

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting - February 3, 2015 - 6:36 p.m.

Kimberly A. Poulin, Clerk to Council

PRESENT

Francis M. Crowder, Sr. – District One

Gracie S. Floyd – District Two

J. Mitchell Cole – District Three

Tom Allen – District Four

Ken Waters - District Six

M. Cindy Wilson- District Seven

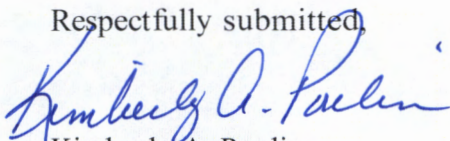
Rusty Burns- Administrator

Leon Harmon - County Attorney

Kim Poulin – Clerk to Council

A verbatim transcript of the meeting is hereto attached for your approval. The regular business meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly A. Poulin

Clerk to County Council

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN
LEON HARMON

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 the February the 3rd, 2015 County Council meeting to
3 order. Apologize for the technical difficulty, but
4 we'll get this thing going now. At this time I'd like
5 to ask Councilman Mitchell Cole if he'd lead us in
6 Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. If we would, all
7 rise.

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

9 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, moving on to
10 Item number 3, Approval of the Minutes of the January
11 20th, 2015 meeting. Are there any corrections or
12 changes to these to be made? Mr. Crowder?

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: On page 20 line 45, insert
14 the word resist. On Page 42 line 32, change the word e-
15 u-r-y to Gary. It was Gary Henderson. Those are the
16 only two changes I had, Mr. Chairman.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
18 Anyone else?

19 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

21 CINDY WILSON: On page 37, line 14, there's
22 a blank and it's supposed to be for our consideration.
23 And line 15 the word rationale rather than rational.
24 And then, line 17 and 27 Hopewell instead of hopeful.
25 Those are my corrections. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? We have a
27 motion to accept the minutes with those changes and
28 corrections?

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion.

30 CINDY WILSON: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder and second
32 Ms. Wilson. All in favor show of hands. All opposed
33 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

34 Moving on to Item number 4 Citizens Comments.
35 Please when the attorney calls your name, please step
36 forward, state your name and district and address the
37 Chair. Please keep matters on the first go around to
38 agenda items only, please. Mr. Harmon.

39 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first citizen
40 signed up is Roger Whitfield.

41 ROGER WHITFIELD: Good evening. How y'all
42 doing this evening? I'd like to address what was
43 brought up at the last meeting about the property taxes
44 on the vehicles and such. Honorable Mr. Allen spoke
45 with me, referred to me this week to speak with Mr.
46 Jackie Hunter, the officer, and I spoke with him. And
47 he has told me that basically there's nothing he can do
48 unless the law is changed as such. The law cannot be
49 changed unless someone with the legislation, which is
50 county members of the board here, starts something to

1 get the laws changed.

2 Now, this, like I say, deals with like the
3 school taxes that -- you're exempt from the school taxes
4 if you're certain age or disability and such like that
5 on houses, but you're not exempt on vehicles. Or you
6 can pay your house taxes quarterly, as such like that,
7 and you can't do it on the vehicles taxes. This is very
8 hard on the people that draw disability or are on fixed
9 incomes and such like that or just about anyone that has
10 to come up with a lump sum on your vehicles for where
11 your taxes are very high. Our taxes are as high as my
12 house taxes as such. But my house taxes are involved in
13 my mortgage escrow so I don't basically have to worry
14 too much about them. But when my wife went down, as I
15 told you last time, it was hard on us. And it continues
16 to be hard.

17 Now these things have to be changed through the
18 legislation and we're only going to get it done if
19 someone will bring up something to get it on the agenda
20 to get it tried and passed. We can't do it ourselves
21 unless we get a subpoena -- or I mean a -- something
22 going to get voters to sign it. Y'all can bring it up
23 in the legislation easily and vote on it to get it
24 started. We need y'all to do something about it. We
25 are the voters and we ask for y'all to do something
26 about it. There's many more people like me out there
27 that are in this situation. Now all we ask you to do is
28 to help us out on this agenda.

29 Anderson County taxes are a lot higher than
30 some of the places of other counties around here close
31 by and y'all know it as such. And that's all we're
32 asking is a little bit of help in doing something.
33 Either a reduction in the taxes, exempt from the school
34 taxes or a quarterly payment on the taxes as such.
35 Because once -- I know Mr. Hunter told me, okay, you pay
36 your vehicle taxes two years in advance. But once that
37 ends ---

38 LEON HARMON: That's time.

39 ROGER WHITFIELD: --- it's over. Thank you,
40 sir.

41 TOMMY DUNN: If you'll stick around, if
42 you would, first break, I'd love to talk to you. I wish
43 you'd had called me. I could have saved us some of
44 this. Love to talk to you.

45 Going on next.

46 LEON HARMON: Next person signed up, Mr.
47 Chairman, is Frank Pressly.

48 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you, sir. Frank
49 Pressly, District 2. I want to address number 8 on the
50 agenda. I'm sure Mr. Allen will be addressing a recent

1 event when the Anderson Independent Mail conducted a
2 survey regarding the Joey Preston lawsuit. He will
3 probably explain how he came to find out how the results
4 of that survey were tainted by a handful of enterprising
5 kids who figured out a way to vote more than once. In
6 fact, hundreds of times.

7 While Mr. Allen will probably try to portray
8 that as some sort of a hack or some super duper cyber
9 security issue, the fact of the matter is, it is no
10 different than the numerous county employees who ran
11 computer to computer, voted again and again and then
12 went home and voted one more time for good measure.

13 For the moment let's just look past the fact
14 that the question on the survey asked the respondents to
15 give an opinion about a judge's decision. The survey's
16 asking about a judge's decision, not whether the
17 citizens of this county want a continuation of
18 corruption, cronyism, influence peddling, ponzi schemes,
19 credit card abuse, the hiring of mistresses, lying to
20 law enforcement and a myriad list of other things we've
21 experienced with Mr. Preston. Unless the survey was
22 done properly -- and most aren't -- those results are
23 most completely meaningless.

24 What also concerns me is not only how the
25 survey question was posed, but how the reporters tried
26 to depict the results, and in my opinion skewed the
27 perception of the readers. Pie charts showing the
28 enormous percentages of respondents voting one way or
29 the other completely misleads the reader from realizing
30 that if all the respondents voted one way, that it would
31 only represent in total, one to two percent of the
32 hundred and fifty thousand registered voters. One
33 percent of the voters is not a mandate or the
34 overwhelming response the Independent Mail and some
35 members of County Council represented it to be.

36 These types of surveys are called self-selected
37 surveys. And self-selected surveys violate the primary
38 rules of statistically valid sampling, which is this:
39 The odds of any member of the population being chosen
40 must be the same for every member of the respondents.
41 In this case, the population should be all the people
42 who are registered voters and are capable of
43 understanding the question, not just those few who had a
44 special reason for voting. But on top of that, this
45 survey was limited to people who might read the
46 Independent Mail or go online to look at their website.
47 So you can see now why a survey in which the respondents
48 get to select themselves is deeply suspect and why if
49 the question engenders strong feelings in a minority of
50 persons it's quite likely to be way wrong.

1 If even one rule is broken, even a little bit,
2 then that's the extent to which the conclusions are
3 suspect. And a purely self-selected survey is almost
4 the antithesis of randomness. Another rule is that the
5 smaller the sample is, the less reliable it is. You
6 should want to know how many respondents there were
7 compared to the size of the entire population. It was
8 ten percent ---

9 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be it. Time.

10 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

12 LEON HARMON: Next person, Mr. Chairman, is
13 Mack Heglin.

14 MACK HEGLIN: How you doing, sir? I want
15 to speak on Issue number 5. I'm from District 6. I go
16 to Georgia and hunt hogs and Georgia has an initiative
17 to put private landowners in touch with hog hunters.
18 People who are willing to come in there and trap the
19 hogs, kill the hogs, however they want to do it. And
20 all they have to do is register online. Our county
21 could set it up or the state could set it up and it's
22 fairly simple and easy. And then there's enough people
23 that hunt hogs on a regular basis and our state has
24 shortened our season to just two weeks, you're going to
25 keep having problems. That's all I have to say.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. And we'll
27 look at that and see what the county can do. A lot of
28 times our hands are tied through the state.

29 LEON HARMON: That's all, Mr. Chairman.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

31 Moving on next, Item number 5, Feral Hog
32 Funding Presentation. Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We
34 have tonight with us Mr. Noel Myers with U.S. Wildlife
35 to do a brief presentation, and also Mr. Mark Arena with
36 Clemson University. Thank you.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

38 NOEL MYERS: Good evening.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Good evening.

40 NOEL MYERS: Thank you, Ms. Wilson, for
41 getting me on the agenda. We kind of go back here from
42 a couple of years ago where we did a Feral Hog workshop
43 here in Anderson County and we had quite a tremendous
44 turnout with that event.

45 Since that time, since 2014, Wildlife Services
46 has received some federal funding to do feral hog work.
47 Again, my name is Noel Myers. I'm the state director
48 for Wildlife Services here in South Carolina. For those
49 of you who don't know Wildlife Services, we're part of
50 the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And our mission is

1 to deal with nuisance wildlife issues. Protecting
2 property, protecting wildlife, protecting agriculture.

3 With this funding we kind of started here last
4 year with feral hogs and I was able to hire on three new
5 people for my program. We have one located at Clemson,
6 one in Columbia and one in Florence. So far with that
7 funding we've been able to do some trapping, we're
8 assisting a lot of state agencies, the DNR, on some of
9 the public heritage preserves. We're trying to protect
10 some threatened and endangered species, sensitive plant
11 species. Over in the coastal area we're also protecting
12 loggerhead sea turtles. And we're also working with
13 federal partners, such as the forest service, because
14 they're dealing with a lot of feral hogs issues on the
15 forest service property.

