

State of South Carolina )  
County of Anderson )

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
MAY 5, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
KIM POULIN

1                   KEN WATERS:           At this time we'd like to  
2 call the Anderson County Proclamation and Awards  
3 ceremony to order. And at this time I would like to  
4 recognize Ms. Cindy Wilson and Mr. Mitchell Cole for  
5 the first resolution -- proclamation.

6                   CINDY WILSON:           Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 This is over pretty serious matter that strikes a lot  
8 of folks. This is Women's Lung Health Week May 10th  
9 through 16th, and this is a Proclamation.

10                  WHEREAS, every five minutes a woman in the  
11 United States is told she has lung cancer; and

12                  WHEREAS, lung cancer is the number one  
13 cancer killer of women in the United States; and

14                  WHEREAS, the lung cancer death rate in women  
15 has almost doubled over the past 37 years; and

16                  WHEREAS, advocacy and increased awareness  
17 will result in more and better treatment for women  
18 with lung cancer and other lung diseases and will  
19 ultimately save lives; and

20                  WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is the national movement  
21 led by the American Lung Association, with the  
22 mission of making lung cancer history. Our  
23 determination to unite women to stand together with a  
24 collective strength and purpose to lead the fight  
25 against lung cancer and for lung health is only  
26 surpassed by our educational goals to the public as a  
27 whole.

28                  BE IT DECLARED that Anderson County Council  
29 hereby designates the second full week in May as  
30 Women's Lung Health Week throughout the County, and  
31 encourages all residents of Anderson County to learn  
32 more about the detection and treatment of lung  
33 cancer.

34                  And, Mr. Chairman, may we have Mrs.  
35 Elizabeth Kelly-Pope to come forward. Is she here?

36                  FRANCIS CROWDER: We need a motion and a  
37 second.

38                  CINDY WILSON:           May we have -- may I put  
39 this in the form of a motion?

40                  MITCHELL COLE:           Second.

41                  KEN WATERS:           All right. Have a form of  
42 a motion and a second. All those in favor raise your  
43 right hand. All right. Make that -- that passed  
44 unanimously.

45                  All right. And she's not here, so we'll  
46 move on to the second one. And that would be, Mr.  
47 Cole, I believe that proclamation is yours.

48                  MITCHELL COLE:           This is a proclamation  
49 declaring the Month of May as Mental Health Month.

50                  KEN WATERS:           Okay. All right.

1 CINDY WILSON: Step down and ---  
2 KEN WATERS: Would you like all of us  
3 to meet ---

4 **(PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION)**

5 KEN WATERS: All right. And we'll  
6 continue, Mr. Cole.

7 MITCHELL COLE: Okay. This is a  
8 proclamation making May Mental Health Month.

9 WHEREAS, the mental health of our citizens  
10 is essential to the continued well-being and vitality  
11 of our families, businesses and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, mental health issues affect  
13 parents, sisters, brothers and co-workers--all of the  
14 people in our lives; and

15 WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses  
16 recover if given the necessary services and supports  
17 in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, only one out of two people with a  
19 serious form of mental illness seeks treatment; and

20 WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination  
21 keep many who would benefit from mental health  
22 services from seeking help; and

23 WHEREAS, greater public awareness about  
24 mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and  
25 behaviors toward people with mental illnesses; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2015 observance of Mental  
27 Health Month will help raise awareness of the  
28 importance of mental health and the stigma people  
29 with mental illness face, while delivering the  
30 message that, with proper treatment, recovery is  
31 possible.

32 NOW, THEREFOR, WE, members of Anderson  
33 County Council, on behalf of Anderson County, do  
34 hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as MENTAL  
35 HEALTH MONTH.

36 As Council members, we also call upon all  
37 Anderson County citizens, government agencies, public  
38 and private institutions, businesses, and schools to  
39 recommit our community to increasing awareness and  
40 understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma  
41 and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and  
42 accessible services for all people with mental  
43 illnesses.

44 I present this in the form of a motion.

45 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

46 KEN WATERS: All right. We have a  
47 motion and we have a second. All in favor of those  
48 notify by raising your right hand. All right. And  
49 let that be known that it passed unanimously.

50 All right. Do we have anyone we need to

1 present that to? Okay.

2 **(PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION)**

3 KEN WATERS: All right. We have one  
4 more proclamation and that ...

5 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
6 This is a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace  
7 Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 10-16 as  
8 Police Week and To Reverently Honor Law Enforcement  
9 Officers who have become disabled or have Fallen in  
10 the Line of Duty. And I would like to read a list of  
11 those that we honor specifically tonight as well as  
12 those that we honor in the proclamation.

