develop an area museum association. This

21 will be for the -- to help out -- to get organized with

22 the chili cook-off they're going to have. And I'd also

23 like to appropriate a Hundred Dollars to the Town of

24 Starr for recreational account.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Second.

26 EDDIE MOORE: Any discussion? All in

27 favor raise your right hand. Unanimous. We now go to

28 the Administrator's Report.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, just one thing

30 tonight. I would like to publically thank Mr. Scott

31 Stoller who is our EMS division head for the

32 magnificent work he did in the past couple of days in a

33 difficult situation. I would just like that noted in

34 the record. Thank you.

35 EDDIE MOORE: Okay. We now go to Item 18,

36 citizens' Comments.

37 MIKE PITTS: Mr. Chairman, the first

38 citizen signed up this evening is Charles Crowe.

39 CHARLES CROWE: Good evening again. The

40 only reason I don't mind signing up three times is I

41 don't have to walk down that aisle, I get to ride. But

42 there was a couple of things said during the meeting

43 that upset me. I was extremely proud to see someone

44 interested enough in young people to spend the time

45 that I'm sure Mr. Chapman does with those young

46 marines. But for him to stand up here and censor what

47 those kids can hear at a county council meeting is

48 beyond me. Now if he is wanting to shield them as I

49 understand from adverse -- no some kind of politics.

50 Backdoor politics. I can't understand that. How --

1 you know if -- I guess we've had outdoor politics ever
2 since I've been coming to these council meetings. But
3 the young people need to know that there's two sides to
4 everything. You know, I hope that we in our -- as
5 family people teach our children that there's two sides
6 to everything. I hope every -- I hope all my kids
7 didn't grow up thinking that I was always right on
8 everything. And -- but another one is, did I hear in
9 the travel thing that the funds for the individual
10 councilmen are still in that to take trips as they
11 desire, whenever, without anybody's approval or without
12 any information put out or whatever. Did I
13 misunderstand that? Because I thought that was the
14 reason that you were passing -- or changing this
15 ordinance was to make sure that, you know, people
16 didn't spend all the money they were budgeted and then
17 turn around and get it replenished. I hope I
18 misunderstood that. And thanks a lot.

19 MIKE PITTS: Leslie White. Elizabeth
20 Fant.

21 ELIZABETH FANT: Rusty, could you fix this
22 thing for me? Move it out or something. Thank you.
23 As women we have to work twice as hard and long to gain
24 the same recognition as men, so it pains me to observe
25 the actions of one council who hurts the status of all
26 women. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this passion and
27 energy could be channeled into something positive?
28 While the rest of council politely goes about business,
29 you insist on loudly protesting every issue at hand,
30 denying the facts, ignoring established procedures,
31 making accusations, attacking people personally, and
32 alienating all. Because your talk so seldom matches
33 your actions, the public ridicules you. You're
34 laughable. Nobody believes you anymore. Judged by
35 your actions on November the 18th, '08 and every
36 succeeding meeting as Joe Wilson said, "You lie." So
37 because you provide us with so much foolishness you can
38 become the designated official -- official court
39 jester. Examples - if you behaved in other situations
40 like you do here, if you bullied and pushed like this
41 in school, you'd go to detention. If you communicated
42 like this in a marriage, your husband would leave you.
43 If you acted this angry on the street, you'd get
44 punched in the face. If you acted crazy like this in
45 the doctor's office, you might get sent to the eighth
46 floor of the hospital. If you acted bonkers in the
47 courtroom, you'd be fined for contempt. The public is
48 not fooled by your empty words. Only by your change in
49 behavior will the public view you differently. It's up
50 to you.