16 Well, with that we received funding again this
17 past year and we're looking to kind of branch out. So
18 we kind of looked around and we said, let's look at
19 Anderson County because we do have some resources close
20 by. So really the intent of me being here tonight is
21 just to let you know that we're trying to -- going to
22 branch out and assist some of the private landowners.
23 There's an information package that you received, just a
24 one page brochure, kind of gives a little bit about
25 biology, problems with hogs. Nationally, one point five
26 billion dollars in damage. Here in the state we're
27 estimating our population about a hundred and fifty
28 thousand animals. So with that, we do have some
29 probably landowners that are experiencing problems.

30 I'm not going to sit here and tell you that I'm
31 going to be able to sustain this. We're just kind of
32 gauging this kind of as a pilot project. We want to see
33 what type of interest there is. We may have to
34 prioritize where we're going to provide these services,
35 what services we can provide. It could be a farmer, it
36 could be someone that has a problem in their backyard.
37 Case in point, I recently received a call in Charleston
38 -- downtown Charleston -- one pig caused five thousand
39 dollars worth of landscaping damage. Within about one
40 night we were able to trap one pig out of there.
41 Problem solved. That's a success.

42 I'm not going to say it's going to be that easy
43 in every situation. But we want to try to put some
44 boots on the ground and help people. And that's really
45 where Wildlife Services comes from. We're non-
46 regulatory. It's only at the request of the landowner.
47 We may have some equipment to put on their property.
48 We're going to be the ones monitoring it. We're going
49 to be the ones removing the pig from the trap. We're
50 going to also be taking disease samples. Kind of doing

1 this all-encompassing throughout the state with some
2 surveillance for wildlife diseases. But for the most
3 part this is going to be really just kind of trying it
4 out here in Anderson County.

5 I don't know what level of interest -- I think
6 I've heard some people here tonight that showed up for
7 the feral hogs issues. Maybe there'll be a good level
8 of interest. Like I said we may have to prioritize.

9 Question is moving forward in the future. We
10 were thinking that we have a lot of support for the
11 feral hog funding and we're going to see that continue.
12 How long and how far we continue it, I don't know. Will
13 things change? Most definitely. But at least, with
14 this information, there's a toll free number in that
15 form. It's 1-866-4USDA Wildlife services. That's going
16 to go to our Columbia -- the state office where I work
17 in. We're going to kind of take down necessary
18 information. We'll get it to whoever the person here is
19 in Clemson. We're going to kind of gauge that what the
20 problem is and try to kind of see what we can do.

21 Again, I wish I had a magic cure for all these
22 farmers that are having these types of problems. I
23 don't. But at least I want to try to get something on
24 the ground to try to help out and just see where it
25 goes. That's it.

26 TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate that. What
27 about the gentleman before you, his concerns about that
28 right there. Can you talk on that issue in any kind of
29 way? Is anything that can be done on that?

30 NOEL MYERS: Feral hogs is a complicated
31 issue. There's not one federal agency, one state
32 agency, or anybody that's going to resolve this problem.
33 And it's going to take trapping, shooting, hunting,
34 hunting with dogs, even research; we're looking at
35 toxicants. Whether or not that -- the toxicants, that's
36 something in the future. We don't know if it will come
37 into play. But with dogs, we don't keep any type of
38 data base. I encourage it in a lot of the workshops
39 that are put on, like the one I think we're going to
40 talk about here next, the gentleman who does that
41 workshop coming up here in late February. I know he is
42 an avid dog hunter. It can be an effective tool. It's
43 just not the only tool in the box out there. Whether or
44 not a data base or something, that's going to have to be
45 brought up with the South Carolina Department of Natural
46 Resources.

47 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I thought.
48 Anyone else have anything? Mr. Waters?

49 KEN WATERS: I'm not very familiar with
50 the hunting regulations for hogs. Is that an open

1 season?

2 NOEL MYERS: Yeah, I think the way it is
3 right now, you have the night hunting which I think
4 comes in March, runs through about the end of July or
5 first of July, and I think it's twenty-four hour or
6 forty-eight hour notification to the DNR. If you go to
7 the DNR web site, you call in, tell them who you are,
8 who's in your hunting party, you have to have a hunting
9 license, and you can do basically as I call it, The Wild
10 West Show. Night hunt with thermals, spot lights, just
11 about anything. After that time frame, the DNR, if
12 you're having problems as a landowner, you can acquire
13 permits to be able to shoot hogs. And basically they're
14 a non-regulated species so on private property they can
15 be managed at any time. But for night there's that
16 specific season with it. Other than that, the trapping
17 and everything on private property, you can kind of do
18 that as you see fit. Other than that, you know, it's
19 basically wide open.

20 The main thing I encourage landowners to do if
21 they're going to do that, check with the local DNR law
22 enforcement to make sure that you are in compliance with
23 all those regulations because they do change
24 occasionally. And again, that's really what the DNR --
25 that's kind of what my knowledge is on what the
26 regulations are currently.

27 KEN WATERS: Okay. So do you work with
28 DNR coordinating something like that or ---

29 NOEL MYERS: We're federal, we're U.S.
30 Department of Agricultural, but we collaborate very
31 closely with the South Carolina DNR on a lot of these
32 wildlife related issues.

33 KEN WATERS: Okay. Appreciate that.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

35 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Myers, we had Mr. Heglin
36 make a suggestion. Would that be something that you
37 could help coordinate on a county by county level? Or
38 maybe statewide with an ability for people to match up
39 the hunters with the landowners?

40 NOEL MYERS: It's something I can take
41 back to the -- kind of the defacto project coordinator
42 for -- with the DNR for feral hogs. I can also bring it
43 up at what we have here in the state is the South
44 Carolina wild hog task force. It's various state and
45 federal agencies. I'm a member of that. It's something
46 that we can vet through that group to see if there is an
47 interest.

48 A lot of these things, though, require somebody
49 to set up a database, and I'm not sure what the other
50 agencies -- what ability they have at this point. So I

1 can at least bring it to their attention. I can kind of
2 then get back maybe in touch with you to see if anything
3 is moving forward. If that would be okay.

4 CINDY WILSON: And I believe Mr. Arena
5 wanted to make a statement or provide us some
6 information, too. So don't go away too far, Mr. Myers.

7 MARK ARENA: Good evening. I'm Mark Arena
8 with Clemson Extension Service. I just want to let you
9 know all the agencies are working together from federal
10 to state agencies. We have to with a problem this big.
11 I just want to bring it to everybody's attention on
12 April 14th, in Liberty, South Carolina, we're offering a
13 program that will talk about regulations and options for
14 landowners who manage the feral hogs, beavers and
15 coyotes. And some of these fliers are out in the front
16 lobby there. So contact your local extension office and
17 they can tell you about other programs also.

18 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Arena and Mr. Myers, if
19 one of our local farmers or homeowners could contact
20 y'all, you would be able to give them specific
21 information and maybe possibly match them up with
22 someone. Or you might even come out and put those pens
23 up with the cameras and all.

24 NOEL MYERS: Yeah, the outreach activities
25 have been going on throughout the state with extension,
26 with South Carolina DNR, with Wildlife Services
27 involvement. As for what we're offering here, this will
28 be a Wildlife Services employee, a federal employee.
29 We're going to kind of evaluate it as we get contacted
30 and everything to see what we can do. Some of these
31 areas that we're facing, like I mentioned Charleston,
32 maybe can't discharge a firearm, so then we get into
33 what can we do with the pig, because personally, me, I'm
34 not taking a pig out of a trap alive. I'm not putting
35 my employees in that danger. So we have to work through
36 a lot of different jurisdictions, contacting local
37 police departments, getting all the permissions.

38 But on a lot of the agricultural areas, you
39 know, the rural areas, there are a lot of options that
40 we have there. And it could be anything that we could
41 come in and set up traps. And we have -- with
42 technology increasing we have traps that are sending us
43 pictures to our smart phones. Now me, I'm not great
44 with a smart phone, I still use an old slide phone a lot
45 of times, but my people are very good with this new
46 technology. So if we got good signals we can kind of
47 monitor the traps remotely. But sometimes we're going
48 to be asking the landowners to maybe assist us, checking
49 that trap. Maybe even helping out with some baiting or
50 something like that.

1 We're still trying to work through because this
2 is going to be kind of new to us as well. And as we
3 kind of go through it we're going to kind of have to
4 change, I know, some strategies and how we look at
5 things. And the biggest thing is if we get a lot of
6 requests for assistance, we're going to have to
7 prioritize where the problem is. Is it agricultural or
8 is it a safety issue like in an urban environment around
9 the school or something? So don't know, but like,
10 again, we have the funding right now and we're going to
11 want to move forward too and expanding it to other
12 areas.

13 CINDY WILSON: Before y'all go would you be
14 available for those who came tonight to hear this, to
15 give them contact information and could you provide our
16 county with contact information so, as things come up --
17 and I see Mr. Major here probably representing the Farm
18 Bureau. Would it be imposing on those who are -- who
19 came for this presentation to please stand and let us
20 all know on Council just how big this problem is. All
21 who came regarding the hog issue.