13 1920 Arthur Hughes, Honea Path PD. 1924  
14 William Gibson, Anderson City PD. 1926 James R.  
15 Wilson, Anderson County Sheriff Officer. 1928 Luther  
16 A. Martin, Anderson County Sheriff's office. 1947  
17 Willis Ed Sander, Sr., Anderson City PD. 1956  
18 William L. Acker, Anderson City PD. 1957 James  
19 Tillotson, Anderson County Sheriff's office. 1965  
20 Levis T. Sexton, Anderson County Sheriff's office.  
21 1967 Earl Dean Compton, Iva PD. 1969 A.C. Campbell,  
22 South Carolina Wildlife Department. 1972 Barry  
23 Creamer, Anderson County Sheriff's office. 1973  
24 Edgar Cooley, Honea Path PD. 1975 Charles G.  
25 Sheppard, Anderson City PD. 1992 Chris Taylor,  
26 Anderson County Sheriff's office. 1994 Randall  
27 Hester, South Carolina Highway Patrol. 2005 James  
28 Alex Burdette, Anderson County Sheriff's office.

29 WHEREAS, from the beginning of our Great  
30 Nation, law enforcement officers have played an  
31 essential role in safeguarding the rights and  
32 freedoms which are guaranteed by the Constitution and  
33 in protecting the lives and property of our citizens;  
34 and,

35 WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved  
36 October 1, 1962, the U.S. Congress requested the  
37 President to designate May 15 of each year as Peace  
38 Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week during  
39 which such May 15 occurs, as Police Week; and,

40 WHEREAS, it is important that residents  
41 acknowledge the men and women who do difficult,  
42 dangerous and often thankless work, recognizing the  
43 problems, duties and responsibilities of law  
44 enforcement officers as well as the necessity of  
45 cooperating with them in order to maintain law and  
46 order; and

47 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we  
48 express our gratitude for the dedicated service and  
49 courageous deeds of law enforcement officers and for  
50 the contributions they make daily toward the security

1 and well-being of all people; and,  
2 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anderson County Council  
3 designates May 15, 2015, as Peace Officers Memorial  
4 Day and hereby directs all flags on County buildings  
5 be flown at half-staff in memory of those peace  
6 officers who, through their courageous deeds, have  
7 made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our  
8 community or have become disabled in the performance  
9 of duty.

10 Further, Council designates May 10 - May 16,  
11 2015 as Police week, in recognition of the service  
12 given by the men and women presently serving  
13 throughout Anderson County, who, night and day,  
14 protect us through enforcement of our laws.

15 County Council invites local jurisdictions,  
16 patriotic, civic, educational organizations, and all  
17 residents to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and  
18 Police Week with appropriate activities and  
19 ceremonies that commemorate law enforcement officers,  
20 past and present, who by their faithful and loyal  
21 devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered  
22 service to our community, and, in so doing, have  
23 established for themselves an enviable and enduring  
24 reputation for preserving the rights and security of  
25 all citizens.

26 As we remember and mourn the fallen, let us  
27 also remember how they lived. With unflinching  
28 commitment, they defended our schools and businesses.  
29 They guarded our prisons; patrolled our borders; and  
30 kept us safe on the road as we went about our daily  
31 lives. To their families, we owe an unpayable debt.  
32 And to the men and women who carry their mission  
33 forward, we owe our unyielding support. Just as  
34 police officers never let down their guard, we must  
35 never let down our gratitude, extending our heartfelt  
36 thanks not only in times of tragedy, but for every  
37 tragedy averted -- every accident avoided because an  
38 officer took a drunk driver off the streets, every  
39 child was made safer because a criminal was brought  
40 to justice, every life saved because officers raced  
41 to the scene.

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

44 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 5th  
45 day of May 2015.

46 And may I put that in the form of a motion,  
47 please.

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

49 KEN WATERS: We have a motion and we  
50 have a second. All in favor of the motion signify by

1 raising your right hand. All right. Let the record  
2 show that that was unanimous.

3 CINDY WILSON: May I have my fellow  
4 council members come down. And all of our law  
5 enforcement people, if you will come down I'd like to  
6 make this presentation.

7 MITCHELL COLE: Let's give them a hand  
8 while they're coming down.

9 **(PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION)**

10 KEN WATERS: All right. At this time  
11 that concludes the presentations at this time, and so  
12 we'll adjourn until the regular Council meeting at  
13 six thirty.

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15 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 P.M.)**

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KIM POULIN  
LEON HARMON

1                   KEN WATERS:            At this time we want to  
2 call the Anderson County Council meeting, May 5th,  
3 2015 to order. And at this time I'd like to ask the  
4 Honorable Tom Allen to lead us in the Invocation and  
5 Pledge of Allegiance.

6           **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)**

7                   KEN WATERS:            Okay. At this time we  
8 will discuss the approval of the minutes of the last  
9 meeting, April the 21st. Does anyone have any  
10 changes that they would like to make?