1 MIKE PITTS: Steve Pope.

2 STEVE POPE: Once again, Steve Pope,
3 District One, Bellview Estates. Mr. Chairman, members
4 of council. We've come a long way toward working
5 toward the ultimate goal of open, transparent and
6 honest government. A phrase we often heard from the
7 previous council which was often practiced and shielded
8 in deception. One thing we need to do though and when
9 I mentioned some of my proposals earlier, is that if
10 I'm working, if I'm spending my money, that's one
11 thing. But if I'm spending -- if you give me -- I'm
12 doing a job, a chore for you and you gave me a Hundred
13 Dollars personal allowance this is going -- a Hundred
14 Dollar personal allowance for the whole week's or two
15 week's work, you can better believe I am going to be
16 very thrifty and very watchful on how I spend that
17 money. It's not like it's a blank check that I say I
18 can do what I want to do. And when the county
19 officials deal with the public's money you also need to
20 be very watchful on how you spend it. Spending it only
21 when needed and spending as little as possible. Then
22 we can help stretch our dollars and our budget for a
23 lot -- to go a lot farther and maybe then we can even
24 get some tax reduction. Anyway, we the citizens have
25 to trust you. You're the elected officials. You have
26 the power. Please just remember that as you were
27 elected to serve us that's a privilege and an honor
28 that we the people have granted you. Please watch our
29 money and spend it wisely. Thank you.

30 MIKE PITTS: Carol Glenn.

31 CAROL GLENN: Mr. Chairman, members of
32 council. My name is Carol Glenn and I live in District
33 One. My question, reading today's paper I would like
34 to know if the council person from District Two, if she
35 did attend any meetings in Greenwood County, I would
36 like a copy of all the minutes that should have been
37 taken. Thank you.

38 MIKE PITTS: Dan Harvell.

39 DAN HARVELL: Next time I'll be a little
40 more careful about how I sign my name and make sure
41 it's a little more legible. Thank you, Mr. Pitts.
42 Just to revisit a few things I said when I came to the
43 microphone at the beginning of the meeting concerning
44 the situation in Columbia that exists on the House Bill
45 3272 which basically revolves around the point of sale
46 issue as concerned with the assessment cap that was
47 voted on by the -- by eighty-five percent of the voters
48 of South Carolina in the 2006 elections. The voters of
49 South Carolina said that they wanted to put a halt to
50 the rapid growth of government as well as educational

1 spending at the time. Eighty-five percent of the
2 voters underscored exactly what we had been hearing,
3 those of us who've been involved in the tax reform
4 movement for years. They were given the vehicle by
5 which to put that into constitutional law. Education
6 and local governments have been bucking like bucking
7 broncos ever since. I've been in business for thirty
8 -- almost thirty-three years now. I've paid every
9 health insurance premium that's ever been paid on
10 behalf of myself and my family. I've had all the
11 expenses of being a private businessman. I've had
12 great years. I've had moderate years. I've had bad
13 years. And I've had a couple of a devastating --
14 devastatingly financially bad years. But you know, it
15 was always my responsibility to have planned so that
16 when things weren't that great I could ride -- ride the
17 tide and make it through the low points. Government
18 should be exactly the same way. And I believe that the
19 protections that were put in with the property tax
20 reform efforts in 2006 were very, very good for the
21 taxpayers. And the fact that government on the state
22 level and local level has so thoroughly resisted, so
23 thoroughly resisted spending caps it is very indicative
24 of the fact that government wants more than we the
25 citizens can have for ourselves. They want the ATM
26 machine that is the property tax mechanism in South
27 Carolina to grant them all the money that they need to
28 operate whether they need it or not. So you know, what
29 it did is -- what 2006 did, it just put government on a
30 more equal level with our private lives and our, our
31 economies in the private sector. And it was a good
32 thing. Now 3272 deals with a correction and it needs
33 to be made. It was something that got by that should
34 not have been. But it can be done in a prudent and
35 thoughtful manner. So don't worry about the cries of
36 wolf ---

37 MIKE PITTS: That's time, Mr. Chairman.
38 DAN HARVELL: -- this will get worked out.

39 Thank you very much.

40 MIKE PITTS: Next is Jean Pruitt.

41 JEAN PRUITT: Mr. Chairman and councilmen.

42 My name is Jean Pruitt and I live in District Three.
43 And I would like to say thank you to the members of
44 this council that is doing the job they promised the
45 people who voted for them they would do. They ran on
46 an open and honest government. I have not been
47 involved half as long as some of the residents in this
48 county, but I have seen enough. The male and one
49 female on these past councils have not been men or
50 woman enough to stand up to one man and gave him all