22 Wow. We really, really appreciate your coming
23 and we appreciate Clemson University Extension Service
24 and U.S. Wildlife. So would it be appropriate, Mr.
25 Chairman, if we -- during a break, if Mr. Myers and Mr.
26 Arena could be maybe out to the side so folks could get
27 contact information?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

29 CINDY WILSON: Any more questions? Thank
30 y'all very much.

31 TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate it. Mr. Burns,
32 you make sure Steve -- Mr. Newton gets their
33 information, we get this on. And we'll talk -- and
34 we'll definitely -- what we can do talk to our
35 delegation members see if we can't do something if
36 Georgia gets something better that works. What's that,
37 Mr. Burns?

38 RUSTY BURNS: ???

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, if you would.

40 CINDY WILSON: Needless to say, the hogs are
41 not an endangered species and they aren't cute pet
42 material. Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We'll be moving on to
44 Item number 6, News You Can Use, District 2, Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
46 purpose of this part of the agenda, called News You Can
47 Use, and this is something that I try to bring to County
48 Council, which will go to the people who are present,
49 which will be transmitted to the people who are
50 watching.

1 There are things that's going on in the state
2 of South Carolina that sometimes we don't get to know.
3 When I come across these little tidbits in the
4 newspapers, I like to cut them out and bring them to you
5 so that you will know what's going on in South Carolina.
6 I think that it was from this presentation that we all
7 learn about the gold mine that's going to happen here in
8 South Carolina.

9 But first today I want to tell you about the
10 Palmetto Products Pipeline. There is a pipeline that is
11 going to -- that is being proposed by the Palmetto
12 Project which will transport gasoline, diesel and
13 ethanol from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Collins and
14 Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Belton, South Carolina to
15 market in North Augusta, South Carolina, Savannah,
16 Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida. Now, this project
17 is going to consist of a three hundred and sixty mile
18 pipeline with a design capacity of up to one hundred and
19 sixty-seven thousand barrels per day. The pipeline will
20 be crossing over some properties around this area and
21 the landowners will get a letter to this effect so that
22 they will know.

23 The Palmetto Products will be evaluating
24 various possibilities for areas where its pipeline and
25 other facilities might be constructed. In order to
26 accomplish this, the first activity to be undertaken is
27 route determination and surveys. If your property is
28 determined that it will, that it will be crossed by the
29 pipeline, an agent will re-contact you -- well, will
30 contact you and make a written offer for the purchase of
31 an easement and other rights as needed.

32 Now this may affect some of our people over in
33 the Belton area and other places. But just -- I just
34 want you to be aware of this so that you will know if
35 this pipeline crosses your property you will be
36 contacted.

37 From the Greenville News, on January the 25th,
38 there was an article in there about funding a realistic
39 plans for the South Carolina roads. Now, I'm sure all
40 of you have been hearing about South Carolina roads and
41 how bad it is and what needs to be done about it. And
42 you have heard what our governor has said about it and
43 what she is proposing to do about it. She would like to
44 see a tax swap. The tax swap, in other words, it could
45 -- okay, it calls for a ten cents a gallon increase in
46 the state's tax over the three years. But if we do
47 this, you could end up paying either six -- or receiving
48 six hundred and eighty-nine dollars or one hundred and
49 forty-five thousand seven hundred and eighty-four
50 dollars depending on where your income lies. Your

1 savings cost would be sixty-six dollars, added cost to
2 average South Carolina driver who drives about sixteen
3 thousand miles a year, and savings to an average
4 taxpayer, after the two percent point cut in the state's
5 income tax, is six eighty-nine.

6 Now, the losers and the winners of this thing.
7 The amount that one point one million South Carolinas
8 who do not make enough money to pay state income tax
9 would save nothing on their income -- on their taxes.
10 One hundred and forty-five thousand seven hundred and
11 eighty-four is the average savings that each of the
12 state's three hundred and seventy-nine wealthiest
13 taxpayers who have taxable income of more than two
14 million dollars would see in their state income tax.

15 So, if you're just an average every day Joe,
16 like I am, I would save six hundred and eighty-nine
17 dollars a year. But if you're one of those -- if you
18 are among the three hundred and seventy-nine wealthy
19 taxpayers, you would save a hundred and forty-five
20 thousand seven hundred and eighty-four dollars.

21 Also, in the Greenville News on the 28th of
22 this month, they had an article that I thought -- I
23 really found beneficial. It talks about the
24 legislatures and how much that they made -- the
25 legislators, rather, how much they made. I really
26 thought that their salary was ten thousand four hundred
27 dollars a year, just like up here on County Council, we
28 make about eight hundred and something -- almost close
29 to nine thousand dollars a year. But then I found out
30 some other things I thought was really interesting.
31 That those positions are also getting twelve thousand
32 dollars based on the twenty-two thousand four hundred
33 dollars compensation a lawmaker who retires after thirty
34 years in office would make thirty-two thousand three
35 hundred and ninety dollars a year. Also they get money
36 for -- they have money for travel and money for their
37 expenses. So it's not a -- if you want to make some
38 money, run for the legislature. And this is an article
39 that I think that we all need to know what's going on
40 down there.

41 So I found about the credit scores. This was
42 in Greenville News 2015, credit scores no longer kept
43 hush-hush. It says that now there will be credit card
44 companies that will be listing your credit card scores
45 for you. Discovery -- Discover became one of the first
46 financial institutions to put customers' FICA scores on
47 their monthly statements. Capital One started giving
48 customers their Transunion credit score. City Card
49 holders started getting free monthly access to their
50 FICA scores online. And Experiment -- I mean Experian

1 announced this month that it will start offering a
2 member in its credit tracking program.

3 In other words, if you need to know your credit
4 scores, it's not hard to get it anymore because
5 everybody's looking at it and everybody is putting it on
6 different things for you to see.

7 The fight to curb the affordable care act
8 starts again in South Carolina. The House panel holds a
9 packed hearing on bill to counter affordable care act.
10 This is something if you do not have insurance or if you
11 just got insurance, this is something you really want to
12 keep up with so you know what South Carolina is doing
13 with the money that could, that could be given to us if
14 we decide that we will accept that money.

15 There's another scam going on. This scam is
16 coming from a person who is -- who says that he's in --
17 a police officer. He calls -- they're calling people
18 saying that your child -- your son or somebody's here
19 and we need eight thousand dollars for his bail and
20 you're going to have to come down here and bring us this
21 money. Don't know if you have been hit with this one or
22 not, but this is supposed to be something relatively new
23 and it's coming out of Charleston right now.

24 I'm sure you're getting the phone calls from
25 people asking you to cut your computer on or you have
26 problems with your windows computer and you need to go
27 cut the computer on and let them know these things.
28 That's another scam you need to be careful of.

29 Also, there are some digits that they're
30 telling us that we need to be aware of. And that's one
31 is the zip code, not letting people know what your zip
32 code is. They will call you sometime and just ask for
33 information, including the zip code, your birth date.
34 Keep your birth date to yourself because now everywhere
35 you go it seems as if they're asking you about the zip
36 code. Your phone number and your pins.

37 I received a phone call one night and they were
38 telling me that if I did not want them to call my house
39 anymore to press this button. So I pressed the button
40 because I didn't want them to call my house anymore.
41 And the first thing they asked me to do was to, at the
42 sound of the tone please give them my social security
43 number if I didn't want them to call me anymore.
44 Obviously that was a scam, but you have to watch out for
45 these kinds of things.

46 Okay. Folks, we get the Anderson Independent
47 newspaper here in Anderson County and it's a good
48 newspaper, but there are news that we can use in other
49 newspapers. So if you're not able or not willing or not
50 wanting to read the other newspaper, what I have

1 presented to you tonight was what's been going on in the
2 world, in the state, in the other newspapers. Thank
3 you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
5 Moving on, next Item number 8, Cyber Security
6 and America--On Dangerous Ground. Mr. Allen. I'm
7 sorry, I missed it. I'm sorry, I had it marked off
8 here.

9 Update of Cheddar Community meeting. Ms.
10 Wilson and Mr. Cole.

11 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 With the recent news of a pipeline leaking in the area
13 of Lewis Drive and Broadway School Road, requiring road
14 closure and repair; the overturned fuel tanker inside
15 Belton city limits requiring haz-mat; the ongoing
16 horrific conditions that some residents in the area of
17 the ethanol facility with railroad tankers coming and
18 going all hours of the night, with loud noises and
19 bright lights keeping them awake and unable to have a
20 good night's rest; frequent complaints of the railroad
21 blocking roads, preventing through-traffic, including
22 ambulances and fire trucks from crossing, conditions
23 have become even more miserable and dangerous.

24 Then the constituents in the Cheddar area near
25 the landfill have complained of the bad odors from the
26 landfill, making it difficult to be outside at times.
27 Some describe the smell to be that of methane gas and
28 others mentioned something far worse. They are further
29 angered by loud equipment noises coming from the
30 landfill during most nights which prevents them from
31 sleeping and from massive amounts of trash blowing onto
32 local roadways from trucks. They have concerns that the
33 FIN Routing agreement is not being adhered to with
34 trucks coming through Williamston passing several
35 schools and into other sensitive areas. Reports of
36 speeding tankers, trash trucks and lawlessness,
37 including wide spread thievery, have created the need
38 for the county and other institutions to do what we can.

39 County staff, public safety and the town of
40 Belton officials met here on the 29th of December to
41 begin examining some of the complaints. We then met
42 with the Cheddar residents at Cedar Grove Elementary
43 School on January 13th. There were fifty to sixty
44 residents there, and we also had county staff, our
45 county sheriff and officers, EMS, and fire officials,
46 community leaders and Mr. Cole and I.