11                  CINDY WILSON:            Yes, sir.

12                  KEN WATERS:            All right.

13                  CINDY WILSON:            On page 12, line 15, I  
14 believe Ms. Floyd said underlings, but it's written  
15 as underlines. And on page 32, line 35, it refers to  
16 Brownfields, but it's actually one word and it's  
17 capitalized. And those are the only ones I noted.  
18 Thank you.

19                  KEN WATERS:            All right. Do I have a  
20 second one?

21                  FRANCIS CROWDER:        Yeah.

22                  KEN WATERS:            Yes, sir.

23                  FRANCIS CROWDER:        All right. On page 16,  
24 line 40, the word that's blank is council. And on  
25 page 24, line 45 the word -- the name Don Acevedo is  
26 incorrectly spelled. You'll have to look on the ...  
27 That's it, Chairman. Thank you.

28                  KEN WATERS:            Is that all we have?  
29 Okay. All in favor, signify by raising your right  
30 hand. Let the record show that all were in favor of  
31 that. Okay.

32                   At this time we will have the citizens  
33 comments. This is citizens comments. This is not a  
34 town hall meeting. You will direct the Chairman and  
35 we'd like for you to hold it down out in the  
36 audience. This is a Council meeting and not a Town  
37 Hall meeting, so I want to make that clear.

38                   All right. Mr. Harmon, who do we have up?

39                  LEON HARMON:            Mr. Chairman, we have  
40 several citizens signed up tonight. First name on  
41 the list is Rodney Lowe.

42                  KEN WATERS:            All right. Mr. Lowe.

43                  RODNEY LOWE:            Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
44 I'm Rodney Lowe with Ebenezer Fire Department. Been  
45 a member there for thirty-two years. I'm here  
46 tonight to oppose the proposal of George Brock Road.  
47 We feel during -- this proposal in closing will  
48 prohibit our efficiency to provide fire protection  
49 for the citizens of this community. Also, it will  
50 also add time and mileage to responding to the

1 citizens in this community which will increase their  
2 insurance premiums being over five miles. So we feel  
3 -- and we are strongly against ... this road.

4 KEN WATERS: All right.

5 RODNEY LOWE: And, also, we do want to  
6 thank the Council for supporting our QRV that y'all  
7 have placed at our fire department. It's been a  
8 great asset to our community. And also, you know,  
9 it's going to cut down on response time from the QRV  
10 that we'll be responding to the citizens of this  
11 community.

12 KEN WATERS: Okay. Glad we could help  
13 you out. And also, I notice there's some new people  
14 doing this tonight. What you do is you have three  
15 minutes to get up and you can talk about anything on  
16 the agenda for three minutes. And so, if anybody  
17 else new, just so you'll know that, you've got three  
18 minutes to do that. Appreciate you coming tonight.

19 RODNEY LOWE: Thank you.

20 KEN WATERS: All right. Mr. Harmon.

21 LEON HARMON: Next person signed up, Mr.  
22 Chairman, is Heidi Truell.

23 KEN WATERS: How are you, ma'am?

24 HEIDI TRUELL: How are y'all?

25 KEN WATERS: Good.

26 HEIDI TRUELL: I agree with Rodney. We  
27 would like the road not to be closed. My feeling is  
28 if we start closing every road that has too much  
29 traffic and trash on it, we'd have to close every  
30 road in Anderson County. We'd like it to stay open  
31 and enjoy the driving around.

32 KEN WATERS: All right. Thank you,  
33 ma'am.

34 LEON HARMON: Next person is Drew  
35 Martin.

36 KEN WATERS: Drew Martin? All right.

37 DREW MARTIN: Thank you for giving me  
38 the opportunity to speak. My name is Drew Martin and  
39 I've lived on Troy Murdock Road for twenty years.  
40 Love it there. I raised my family; my wife and I  
41 did. One of the guys that wants the road closed --  
42 and I am definitely against it closing. One of the  
43 guys that wants it closed is a new man. Haven't even  
44 met him. He's moved from a different area. He's not  
45 part of the community yet; though we will welcome  
46 him.

47 When I bought my land I picked a spot where  
48 there would be knoll three hundred feet from the road  
49 so I could build my house and my children could play  
50 safely. From what I understand this man has built --

1 has bought this land and the knoll for his land is  
2 ten feet from the road. I think personal  
3 responsibility plays a big part. If he's not wise  
4 enough to buy the correct land, I shouldn't pay for  
5 that. I travel that road daily, as does my wife, my  
6 two children and my son-in-law. So I am definitely  
7 against it. Thank you very much.