47 Anger, frustration and fear were in abundance.
48 We took to the community updates on the Kinder Morgan
49 announcement, the Duke Power's plan to remove the coal
50 ash from the Lee Steam facility, and contact and

1 procedural information to document infractions that they
2 had been reporting and witnessing. While much remains
3 to be done, there has been some progress in addressing
4 these issues. At least one crime watch program has been
5 started at the fire department. Transport police began
6 patrolling. DHEC has inspected the landfill and will
7 communicate with the local industry regarding hours for
8 dumping and the odors associated with their loads. City
9 of Anderson trash trucks and others have been ticketed
10 for trash blowing onto roadways. DHEC has advised the
11 county that we indeed have the authority to enforce the
12 FIN Routing agreement. Our public safety and emergency
13 preparedness officials are reviewing safety notification
14 procedures with the tank farm terminals and other local
15 industries. Efforts to secure funds to assist in
16 getting fire hydrants down Big Creek Road have begun.
17 Big Creek Road, between the tank farm and Rector Road,
18 will be rebuilt this spring. A culvert on Rector Road
19 has been replaced. The Highway 29 North thirteen foot
20 bridge replacement and surrounding intersection needs
21 have been initiated with an expected completion within
22 three years. This area of 29 was also repaired and some
23 resurfacing done last summer. Duke Power and Kinder
24 Morgan will host separate community meetings with the
25 residents in the near future. Communications with
26 Greenville Western Railroad have begun and it is hoped
27 that there will be improvements in that situation, too.

28 I want to personally thank all of our county
29 staff, and all others for taking these people's
30 hardships to heart and trying to do what we can to
31 correct the wrongs of the previous administration which
32 dealt with the landfill and the Lewis Drive situation.

33 And Mr. Cole, I want to thank you for your
34 help. Would you like to comment, too?

35 MITCHELL COLE: Well, just want you to know
36 that I'll continue to help in anyway I can.

37 CINDY WILSON: And we also thank Mr. Steve
38 Newton who really went above and beyond. He was a vital
39 help to this. So thank you, and we'll be having more
40 meetings over there. And I know they feel a little
41 better assured that they're getting attention. Thank
42 you so much.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would also like to
46 piggy-back on what Ms. Wilson was saying. A letter was
47 sent back about the odor and it reads in part, the scale
48 house operator stated that he sometimes would detect
49 odors which are believed to be from the First Quality
50 tissue product. We visited a dump in the area for the

1 First Quality tissue product and the smell was relatively
2 strong. So, well, the letter goes on to say that we
3 discussed having a litter control officer investigate any
4 litter along the public railway -- roadways. The
5 landfill manager's looking to hire some students to help
6 pick up litter along the road, which will be good. But
7 it was stated that cover is usually completed by six P.M.
8 but it has occasionally taken eleven o'clock -- taken to
9 eleven o'clock. First Quality tissue has a key to the
10 gate and dumps during the night. This usually occurs
11 four hours interval.

12 If we're having problems out there with the
13 smell and stuff, then we need to talk to the people that,
14 that Julia Blalock is talking to. She is from the Bureau
15 of Environmental Health Services. Because if it's not
16 coming from the landfill itself, if it's coming from
17 another source, we need to find out about it so the
18 people will know that it's not the landfill itself. But
19 it's people who are dumping into the landfill. Thank
20 you.

21 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I? They are
22 -- DHEC is addressing this. They had given permission
23 for this arrangement and they didn't realize that there
24 were issues. So they're working and coordinating. It
25 will be straightened out. And it was material that was
26 taken into the landfill. Thank you so much.

27 TOMMY DUNN: I thought that's what you
28 said. They was looking into it. And be very careful, we
29 don't know what the odor is and they're investigating it.

30 Moving on now to Item number 8, Cyber Security
31 in America--Dangerous Grounds. Mr. Allen.

32 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, very
33 much, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I'd just like to note,
34 this has nothing to do with the survey that was in the
35 newspaper. So, although I did check into it, so I can't
36 speak on that tonight. That's not part of the agenda
37 item.

38 What I am going to talk about just very briefly
39 is a little bit outside the normal box that we work in
40 here. And I want you to understand, I'm not a fear
41 monger and I'm not a conspiracy theorist. But as most of
42 you all know we have some security worries in this
43 country. And I think the United States is on very thin
44 ice when it comes to cyber security. And we need to be
45 worried. We all know the state of South Carolina has
46 been hacked. Target's been hacked. Home Depot's been
47 hacked. The Department of Defense has been hacked.
48 Numerous other organizations, not to mention you may well
49 have had your bank accounts hacked, your social security
50 numbers hacked and so on.

1 like us very much.

2 Here's a interesting fact. Three weeks ago,
3 about the middle of January -- and you can look this up
4 in any major newspaper that you want to -- it was
5 reported by many outlets that Russia has begun purchasing
6 a lot of plain out typewriters. Why? It's thought that
7 Mr. Snowden -- you remember him? The individual that
8 defected from the United States, worked at NSA, who is
9 now in Russia -- has explained to them a lot of the
10 secrets that NSA uses to read the traffic coming out of
11 foreign countries. So they know what the United States
12 is capable of doing. So now their top secret
13 communications will be handled using a plain old
14 typewriter. And at the end of the day, the carbons are
15 burned, the ribbon is burned and nobody hacks into
16 anything. I hope we have some typewriters left in this
17 country because we may have to do that someday.

18 Now let's look at something closer home because
19 I want to bring this down to something that may be more
20 common to you. All of you out there who use computers to
21 tweet and twitter and send emails and do facebook and all
22 that, understand you are placing your life out in front
23 of the entire world. Anybody can get into that and read
24 it that wants to. You take facebook, for example,
25 anything you put on there can and may be read by anyone
26 in the world if they want to. If they're interested
27 enough in it. Here, though, is what a local hacker with
28 devious thoughts on his mind might do. Let's just take
29 this scenario and we'll use Jane Doe as our heroine here.
30 She's on facebook. She states that her husband is away
31 on a business trip but he's going to be home that
32 evening. So in preparation for his coming home, she's
33 going to be doing some grocery shopping this afternoon
34 and she's going to go to the beauty parlor just to get
35 ready for his arrival. And to show off a little bit, she
36 takes a picture of her brand new car that she's going to
37 be doing this shopping in. She's really proud of it. So
38 she puts that on the internet. The local hacker is
39 playing around on there and he notices that, well, Jane
40 Doe is not going to be home this afternoon. Her
41 husband's not going to be home until the evening. And,
42 by George, when she took the picture of that car, her
43 house number showed up in the picture. Well, the local
44 hacker recognizes this neighborhood. He now knows
45 exactly where the house is. So Jane Doe gets home later
46 on in the afternoon, opens the front door, the TV's gone,
47 the computer's gone, the money's gone, the guns are gone,
48 the jewelry's gone. It's all out there to be taken by
49 the devious individual that wants to do that. So you've
50 got to be extremely careful. A computer is a wonderful

1 thing, it's a wonderful thing. But just be careful what
2 you're placing out there for the entire world to see.
3 Also, when she took that picture of her house and the
4 car, the license plate showed up on that. Now, Mr.
5 Hacker's beginning to wonder, hey, maybe I can get into
6 the DMV and find out a little more about Ms. Doe and her
7 family and what kind of investments they have, social
8 security numbers, whatever else I can get a hold of.
9 It's out there for me to take. What else can the bad guy
10 find out? Well, I'm going to digress a little bit, back
11 to the Vietnam war, this is very -- rather fresh in my
12 mind. During the Vietnam war the North Vietnamese and
13 the Chinese had a really great bargaining chip to use
14 against the United States during the Paris talks. They
15 knew from watching our news broadcasts, our movies, our
16 music, our riots in this country, that people were fed up
17 in this country with the war. They wanted this war to
18 end. That gave them one heck of a bargaining chip. Now,
19 it took them a few years to put all this together. Now,
20 what they can do with the computer out there, they can
21 determine the psyche of a nation within just a few days
22 by reading tweets, twitters, emails and whatever else is
23 on there, the bad guys can find out exactly what we're
24 thinking over here. And from there they can utilize
25 their political tools to do whatever they want to do to
26 us. You know, to sum up, there may not be much that we
27 individually here can do about cyber security in the
28 nation, but you can watch what you say and do on your
29 home computers.

30 It's been mentioned up here by Ms. Floyd and
31 others some of the little scams that are going around.
32 And boy, there's a bunch of them; that's for sure. In
33 all likelihood, you and I, all of us up here, will be
34 affected directly or indirectly by hackers. They're
35 going to get into our bank accounts and our social
36 security numbers. I believe, though, that this nation is
37 going to be hacked at some point in the not too distant
38 future in a very serious way by a foreign nation wishing
39 to cripple us. And they can do it. They have the
40 capability of doing that.

41 The next war that we get into -- and there'll be
42 another war -- we're going to have ships and planes and
43 tanks and folks on the grounds with rifles and so on.
44 But cyber activity's going to play a huge part in that
45 war and it may be the cause of the next war.

46 At any rate, I hope people in power in this
47 country still know how to use a typewriter and maybe that
48 little old stubby pencil to figure things out by hand if
49 we want to keep this nation running. If we want to keep
50 our national infrastructure in place and keep us going.

1 If not, we could be in extremely big trouble. So just
2 keep these things in mind. Every time you put your
3 entire life out there on the internet and on this cloud
4 out here, wherever it is, you can't see it, you can't get
5 a hold of it, you're asking for the entire world to take
6 advantage of you. Just be careful.

7 And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

9 Moving on to Item number 9, Update on Planning
10 and Public Works Committee. Ms. Wilson.

11 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Very briefly
12 because we will have another meeting and approve minutes,
13 but we had to jumpstart getting our county comprehensive
14 plan back on track. With the capable help of Mr. Ken
15 Waters and Mr. Mitchell Cole, we got chapters 3, 4, and 5
16 of the comp plan with amendments and adding to it, it
17 will go back to the Planning Commission for their review
18 and then come back to the Council.

19 We're trying to encourage some updating and
20 upgrading of county developments standards. Those are
21 underway. There will be many vettings and work on that,
22 public hearings and so forth. And we're certainly very
23 glad to have Mr. Mike Forman back and the capable help of
24 Ms. Alisha Hunter and all of our staff and the volunteers
25 on the Planning Commission who vet this.

26 And the Highway 81 overlay district, public
27 meetings and work have already begun. There will be
28 public meetings and hearings on February 26th and March
29 26th at the YMCA at six o'clock. And hopefully that will
30 be prepared to come back to Council for final approval
31 through three readings.

32 So there's a lot to -- a lot of work to do and
33 at least we've gotten underway. So thank you, gentlemen,
34 for your hard work, and the staff. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. If there's no
36 objection we'll take about a ten minute break, five
37 minute break. We'll be right back.

38 **(BREAK FROM 7:26 PM TO 7:40 PM)**

39 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
40 the Council meeting back into session.

41 Moving on to Item number 9, I'm sorry, Item
42 number 10, Ordinance first reading, title only. This is
43 an ordinance updating the county road functional
44 classification. This is something, in talking with a
45 couple of the other Council members, talking with our
46 road department, mainly Mr. Hopkins, and about some of
47 our subdivisions that we've got and some more coming as
48 we have our economy hopefully keeps picking up and having
49 more and more developments, trying to get a handle on our
50 road classifications. We're getting some subdivisions on

1 some roads that just can't handle it. It's bringing our
2 classifications up to date. Thought this was very
3 important. Reason I wanted it passed on in title, but we
4 would get some language and we might have to -- I might
5 at some point make a motion to table because I want to
6 make sure we get plenty of input and get people's
7 feelings and say on this, and all Council members.

8 At this time I'll ask Mr. Harmon if he'll say a
9 few words.

10 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, as you stated
11 this is in title only. The reason it's in title only is
12 because there will be an exhibit attached to the
13 ordinance that actually has the road classifications on
14 the exhibit. That exhibit will take some work. It is
15 presently on-going and when it comes back to you, it --
16 for a second reading, the exhibit will be there at that
17 point in time.

18 TOMMY DUNN: And that's coming from our
19 road department doing this work.

20 LEON HARMON: That's correct.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Our engineers and everything.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: You through, Mr. Harmon?

24 LEON HARMON: Yes, sir.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask
27 Mr. Harmon ---

28 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please explain what
30 it is because it had no backup in here. Well, I couldn't
31 find any; let's just put it that way. Out of the twelve
32 -- let's see -- but anyway, I'm sorry. Would you explain
33 what's going on here? What's it all about?

34 LEON HARMON: What it's about, Ms. Floyd, is
35 that I believe there may be multiple lists being used in
36 the county for road classification. And those
37 classifications are for functional uses of roads, such as
38 collector roads, arterial roads, so on. What we're
39 trying to do is get one list that will be used across the
40 county in uniformity. And that's what this is -- this
41 ordinance is all about.

42 TOMMY DUNN: It's mainly to update our
43 classifications. We -- I don't think we -- in talking to
44 Mr. Hopkins, I don't think our classifications have been
45 updated like it needs to be, getting on some things. We
46 want to look at it and make sure.

47 LEON HARMON: Yes, I think that's correct.
48 And it will be updated on a more regular basis in the
49 future, as well.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else has anything? I
2 put that in the form of a motion.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
5 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
6 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
7 Thank you very much.

8 At this time we're moving on to Item number 11.
9 I know this is a public hearing, but I want to get
10 discussion, let them explain it first what it is before
11 we have a public hearing. And this will be Resolution
12 R2015-007 in support of the issuance by the South
13 Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its
14 qualified Energy Conservation Bonds, pursuant to the
15 provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43 of the Code of Laws of
16 South Carolina 1976, as amended.

17 I believe we got Mr. Montgomery here. And I'm
18 going to introduce the school superintendent, Mr. Mason
19 Garrett, from District 3. You want to introduce who else
20 you got here or anything? Appreciate having y'all here.
21 Step forward; going to be fine.

22 GREGORY MONTGOMERY: Mr. Chairman and fellow
23 Council members, thank you for putting us on you agenda
24 for consideration at your meeting tonight. This
25 resolution in support of the issuance of these qualified
26 energy conservation bonds by South Carolina Jobs and
27 Economic Development Authority is the conduit issuer in
28 support of the energy performance contract at Anderson
29 School District 3, at five of their school buildings and
30 the administrative office building. I'm with Abundant
31 Power out of Charlotte, North Carolina. We're a
32 speciality finance firm that focuses on energy efficiency
33 financing in commercial, industrial and governmental
34 buildings across the Southeast. We run these -- we
35 conduct our energy efficiency finance practice through
36 our SAVES platform. That's an acronym for Sustainable
37 and Verifiable Energy Savings. We manage the state of
38 Alabama's revolving loan fund, Alabama Saves. And we
39 manage your state's program, South Carolina Saves,
40 working with the state energy office JETA to support
41 energy efficiency in public and private buildings across
42 the state.

43 We, in the case of South Carolina, we use
44 qualified conservation bonds, which were allocated to the
45 state by the Department of Energy back in the 2008 and
46 2010 time frame. The Energy office and the state Budget
47 and Control Board have allocated twenty-five million
48 dollars of these bonds to the program to support projects
49 such as this. In this very case it's not to exceed five
50 point five million. The actual utilization will be in

1 the neighborhood of around five point two five million to
2 support the energy efficiency measures under a fifteen
3 year contract at the school. These bonds will be issued
4 on a conduit basis through JETA, under a Green Community
5 program. It will be private bonds, they will be
6 privately funded. They will not rely on the state's
7 credit. They will not rely on the county's credit. They
8 will rely on the school district's obligation to repay
9 under the Energy Performance contract.

10 We think this is good for your school district,
11 for your county, for energy efficiency savings, job
12 retention, all of the benefits which support the policies
13 behind the South Carolina Energy Efficiency Act which is
14 the underlying policy for the South Carolina SAVES
15 program.

16 I'm happy to answer any questions about the
17 project. Again, as recognized, we have representatives
18 of the school district and ABM Building Solutions which
19 is the contractor performing the work. We'd be happy to
20 discuss any further details.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions or
22 comments?

23 Appreciate it. Thank you very much.

24 GREGORY MONTGOMERY: Thank you very much for
25 your attention and your consideration.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time we're
27 going into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to step
28 forward and speak to this matter, please do so. State
29 your name and district and address the Chair. Keep
30 matters related to this, that's on this public hearing.

31 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I
32 haven't had a chance to read over that grant totally, but
33 I just wonder how that's going to be impacted since all
34 of the school districts now are adding that extra cent of
35 sales tax. I think we're going to be burdened enough. I
36 don't know how they're going to pay for this if they're
37 going to be trying to pay for the other, as well, and
38 already have debt on their books.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
40 Anyone at all? Public hearing will be closed.

41 We have a motion? Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a
42 second by Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of
43 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
44 the motion carries unanimously. Good luck to y'all.
45 Appreciate y'all.

46 Moving on to Item number 12, report from the
47 Finance Committee meeting of January 29, 2015, Chairman
48 Crowder.

49 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman Dunn.
50 Finance Committee met, took under advisement several

1 items, which you have in your packet for review and
2 forward to Council tonight to make the final decision.
3 We had a bid for 2015 payment marking for roads. Who's
4 going to discuss that? Mr. Tony?

5 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Crowder, I can. This is
6 merely to mark roads, actual marking of the roads. And
7 this is a contract that was put out and bid
8 competitively. And it was approved unanimously by the
9 Finance Committee, and we bring it before Council for
10 approval.

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. There was only one
12 bid for ninety-three thousand one hundred and ninety-six
13 dollars and ten cents. And the Finance Committee
14 recommends this to Council for consideration.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance Committee
16 doesn't need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of
17 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
18 the motion carries unanimously.

19 Moving on.

20 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir, thank you. Number
21 3(b) the county collects waste oil, antifreeze, gas and
22 oil mixture collections. And, as you know, the price of
23 oil has been driven down, and so one of our contractors
24 that currently does that wanted us to rebid it. And so
25 Mr. Greg Smith rebid that and we had several bidders.

26 Mr. Burns, you want to take care of that?

27 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. This is not a
28 situation where we pay money. This is a situation where
29 we actually sell these products and helps us fund our
30 recycling program, the solid waste program. It was
31 competitively bid. The company before you came in with
32 the best return for Anderson County. It was approved by
33 the Finance Committee unanimously.

34 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee recommends
35 low bid.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
37 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any discussion?
38 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like
39 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

40 Moving on.

41 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. We have
42 in your packet two Homeland Security Program grants for
43 consideration tonight. Is Rita going to discuss this?

44 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, she is.

45 FRANCIS CROWDER: By the way, neither one of
46 these require local matching funds.

47 RITA DAVIS: That is correct, sir. And
48 there are two -- the seventy thousand, and you have the
49 capital sheets in your packet. It's for the SWAT team.
50 It's chemical protective suits and some equipment for

1 safety purposes.

2 And then the second one is fifty-six thousand
3 even. And again, that is for the SWAT team and bomb
4 team. SLED has recommended these since we're Upstate
5 Regional SWAT team. And, again, there's no match.