8 KEN WATERS: Thank you, sir.

9 LEON HARMON: Mr. Norman Craft.

10 KEN WATERS: Mr. Craft.

11 NORMAN CRAFT: Last meeting I was here I  
12 asked for air rights and the six things that --  
13 Freedom of Information. The attorney mailed them  
14 back to me, but he didn't mail all of it. And here's  
15 the one that he mailed back. It says the property  
16 owner hereby releases Anderson County from any and  
17 all claims, liability or causes of action against  
18 Anderson County that the property owner now has or  
19 may in the future on account of the right of flight  
20 upon the property which now or hereafter be incident  
21 to the non-election of operation of aircraft landing  
22 on or taking off from or maneuvering about the  
23 airport. The property owner further releases  
24 Anderson County from any claims for damages if any  
25 against Anderson County, its successors or assigns,  
26 arising out of the easement agreement including any  
27 claims for damage to or replacement of any building,  
28 structure, vegetation encroachment or other  
29 obstruction. And then also the right -- this is what  
30 he didn't send me -- the right of the flight at any  
31 altitude above required services. That means he can  
32 come as low as he wants to about the house. He says  
33 right to cause noise, vibrations, fumes, dust, fuel  
34 particles, and then prevent erection of anything  
35 else.

36 Then I asked for a list of the people that  
37 had already signed for easement. And I went to some  
38 of them. They said they talked about the trees, they  
39 talked about the structures, but then they didn't  
40 talk about any of these other things that were asked  
41 about. They didn't talk about the claims as far as  
42 suit against the County Council or the airport. They  
43 didn't talk about the noise or the fumes or the  
44 vibrations; none of that.

45 Do you feel good about this, people? I mean  
46 you voted for this. And then you passed it. But  
47 then the people have to suffer that -- one man, he's  
48 going to -- he's having to go to a lawyer Thursday.  
49 One man's already signed up, but he's going back to a  
50 lawyer to see if he can do something about it. Do

1 you feel good about it, since you proposed this on  
2 the people and they're scamming people. And you're a  
3 part of it. You're the reason for it. And you're  
4 just as guilty as these people are that surveyed my  
5 property. And also, I found out, there's four more  
6 trees on my property they didn't include. Trying to  
7 scam me. So you see, it's all been a lie from the  
8 beginning. This man right here is responsible for  
9 all of it. Every bit of it. So I'll be back the  
10 next time.

11 And would you please tell me why I can't get  
12 any more than three minutes. Mr. Dunn tells me that,  
13 and even in the last meeting he told me what I could  
14 talk about. Where's my first amendment rights?  
15 Right? You people need to realize you don't own us.  
16 You work for us. Amen? I'll be back.

17 KEN WATERS: Thank you, sir. And we  
18 did receive your request for the Information for the  
19 aerodynamic team. And we'll get that to you. Thank  
20 you, sir.

21 NORMAN CRAFT: All right. But I just  
22 want -- the people want a cost of all that's going on  
23 at the airport as far as the air show.

24 KEN WATERS: Appreciate that.

25 NORMAN CRAFT: Also, too, Monday morning  
26 at two o'clock in the morning, plane came right over  
27 my house, one of the big planes. And at five o'clock  
28 another one came over.

29 KEN WATERS: Thank you, sir.

30 Appreciate that.

31 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, Allen

32 Ashley.

33 KEN WATERS: All right. How are you,  
34 Mr. Ashley?

35 ALLEN ASHLEY: Mr. Chairman, Councilmen,  
36 I just want to say that I'm opposed to the closing of  
37 the road. I've been living in that community for  
38 sixty-nine years. Bought one of the owners that  
39 lived on his -- grandfather owned the property and he  
40 fought to get a road paved down through there. And  
41 this other man moved in -- he -- because his wife is  
42 afraid her dog will get run over, he wants to close  
43 it. So if every dog that run across -- I thought we  
44 had an ordinance where you had to keep your dog on a  
45 chain. Not that.

46 So it's not really suitable to close it  
47 because many of us use that road every day. I don't  
48 use it every day, but I use it occasionally. They've  
49 done a good job. If it's supposed to be taken up,  
50 closed, get the big tractor, put a subsoil disc on it

1 and plow it up and get it out; see how he likes it  
2 that way. Thank you and appreciate y'all's time.

3 KEN WATERS: Yes, sir. Thank you, sir.  
4 Mr. Harmon, do we have another one?

5 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman,  
6 Elizabeth Fant.

7 KEN WATERS: Ms. Fant.

8 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant. Can you  
9 hear me okay? Elizabeth Fant. I'm going to switch  
10 gears. I'm going to talk about Item 6, 7, 9(c), 10  
11 and 11. And I have it prepared so that I can go  
12 quickly.