6 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. The Finance
7 Committee recommends approval of both of those grant
8 proposals.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
10 Committee doesn't need a second. Are there any
11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
12 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

13 Moving on, next.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: I apologize for coughing. My
15 reflux has kicked in. The animal shelter is in dire need
16 of a new washer/dryer. When the animal shelter was built
17 they installed a less than domestic grade. The warranty
18 has expired. So bids were put out and you have in your
19 packet the recommended vendor. And you'll notice it
20 includes a washing machine, a dryer and a stand. Finance
21 Committee recommends approval of these since the amount
22 of laundry that is being done out there is tremendously
23 -- well, it's a lot.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have any discussion?

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Didn't we just buy them a
28 washer and a dryer a year ago or two years ago, Mr.
29 Burns?

30 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I don't recall off
31 the top of my head whether we did or not, but the units
32 that have been out there have been out there for over
33 five years and they were a domestic quality when they
34 were purchased. And because of the constant, constant,
35 constant use, we need a new one, we need to upgrade to a
36 commercial level. Not only will it handle more laundry
37 and drying than we are able to at this point in time, but
38 it will also require less hours of operation for an
39 attendant, a person, a staff person to spend time in
40 front of that machine.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: But it seems as if I recall
42 that two years ago, maybe -- maybe -- about two years ago
43 we were just -- two years ago, yeah, we were just
44 discussing the same thing. Did we not get it then?

45 RUSTY BURNS: I think we did get one then
46 again. But ---

47 GRACIE FLOYD: But it wasn't a commercial
48 rate. I remember now.

49 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: We did get it, but we got a

1 lesser kind than what they were asking for. So we paid
2 for what we got and now here we are two years later down
3 the road we're trying to buy now what they said what they
4 wanted.

5 RUSTY BURNS: And, again, the units, all the
6 units out there now are out of warranty.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Was what?

8 RUSTY BURNS: Out of warranty.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. We should have gone
10 ahead and gotten the right kind the first time. All
11 right. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? Keep in
13 mind they've got more than one washer and dryer out there
14 and that's what we're replacing. And this might come up
15 again. Lord knows, the animal they've kept out there.
16 We've had an exhausting -- over the two animal cases
17 we've got -- shouldn't had this long as went through
18 this. This is part of somebody will have to pay for it.
19 Sickens me to think about this. The whole situation.
20 Both of them. Infuriates me.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: What situation?

22 TOMMY DUNN: The animals, the animals, them
23 two animal cases. We've had to keep them and keep them
24 and keep them and then one gets throwed out. It's been
25 well documented.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Did you hear that we just got
27 some more in that are sick? Parvo?

28 TOMMY DUNN: No.

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee recommends
30 approval of purchase of the washer, dryer and stand.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion on that?
32 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
33 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
34 Moving on.

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: The Sheriff's Department and
36 the forensic group requests the need to purchase a Nikon
37 Pro d300s camera which has high pixel density. They're
38 involved in a lot of criminal activities and the Sheriff
39 feels the need to acquire this upgrade to a new one.
40 He's funding this out of his budget. So the Finance
41 Committee recommends the purchase of those -- of this
42 Nikon camera.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

46 GRACIE FLOYD: I know that we purchased some
47 cameras about two years ago for the Sheriff. But this
48 one -- he needs some more and I don't understand. But
49 it's coming out of his budget, so if I'm correct, that
50 the -- it will not be coming out of the county's things.

1 If he wants to spend -- he's buying up cameras now.
2 Okay. That's fine. Thank you.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Just let the
4 record show, I think we bought some less than a year ago.
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, we did.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: We didn't buy it, he bought
7 it.
8 TOMMY DUNN: But we have to approve it. We
9 have to do all the things.
10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee recommends
11 approval, sir.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in
13 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
14 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
15 Moving on.
16 FRANCIS CROWDER: There's been a request by the
17 city of Belton for -- to be able to have two vehicles.
18 So to that end, Sheriff Skipper's inventory that are well
19 used up, they've looked at multiple vehicles out there
20 and the city requests that we donate two vehicles to
21 them. You'll see in your packet documentation with the
22 VIN numbers of the two vehicles that they request. The
23 Finance Committee recommends the transfer of these two
24 vehicles as a donation to the city of Belton.
25 TOMMY DUNN: We have any more discussion?
26 GRACIE FLOYD: I do.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What I don't understand
29 is that -- where -- these vehicles are coming from -- I
30 don't understand what he said. Are they coming from the
31 Sheriff's cars or the county or just what?
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.
33 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. These are
34 thirteen year old Sheriff's vehicles that are no longer
35 in service. And the city of Belton is requesting to use
36 them. One of them has a hundred and ninety-three
37 thousand, the other has about a hundred and seventy
38 thousand miles.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Have we, have we done
40 this type thing before?
41 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, if Pendleton or
43 the other areas, outlying areas -- I mean the other
44 municipalities want cars like that, would we, would we
45 have the cars and things to give them?
46 RITA DAVIS: It just depends, ma'am, if
47 we're going to use them for salvage or if -- and we just
48 want to help the municipalities out. Of course, it would
49 come before Council. And we have passed older vehicles
50 along to municipalities.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Before? Okay. I'm only
2 asking the question that was asked of me in a phone call
3 today. When this person went online and saw that and
4 they wanted to know, well, do we do this as a habit to
5 other municipalities? And if that person is listening
6 then I'm sure that they will be satisfied with your
7 answer. And I thank you.

8 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. Anyway, Finance
10 Committee recommends the transfer, Chairman.

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

15 Moving on.

16 FRANCIS CROWDER: At this time, Chairman, I
17 would like for us to go into -- Council to go into
18 executive session to discuss personnel matters. I make a
19 motion to that effect.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder. Second
21 Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
22 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
23 Mr. Burns, can we go back here?

24 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 PM)**

25 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to come out of
26 executive session?

27 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion that we come
28 out of executive session, having made no decision.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

30 CINDY WILSON: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in
32 favor of the motion show of hands. Executive session we
33 listened to three difference recommendations from the
34 Administrator. We'll take them one at a time. All three
35 of these were passed unanimously, I believe, by the
36 Finance Committee to move forward.

37 First, we'll be moving personnel more
38 responsibility and giving them a pay raise in the road
39 department. That comes from the Finance Committee. Any
40 discussion?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: As I understand this, this
44 person is being moved into a new position that he or she
45 did not have before. And by moving into the new position
46 this person is going to be given additional
47 responsibility for which he or she did not have before.
48 So this is the reason for that. Am I correct?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
2 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, isn't it also creating
3 the ability for him to have the additional pothole
4 person?
5 TOMMY DUNN: Another person for the staff.
6 FRANCIS CROWDER: And that would be revenue
7 neutral.
8 TOMMY DUNN: The whole thing's revenue
9 neutral. Yes, sir.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: You might want to explain what
11 revenue neutral is to ---
12 TOMMY DUNN: Ain't costing more money in
13 the budget. It's a budgeted item, we're not putting no
14 more money in that line item or that budget. It'll be
15 the same being what's used there. We have any more
16 discussion on this? All in favor of the motion show of
17 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
18 unanimously.
19 Next will be a position going to the IT
20 department. Moving over and being paying for it out of
21 the tariff money. It's been checked on and this has been
22 a change in that where it can be done now. And we'll be
23 getting funded back up to eighty percent, being
24 reimbursed from the tariff department -- I mean out of
25 tariff fund. This comes from the Finance Committee.
26 Again doesn't need a second. Are there any discussion?
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Ms. Floyd?
29 GRACIE FLOYD: I -- as I understand it, this
30 person is being transferred from one department to
31 another department and the department that he or she is
32 going to, he will be making comparable to what the others
33 in this department are making. And eighty percent of the
34 salary will be coming from another source, rather than
35 from our general fund. Is that correct?
36 TOMMY DUNN: Think that's what I just said,
37 yes, ma'am.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
39 FRANCIS CROWDER: May I make a clarification?
40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
41 FRANCIS CROWDER: He'll actually be doing the
42 same job. But he will just be being paid out of another
43 cost center.
44 TOMMY DUNN: And that will help to put
45 another person on staff to help with the IT department.
46 Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
47 hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
48 unanimously.
49 Last, on the Administrator's recommendation was
50 to give a person in the Parks department a raise. That

1 comes from the Finance Committee, doesn't need a second.
2 Person stays in the Parks department but has took on an
3 extra load and we have three people in the Finance -- I
4 mean in the Parks Department. Administrator feels very
5 strongly this is -- justifying needing a pay raise. So
6 we have any discussion?

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
8 CINDY WILSON: May I?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Let Ms. Floyd go.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. As I understand
11 it, this person has requested a raise because this person
12 says that he or she does more, more work. He or she has
13 more work to do. But I think that if we would take a
14 look at this thing, every last one of our employers have
15 had more work to do. And I feel that by giving this
16 person a raise, then we need to look at the other raises,
17 the other people and the work that they do and that they
18 have taken on, give them a raise, too.

19 And also, we are looking at the possibility of
20 granting raises for everybody during the new fiscal year.
21 But I just don't understand -- I just don't see this
22 person doing -- asking for more money to do just what he
23 was supposed -- was hired to do in -- to begin with.

24 TOMMY DUNN: I want to clear up something,
25 I think there's been a misunderstanding. Mr. Burns.

26 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
27 TOMMY DUNN: This individual, he or she has
28 not asked for a pay raise, has he? This is coming from
29 you?