13 Truly you all have heard about the recent  
14 day meetings concerning the 2016 county budget. The  
15 issue of county business, specifically the annual  
16 budget, involves two issues. Number one, the  
17 process; and number two, communication. Put aside  
18 for a moment the insistence of special privilege and  
19 lack of social graces by a County Council member. At  
20 least she is raising valid questions. And realize  
21 every day that your right to know is being  
22 threatened. Remember when the Obamacare bill came  
23 up? Let's pass it and find out what's in it later.  
24 Are we doing the same thing locally with the budget?  
25 Why has the Chairman not called for any budget  
26 meetings? Why are sections of the new budget being  
27 screened by just three members; the Finance  
28 Committee? This has not been a stated role of the  
29 Finance Committee and never have we done this in the  
30 past. Why are these meetings in the middle of the  
31 day when working people cannot attend? Tonight, why  
32 is the Council voting on first reading of the budget  
33 without public view, discussion, or input?

34 Despite the fact of transparency being a  
35 buzz word, sometimes the opposite seems true.  
36 Citizens, don't allow the process of governing be a  
37 distraction in what decisions are made that affect  
38 your pocketbook, your lifestyle, and your right to  
39 know. The budget should be shown on the movie screen  
40 during Council proceedings for all to see. Easy to  
41 do since all the Council people have it on their  
42 tablets. And it should be on the county web site.  
43 And copies of such should be available in every  
44 branch library. We insist on transparency. Ask  
45 questions. Get involved. Voice your concerns. It  
46 will be too late after the budget is decided and your  
47 taxes are raised.

48 KEN WATERS: Mr. Harmon, do we have  
49 anybody else?

50 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, one

1 additional person. Lea Ann Madison.

2 KEN WATERS: All right. Ms. Madison.  
3 Do we have any more after that? That's it. Thank  
4 you, sir.

5 LEA ANN MADISON: I'm Lea Ann Madison and I,  
6 too, am against the closing of the road. I live on  
7 Troy Murdock Road, my family and I. And as Council  
8 men and women, I couldn't live with the fact if I had  
9 the road closed, and it meant somebody -- think of  
10 y'all, if it was your family member's life, thirty  
11 seconds, five seconds, that means a lot when it comes  
12 to somebody's life or death. And that's, you know,  
13 my main thing to think about if you're thinking of  
14 closing. Thank you.

15 KEN WATERS: Thank you, ma'am.  
16 All right. So that's all for our citizens  
17 comments.

18 Okay. Moving on. Brent Murdock. Did he  
19 speak during the three minutes? Okay. I'm sorry.  
20 He requests to speak before Council concerning  
21 closure of George Brock Road.

22 BRENT MURDOCK: Yes, thank you for giving  
23 me ten minutes to speak. I'll try to keep it to  
24 that. If I don't, just shut me down.

25 KEN WATERS: We got you timed. Can you  
26 work on that microphone there. Is that working?

27 BRENT MURDOCK: Get closer to it. Will  
28 that help?

29 KEN WATERS: That's good. Go right  
30 ahead.

31 BRENT MURDOCK: I would like to address  
32 some of the concerns of my neighbors who have spoken  
33 on the issue. I was born in Anderson Hospital in  
34 '58. I've lived here much of my life. I graduated  
35 from T.L. Hanna in 1977. I graduated from Clemson  
36 University in 1993 with a Ph.D. in genetics. I  
37 worked at several universities and colleges around  
38 the world. I ended back up at Clemson in '96. And  
39 the farm was going to be sold and I decided to quit  
40 Clemson and I moved back home. Two hundred and fifty  
41 acres, but I didn't have any machinery or anything.  
42 I had a greenhouse and I started my -- I kept my  
43 genetic research going there and I tried to build up  
44 a farm business. But I'm a geneticist and a plant  
45 breeder, not just a farmer.

46 I have -- my father was the administrator  
47 for the Anderson Health Department for several --  
48 three decades. You know, he was instrumental in the  
49 building of the building out there. His name is on  
50 the plaque. So I do have roots in this community.

1           Since I've been doing this work out there,  
2 half of the land that I'm allowed to use by my family  
3 is transected by George Brock Road. Now I knew  
4 George Brock. I remember when he died. So I've  
5 established -- I have roots here. And I came back  
6 here to raise my family. I've got five kids under  
7 fourteen. And we're all over that place.

8           But there is a terrible security issue there  
9 for me. I probably lost at least ten thousand  
10 dollars worth of equipment over the past ten years.  
11 You are familiar with Ricky Pighead Clark. I've got  
12 into several chasing matches with him over the years.  
13 The first photo there is one case -- the only case --  
14 where anything -- where any of the perpetual -- we  
15 call them perks -- the vandals, the thieves, that  
16 anyone was every caught. One morning there were two  
17 dump -- there were two loads -- this is one of the  
18 loads in the first picture, top left, of building  
19 lace where a barn was being demolished by a sawzall.  
20 And there's another load like that. We found it in  
21 the morning. I called 9-1-1, Sandy Hayes. Litter  
22 officer came out there, saw it. Well, he moved it  
23 from the field enough to the road where the county  
24 would come pick it up. That afternoon there was  
25 another load being thrown out there. Called 9-1-1  
26 and said they're back and we can catch them, can you  
27 send the deputy out here because they're demolishing  
28 a barn about a mile down the road. The 9-1-1  
29 operator said all the deputies that handle litter are  
30 off duty. No one can come. And I said, this is  
31 harassment. I mean it's just not criminal activity  
32 that's hitting me, it's harassment.

33           And I was able to contact Sandy through his  
34 grandmother, looked on the internet and found his  
35 grandmother, grandmother gave me his number, he got  
36 dressed again and came back out there and arrested  
37 them. And he gave them twenty-four hours to clean up  
38 the mess. And these are photos of one victory out of  
39 over a hundred incidents with us. This is -- the  
40 page here that's got a listing of calls from our  
41 house -- a partial listing of calls that came from  
42 our address over the past couple of years. Now these  
43 are just the ones that I bothered to call. I've had  
44 things stolen that the 9-1-1 operator told me, you  
45 know, she just wanted to take the information over  
46 the phone and not even send anyone out there. I've  
47 had to insist at times that people come out there and  
48 take pictures. I've had graffiti written upon doors.  
49 I've had fences cut. The last several years I've  
50 spent at least six thousand dollars on bulldozer work

1 having to close roads up, even digging a trench with  
2 a big giant bulldozer, having them turn the blade and  
3 putting a trench around the field to keep four-  
4 wheelers out of it.

5 The last incident down there at the bottom  
6 that just happened several weeks ago on April 25th,  
7 that was a bunch of individuals on a four-wheeler,  
8 three or four couldn't tell, riding around ingressing  
9 our property, whooping and hollering. I called 9-1-  
10 1. The deputies, the law enforcement's always been  
11 polite, professional with me, but the man called me  
12 back and said, I'm in Pelzer, it'll be thirty minutes  
13 before I can get there. All these things are  
14 documentable by the Sheriff's Department providing me  
15 with this.

16 About a year and a half ago, I got a call  
17 from the other owner of George Brock Road, a man that  
18 I learned his name was Alston Woods. He called me  
19 and wanted to know what was with all the beer cans  
20 down there on my side of the property. I'm talking  
21 about people not just going down there and partying,  
22 but you know, someone evidently coming in and party  
23 -- I mean it was forty, fifty beer cans at a time.  
24 Like they're doing it somewhere else and they just go  
25 and dumping them out on me. And he wanted -- he  
26 thought I was doing it, you know. And I said, man,  
27 you got to talk to the litter officer. And Mr. Hayes  
28 filled him in on this whole deal. And then sometime  
29 after that he called and asked me would I be  
30 interested in shutting the road down. That would be  
31 an answer -- I said, that's an answer to prayer, man.  
32 My family would be all for it if you can shut the  
33 road down.

34 So we signed off for the shutting of the  
35 road down there as far as our property concerns were.  
36 And then last Wednesday I called him to ask him,  
37 well, what's happening with the shutting of the road,  
38 you know. Because I'm preparing land over there. I  
39 have -- right now, I shut down the accesses to my  
40 fields on George Brock Road and I went way down Trail  
41 Road towards Level Land and spent two days worth of  
42 bulldozer work putting in another access and a road  
43 into the field where it would be right in front of my  
44 cousin's house where the gate wouldn't be broken or  
45 stolen, because it's right in front of his house and  
46 you know nobody -- George Brock Road is a perfect  
47 place for people to park and do bad things. I found  
48 pornography down there. I could tell you stuff, I  
49 don't have time to do it. But I'll get back to the  
50 closure of the road.

1 I found out last Wednesday that some people  
2 had objected to the closure of the road. People had  
3 called in the number and said don't close the road.  
4 So I had to -- I called Council members and they were  
5 nice enough to say, well, you can come have your say.  
6 So I'm trying to have it now. I went to the --  
7 yesterday my wife and I got in the car and started  
8 running alternate routes for people that said closing  
9 George Brock Road was a bad idea. We found -- in all  
10 the cases that we investigated -- I couldn't  
11 investigate, you know, fourteen people that called,  
12 but in every one of them we found an alternate route  
13 that was shorter and quicker if they wanted to take  
14 it.