30 RUSTY BURNS: This is coming directly from
31 me, Mr. Dunn.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: From who?
33 TOMMY DUNN: From the Administrator.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That wasn't made clear.
35 RUSTY BURNS: I'm sorry.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: That was not made clear. But,
37 if we do that to one, then we're going to have to give --
38 we need to go back and look at our entire staff. Also,
39 this person has an assistant who works just as hard than
40 this person does. What about a raise for that person, as
41 well?

42 TOMMY DUNN: That person got one. Got one
43 last year.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: She got one, yes, last year,
45 but didn't he get one last year, too?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Nope, not that I'm aware of.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: I think that he -- I think
48 that he got -- I don't think that he was ---
49 TOMMY DUNN: Got one when everybody else
50 got one. Take that back.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: But anyway, I don't think that
2 we need to go to that point of giving individual raises
3 to people without looking at everybody else. And I've
4 been saying that for a long time.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. In observing this
7 particular employee, he works many long hours, and of
8 course, he does seem to greatly relish and enjoy his job
9 and do a very good job. But we were having to pay a
10 great deal in overtime. I think that was some kind of
11 labor law that we had to adhere to. From what I can
12 tell, this increase in salary will no longer necessitate
13 this individual being paid overtime, which probably meant
14 he was getting paid more to begin with. Am I correct
15 there?

16 RUSTY BURNS: He currently doesn't receive
17 overtime, Ms. Wilson, just for the reasons that you
18 outlined above. But now he is working even more than he
19 was but he cannot be compensated for that.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't ---

22 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I didn't think that he
24 was getting overtime. Because I have never talked about
25 them getting overtime in that department. But I just
26 think that we need to be careful. For the last year we
27 have been going back there meeting and we come out and
28 certain people get raises and certain of them don't.
29 Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in
31 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
32 sign. All abstentions. All opposed. Show the motion
33 carries 6 to 1, Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
34 Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd
35 opposes.

36 Anything else, Mr. Chairman?

37 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir, thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate the
39 report.

40 Moving on to Item number 13, appointments to
41 various boards and commissions. Mr. Waters?

42 KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

44 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

46 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this time.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?

48 MITCHELL COLE: Yes, I do have an appointment
49 to the Anderson County Behavioral Health Services Board.
50 Mr. Seth Ridley, a young fellow who is well-trained in

1 that area and will do us a great job. And a
2 reappointment of Mrs. Frankie Dickerson to the Anderson
3 County Museum Advisory Board.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Crowder?
7 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Now discussion. Ms. Floyd?
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Point of order. Did you get
10 them to fill out the forms?
11 MITCHELL COLE: Yes, ma'am.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. We don't have copies.
13 Do you have copies for us on ---
14 TOMMY DUNN: Should be in the book.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: In the book?
16 MITCHELL COLE: Yeah, they're in there.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I didn't get that far
18 back. Okay. Thank you.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in
20 favor of Mr. Cole's motion show of hands. All opposed
21 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
22 Anything else Mr. Cole?
23 MITCHELL COLE: No.
24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Mr. Crowder?
25 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have none, Chairman.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson?
27 CINDY WILSON: ???
28 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has one nominee,
29 Mr. Timothy Medlin to the Museum Board. Put that in the
30 form of a motion.
31 KEN WATERS: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in favor
33 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
34 Show the motion carries unanimously.
35 Moving on request by Council members. Ms.
36 Wilson.
37 CINDY WILSON: None at this time.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?
39 FRANCIS CROWDER: None at this time.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?
41 MITCHELL COLE: None at this time.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
43 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any at this time.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
45 TOM ALLEN: None, Mr. Chairman.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters?
47 KEN WATERS: None.
48 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has none.
49 Moving on to Item number 15. Administrator's
50 report.

1 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
2 Chairman.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 16,
4 Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please
5 state your name, district, address the Chair. And you
6 have three minutes.

7 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first person on
8 the list is Frank Pressly.

9 FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you. Frank Pressly,
10 District 2. News You Can Use, the pipeline. I'm
11 wondering how the Greenville Western Railroad will be
12 affected by that pipeline. I know at one time previous
13 administrator stuck our neck out pretty far guaranteeing
14 the finances of that railroad, so I'm wondering how this
15 pipeline will affect that.

16 Gas taxes. We spent twenty-four million dollars
17 on three miles of road East-West Connector. Seven
18 million of that was bid out, the other seventeen million
19 was given out as add-ons. With that kind of math, I
20 don't think we can afford to build any more roads. So
21 before they make us pay more tax, I think they need to
22 more responsibly spend the money that we have given them
23 in the past. Or show that something -- there is a
24 systemic problem in how that's done. And that needs to
25 be addressed.

26 Reading the packet, I was reading 12(b)(2), the
27 gas/oil mix pickup. I noticed that it was blank. I'm
28 not sure exactly what that means, if they don't pay us or
29 we pay them. It was blank, maybe it's changed since I
30 read it.

31 After an executive session updating legal cases
32 in a previous meeting, some of the council members came
33 back and gave their opinion on what was going on and
34 repeated over and over and over that they could find no
35 evidence of a crime, no crime was committed. Might I
36 remind you that we are not in criminal court.
37 Criminality is not the standard. Okay? What we're
38 trying to determine is if there was any civil wrongdoing.
39 So repeating over and over that no crime was committed is
40 using the wrong standard to make that determination or
41 to have that position. Thank you.

42 LEON HARMON: Stewart Sprague.

43 STEWART SPRAGUE: My name is Stewart Sprague. I
44 live in District 1. I come to talk about the Joey
45 Preston case and its hopeful demise. In October I had a
46 friend die, and I called a friend in Charleston to tell
47 him about it. He didn't know. And I hadn't seen this
48 friend in Charleston in several years. And so we started
49 our conversation, and he said to me, well, how are things
50 in Anderson? I said fine. He said, aren't you the

1 county where they still have that lawsuit that's dragging
2 on for years? And unsolicited from me the first thing
3 off of his mouth -- on his mind when he talked to me from
4 Anderson was, we're the county where there's that lawsuit
5 that keeps hanging on. And I think there are people all
6 over the state who are watching and looking and
7 determining that Anderson is stuck on something that
8 happened a long time ago and needs to be eliminated and
9 moved on.

10 I've had the chance tonight to see all of the
11 things that the Council could spend its time and energy
12 on, and money. And I think we have a wonderful agenda
13 ahead of us. We have a way to move forward in the
14 future. But as long as we're going back and digging up
15 those old bones and re-rattling them again, we're going
16 to be seen, and I think be responsible for, going over
17 the past and not going on to a brighter future.

18 I ran for an office, I campaigned for several
19 months, and over and over again, I had people tell me the
20 most important thing for you to do if you get elected is
21 to make a motion and vote to rescind the appeal of that
22 case. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people feel that
23 way in this county. And I have spoken to them directly.
24 I have shoe leather that's missing because I knocked on a
25 thousand doors. I saw a lot of people. And
26 consistently, over and over again, they said to me, we
27 want you to do that.

28 I would encourage Mr. Crowder, who represents
29 me, that there are several thousand people in his
30 district who specifically want that to stop. And I can
31 testify, having spoken to them, that that's their view.
32 And so I think it represents the will of a large number
33 of people. It's not along party lines. I had people
34 come up to me and say, you know, for the first time in my
35 life, I'm going to vote for a Democrat. I've never done
36 that before. And the reason I'm going to do that is I
37 want that lawsuit stopped. And so I think it's not a
38 party thing. It is a very divisive thing. It's an
39 ideologically divisive thing. People come up and go back
40 to it over and over again. It's time to erase it, clear
41 the table and go on to the agenda of all the hopeful
42 things that you've been talking about all night tonight.

43 Thank you very much.

44 LEON HARMON: Elizabeth Fant.

45 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.

46 You know I'm always preaching about we shouldn't use the
47 word I -- I did this, my committee did that -- because
48 we're all a part of the same body that's trying to
49 accomplish things. But tonight I'm going to use the word
50 I. I have been coming to council for a long time. Most

1 of you know my face. Most of you know my mouth. Most of
2 you know my positions. But I do want to say that I am
3 responsible for -- I believe I am responsible for some of
4 the positive changes that have happened in both the sign-
5 up, how we sign up so people know what they're signing
6 for, which side, left and right, and what they're doing.
7 I have been a champion of making sure that the
8 documentation from transfers or from information as to
9 how we're spending our money is done both appropriately
10 and where we can read it. Lots of things on that line.
11 And I want to applaud the new lawyer and Kim Poulin
12 because I think the two of them must be responsible for
13 this, I'm seeing better bid representations in the
14 packet. I even saw a disclaimer for Kim Poulin saying
15 that the minutes that she wrote and so forth were
16 accurate and to her best ability were what the tape said.
17 And you know, we've had questions about that in the past,
18 whether indeed that was true. I think the overall
19 process is really getting there. And I'm proud to see
20 that.

21 However, I do have one question and that is on
22 the washer and dryer. When I used to volunteer out at
23 the shelter that was one thing that I could do with my
24 physical limitations. So I might spend three hours in
25 the laundry room doing laundry and they had I believe it
26 was four washers and four dryers. And then we had
27 another washer and dryer that was in the medical end
28 where they did the spay and neuter, which makes sense to
29 wash and dry there. A question, why we didn't get the
30 warranties from the get-go? And the other thing is the
31 one page that has the documentation for whoever's going
32 to be getting this bid, it doesn't have the name of who's
33 getting the bid. It just has on the top that it's going
34 to be sent out for bids by January the 7th, I think. But
35 it doesn't tell any of the bid documentation like any of
36 the rest of it in the packet. Not like for the cameras,
37 not like for whatever else has been purchased.