15 Now one neighbor told me last night that he  
16 didn't want to go a certain way, there's a meth house  
17 there. And it was a dangerous turn. He'd like to  
18 stay away from that road. Well, that's, you know,  
19 that's another issue. And in investigating it last  
20 week, the -- I forgot which Council person sent this  
21 to me, but on the next page you can see this letter  
22 that was addressed to Roads and Bridges from Jimmy  
23 Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland, where I highlighted, he  
24 says, on behalf of Anderson County Fire Department,  
25 this closure will impact our emergency vehicle  
26 response time to the citizens in this area. George  
27 Brock Road is a short cut and we oppose the road  
28 closure. Now, I remember when Rodney Lowe was  
29 brought home, I believe from Columbia, as a baby. So  
30 -- and I thank Rodney, the dozen or so times that ---

31 KEN WATERS: Mr. Murdock, your time's  
32 up.

33 BRENT MURDOCK: I'm sorry.

34 KEN WATERS: Appreciate that. It's not  
35 a problem. Thank you for coming.

36 BRENT MURDOCK: Can I ask to complete it  
37 next week? Just give me five more minutes to  
38 summarize it?

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I move ---

40 KEN WATERS: Okay. We have a motion on  
41 the floor to extend it five minutes.

42 TOM ALLEN: Second.

43 KEN WATERS: All right. We have a  
44 second. All in favor ---

45 CINDY WILSON: May I real quick? If we  
46 extend time for him, do we not have to extend time  
47 for the other folks who took their three minutes? I  
48 don't know if ---

49 KEN WATERS: This was on the ---

50 TOM ALLEN: That was the three minutes

1 thing.  
2 KEN WATERS: --- for ten minutes.  
3 TOM ALLEN: His is separate.  
4 CINDY WILSON: I don't mind extending it,  
5 but if we're going to extend it for him, in a spirit  
6 of fairness wouldn't we have to extend for other  
7 folks, too?  
8 TOM ALLEN: No.  
9 KEN WATERS: None of those had it on  
10 the agenda. They spoke during the three minutes,  
11 during citizens -- this is a different ---  
12 TOM ALLEN: Three minute time frame.  
13 BRENT MURDOCK: I can summarize it real  
14 quick.  
15 KEN WATERS: Do I have a motion on the  
16 floor to extend time. All in favor show by raising  
17 your right hand. Let the record show that that's  
18 unanimous. Mr. Murdock.  
19 BRENT MURDOCK: I went to Jimmy Sutherland  
20 yesterday and asked him what's with this? We did  
21 some mileage things and they're not what you're  
22 saying they are. So he was kind and he told me to go  
23 to his chief, Chief Hanks, and ask him. I went to  
24 Chief Hanks and he said, that's a road we got to keep  
25 open. But Mr. Sutherland came out to our farm, I met  
26 him at Ebenezer Fire Department this morning. And if  
27 you could turn to this page. My wife and I got in  
28 the back seat of his car, he had him and his  
29 assistant. He started running and measuring  
30 different routes from Ebenezer Fire Department ---  
31 KEN WATERS: Okay. Hold it down. Mr.  
32 Murdock has the floor.  
33 BRENT MURDOCK: --- to the end of George  
34 Brock Road. If you look at this sheet that we've  
35 made, this is a map we got from the county, the red  
36 line is the route that the fire department says they  
37 have to take to get there at four point -- they have  
38 to get there the quickest. This one here. If you  
39 look at the -- and Mr. Sutherland ran that and got it  
40 in four point four miles. I suggested he run the  
41 yellow line route. He ran that route and measured it  
42 -- it was four point four miles. Exactly the same.  
43 Also, the blue line at the top is a route to  
44 get to the end of George Brock Road that is quicker.  
45 It's a four lane road with a white -- with a line in  
46 the middle of it all the way there. It's -- and he  
47 measured it twenty seconds quicker. It was five  
48 point two miles, but it was twenty seconds quicker to  
49 get there. While we were discussing -- while he was  
50 making all these calculations, you can see my summary

1 of it here, just exactly what I said.

2 If you look at the third paragraph from the  
3 bottom, the route that Chief Hanks says is a short  
4 cut and is essential to fire protection below the  
5 George Brock-Troy Murdock intersection, was measured  
6 at four point four miles. An alternate route that  
7 totally avoids George Brock Road was also measured at  
8 four point four miles. And then I spoke about the  
9 quicker route.

10 Turn to the next page, please. And there's  
11 a fourth route that will get there, too. You go to  
12 the third paragraph on the last page there, my wife  
13 and I spent an hour and eighteen minutes with Chief  
14 Sutherland this morning. Because of my declining  
15 memory, I put it on our iPhone and I'm going to read  
16 the transcript. This is from my iPhone that I  
17 transcribed for -- at the end of the thing. Brent, I  
18 don't think by what we've learned now, and we are in  
19 there and we saw it, the closing of George Brock Road  
20 has no respect either upon insurance rates that  
21 identical distances for insurance tabulation purposes  
22 nor response time. I just don't see how that  
23 assertion could be defended. And Judy says, would we  
24 be accurate in assuming that? Judy's my wife. And  
25 then I say, I mean with all this information you had,  
26 would that be an accurate assertion? You know, both  
27 ways is four point four miles and we even got  
28 multiple ways to get there. So if there's trees --  
29 and Chief Hanks was saying there's trees over the  
30 road; I can't make it. We got to have this one way  
31 to go. But go to the last page, please and I'll  
32 summarize. I'll finish it up.