38 And the last thing is, we have three cars that
39 the Sheriff is giving up, two that are going to the city
40 of Belton, which I think is a great thing. I want to
41 know how you take that off of one tax record's inventory
42 and put it to another. And, indeed, there was a third
43 one that was asked for and they're not a non-profit and
44 so they did not get one, which is the way it should be.
45 But I think when we retire things, we need to have them
46 off of the accounting. And we also need to have an
47 accounting that actually lists all of these things that
48 Anderson County owns because people want to know where
49 their tax money is going and ---

50 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Thank you.
2 Anything else? That it?

3 Moving on to remarks from Council members. Mr.
4 Waters?

5 KEN WATERS: This is an article that's been
6 bouncing around. I don't know. Has anybody ever heard
7 of the Wall Street Journal? This article was in that and
8 I know Greg Wilson, he got a hold of it and put it in the
9 Anderson Observer and then the Anderson Independent, I
10 believe it was in there last weekend. But I don't know
11 if anybody knows this or not, but out of three thousand
12 sixty-nine counties, Anderson County has recovered from
13 the recession. Only sixty-five counties out of the
14 United States had recovered from the recession. Anderson
15 County is the only county east of the Mississippi that's
16 recovered from the recession. That's coming from the
17 Wall Street Journal, the Anderson Observer and also the
18 Anderson Independent. Now if that's not something to be
19 proud of, I don't know what is. And it kind of leaves me
20 speechless because this group up here has worked so hard
21 over the past few years. And kind of you do the right
22 things and the right things happen. And in this case,
23 the right thing has happened. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Mr.
25 Allen?

26 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just very briefly. A
27 comment was made a little bit ago about taxes for roads.
28 Just as a clarification, I think the word new roads was
29 mentioned. When Governor Haley was here on Friday over
30 at the Civic Center, one thing she specifically hit on
31 was any taxes for roads would not go to new roads, but to
32 repairing what we've already got on board. We've already
33 got enough roads, we can't take care of them. So I just
34 wanted to clarify that one little piece. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.
36 Floyd?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Waters, I saw that
38 article. But you need to do a little more searching.
39 You need to dig a little bit deeper; okay? Because I saw
40 the article and I was as proud as a peacock. And then I
41 wanted to know well, why, what happened? Why? Check
42 into the whys.

43 All right. I made a mistake when I said that
44 the road thing Mr. -- I can't remember his last name --
45 Mr. Harmon, when I said it wasn't in the packet. It was
46 in the packet, but there was one more page you had to
47 turn. It had an (a) on it, but it didn't have a (b).
48 But anyway, it was in the packet, so I made that mistake
49 and I wanted to correct it.

50 Stand by what I said about the person getting

1 the raise. Yes, that person works a long hours, but now
2 that he's got a raise is he going to work any shorter
3 hours? Seems to me that what we should do is to hire him
4 another person to help him get the job done. And I think
5 he had that one big project; that's the biggest project
6 he's had since he's been hired. Isn't that right, Mr.
7 Burns? Okay. So if a big project is going to run him
8 into, you know, all that overtime, and now he's got to
9 have a raise, maybe we shouldn't do any more big
10 projects. Maybe we just need to stay with the little so
11 we can afford him.

12 And I think that's all that I've got to say this
13 time. And I thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
15 Cole?

16 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, Council, I just
17 would like to say thank you for all the cooperation I've
18 gotten from every one of you and do appreciate and look
19 forward to working with all of you over the next two
20 years.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Look forward to
22 it. Mr. Crowder?

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. It was a
24 pleasure for me to **note** from the SCBIZ visitor's magazine
25 that covers Columbia area. They have one in Charleston.
26 One in Greenville called GSA, Greenville-Spartanburg-
27 Anderson. South Carolina Biz had an article -- a lead
28 article today in ??? state in creation of jobs over the
29 last ????. That's not Francis Crowder talking about it.
30 That's South Carolina Biz. And keep in mind we have a
31 wonderful team and economic development, Mr. Burriss
32 Nelson, Mr. Burns, County Council, many of the citizens
33 of Anderson County and the business sector, all of us are
34 a part of the team, trying to help our community to grow
35 and thrive in the best way possible and to give people
36 good jobs. Because to me that's what it's all about.

37 As a sidebar conversation, this Council had
38 nothing to do whatsoever with funding the East-West
39 Connector. That was a project by the ANAT, which is
40 city, county and other board using DOT money.

41 But we have some exciting things that hopefully
42 will be released in the coming months that our staff has
43 worked on for a long time. And we need to continue to
44 support them. The schools are doing exciting things.
45 The community I think is energized. I can't believe the
46 number of people that tell me, in going about in the
47 community, Anderson is on the move. Anderson is on the
48 move. And so I appreciate the fact that Anderson wants
49 to be on the move. And we want to move in the right
50 direction. And it can be by all of us getting together

1 and it not being a Democratic or a Republican issue, as
2 has been stated. That's true. Because this is a great
3 nation and we have the opportunity to work together and I
4 want to see that happen. Thank you, Chairman.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder. Ms.
6 Wilson?

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Did
8 anyone remember to mention that not only did we have jobs
9 coming from nice companies expanding here and locating
10 here, but we had an expanding labor force, so that makes
11 it doubly nice.

12 And I want to thank y'all all profoundly from
13 the bottom of my heart for your prayers and your many
14 kindnesses over the past several years of my step-daddy's
15 lung illness and passing. Thank you all very much. But
16 I could not also let it pass that this is why we need a
17 good daily newspaper. Courts and judges decide how
18 quickly matters move through courts. We don't. The
19 former publisher of the Anderson Independent (Fred
20 Foster) Cordes Seabrook, and a convicted felon, Mr.
21 Bradshaw, and the Monteparas, sued our county to prevent
22 inquiries and investigations provided by state law back
23 in '09. Why didn't these folks who've said negative
24 things about our trying to go through court, why didn't
25 you fuss at them? They cost the county around three to
26 four hundred thousand dollars of extra money and slowed
27 things down.

28 A newspaper is supposed to provide facts and
29 information in a timely manner so that people can make up
30 their own minds. And people that I've talked with, the
31 few that have said they want matters settled, when you
32 ask them where they formed that opinion, it's from the
33 local paper. And then, of course, there were a few that
34 pretty much exposed themselves when settlement issues
35 came before council. It turns out that they had a direct
36 connection to the former administrator that benefitted
37 them. So I think that we need to be very aware of
38 getting our information, as Ms. Floyd pointed out, from
39 other sources than our local paper. It's very important
40 that we find out the different perspectives and all the
41 facts. Thanks so much.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. I'll
43 be brief. I just want to say first of all, Ms. Wilson,
44 of all us, our hearts, thoughts and prayers go with you
45 and your family and hope y'all have a -- get through this
46 time.

47 On a happier note, I want to congratulate Mr.
48 Cole. His granddaughter I think it was just announced
49 that she's Miss BHP. I know that's a great honor. And
50 something to be very proud of.

1 I want to say a couple of things right quick.
2 Mr. Waters brought up about the article in the Wall
3 Street Journal. Mr. Crowder brought up the thing in the
4 South Carolina Biz. All that's great. Anderson County
5 is moving forward and I just want to say that because we
6 can chew -- I've said this from time in and time again,
7 we can't walk and chew gum at the same time. Anybody
8 said we ain't tied up and can't do this, because we are.
9 Are we satisfied? Or is this Council satisfied with
10 everything? No, we're not. I don't think we're out of
11 recession. I think we're heading in the right direction.
12 That wasn't our words, that's somebody else's words. We
13 got a long way to go. We won't be happy until
14 everybody's got a job that wants it and gets a job and
15 wants a job in Anderson County. Hopefully in the very
16 near future we'll have some pretty good announcements
17 coming up to lend credence to that. We do have a lot of
18 good work to do. I think we've done a good job the last
19 few years and we've got more to do for the county and
20 lead us in different directions. And got our fiscal
21 house in order.

22 Talking about this, we was the first one to put
23 us online. You go online any -- you might not like what
24 we're spending, but you can't say you don't know about
25 it. If you don't it's your own fault. Because you can
26 go on line and get it. We try to keep present -- and you
27 know, if you talk to any council member, you ain't got to
28 come to Council meetings. It's fine to come, but you can
29 talk to your council member too and find out what's going
30 on. Talk to you. Ask Council person; need to. Find out
31 what's going on in -- if we can help you in any kind of
32 way. Constituent service, I think everybody up here's
33 for that. It's been a good part of my last week doing
34 such as that. That's what I got elected for and I enjoy
35 doing that. That's more the funner parts to do.

36 And just to touch very briefly on this Joey
37 Preston thing. I get tired of hearing it, too. It's a
38 thing -- it's very divisive, no doubt about it. Point
39 being, Mr. Sprague got a phone call from Charleston when
40 I first got elected I went to Columbia so did other
41 council member for schooling down there and everybody
42 come up to me and wanted to know y'all the county that
43 paid that money, y'all crazy as all get out. There's two
44 sides to every coin. Time to move and time to get a move
45 on, but this Council's not talking about it. It comes
46 here tonight. We got another guy that brings it up every
47 meeting night, but it is what it is and it's going to be
48 with us. Hopefully the courts are hearing this thing or
49 won't. But it's not -- my point being is we're not
50 sitting here -- or I'm not -- obsessed with the Joey

1 Preston case; and shouldn't be. We've had a turn of
2 events to change things and you don't know how things are
3 going to fall. So it'll be what it'll be.

4 But I have enjoyed working with this Council and
5 look very forward to the near future, like Mr. Cole said,
6 getting a lot done this coming year.

7 See y'all Thursday. Meeting be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 PM)

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