33 Mr. Sutherland says just -- I got this on  
34 tape -- just what I've got here is giving me two  
35 different ways to go with the same amount of miles,  
36 it's what it's doing, you know, if you understand  
37 what I'm saying. I mean if it's on this end, they  
38 wouldn't want to go all the way down to Alewine Road  
39 and come in that way. And then I say, well, the  
40 fire, you coming out at the same spot that you would  
41 go if you were going down George Brock Road. But  
42 it's irrelevant where the fire would be if you're  
43 going to get to that spot. And his last comment that  
44 I transcribed here, well, that's just, ah, ah, I  
45 guess it's just an opinion now, you know. I'm still  
46 going to do some research and I'll get with Jamie and  
47 talk with him and see what he says. He admitted it's  
48 just down to the point of opinion. Not a fact. It's  
49 multiple ways to get to the same spot. He should  
50 rescind this letter that he wrote to Roads and

1 Bridges because it's non-factual. It's not true.  
2 And that would be my plea that the Council would ask  
3 him to investigate.

4 KEN WATERS: Thank you, Mr. Murdock.  
5 Appreciate you coming.

6 BRENT MURDOCK: Thank you.

7 KEN WATERS: All right. Item number 6.  
8 That'll be Ms. Floyd informative decision relaying  
9 District 2's recreational appropriations and plans  
10 for upcoming months benefitting the constituents and  
11 residents of District 2. Ms. Floyd.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: That's decision, not  
13 discussion.

14 KEN WATERS: I'm sorry. I got my  
15 bifocals on tonight and I was looking high instead of  
16 low.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, that's fine, but I  
18 want to make sure that it's not a decision. It's  
19 more of a discussion.

20 I felt the need to do this because certain  
21 things have been done in County Council District 2  
22 that is not being relayed to the public and I want to  
23 make sure that the people of District 2 knew what was  
24 going on as far as their recreational money and the  
25 plans for it for the summer months.

26 Okay. I am one of the watchers of the city  
27 channel that puts all the ads up and you can read it,  
28 you know, all the things that's going on in Anderson.  
29 And I have been looking for it but I have not found  
30 it on there. But this summer, this summer, District  
31 2 is allocating funds from their -- District 2's rec  
32 account to the YMCA. This is for camping activities.  
33 Any parent who would like to send their child to the  
34 YMCA camp for the summer, needs to go there --  
35 tonight is Tuesday; okay -- go there and register the  
36 kids. Now we only have a limited amount of  
37 scholarships that we're going to provide. So it's  
38 going to have to be the first come the first served.

39 But there are some guidelines that you must  
40 follow. For example, we're looking for parents who  
41 are working and parents who will need to -- parents  
42 who are receiving some type of assistance. But the  
43 camp is absolutely wonderful. My own kids went  
44 there. Well, I had one child who was camp crazy.  
45 And he actually grew up in that YMCA camp and he went  
46 on to this camp, and that camp and he became one of  
47 the camp counselors for the Clemson whatever camp it  
48 was. But it's a wonderful experience for a child.  
49 So if you have a -- someone like that that needs some  
50 opportunities for the summer, please go to the Y and

1 see if you can get a scholarship. Now this is only  
2 -- only, let me reiterate that -- this is only for  
3 students in the District 2 area.

4 Okay. Another thing is that the Anderson  
5 recreation received money from the Anderson District  
6 2 rec fund as well. They have funds there to provide  
7 scholarships for health programs. If we have -- I'm  
8 -- we're mainly looking at our seniors, mostly. You  
9 can go, if you want to. Good. Good. But anyway,  
10 you have to have guidelines there, too. But any  
11 senior who needs a recreational program, who lives in  
12 District 2, can go to the recreation center and apply  
13 for one of the scholarships there.

14 Also, for the summer, District 2 has  
15 provided scholarships for children who want, for  
16 children who want to participate in the sports  
17 program. That's baseball, soccer and something else.  
18 We don't do football. But there -- you need to get  
19 your child down there and sign him or her up as soon  
20 as possible because that -- that money has been there  
21 for a while and I don't know how fast it's going, but  
22 these are summer opportunities for our children in  
23 District 2.

24 Homeland Park, the Anderson Rec Center has  
25 been given funds for the park in Homeland Park. And  
26 for the life of me I cannot think of the name of it.  
27 anybody know that name? Whitworth?

28 KEN WATERS: Mr. Dunn, if he were here  
29 he might, but I don't know.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Wellington, thank you.  
31 Wellington, Wellington Park. Thank you. The  
32 Wellington Park. It's in a shambles down there, but  
33 we're trying to get it fixed up so we can start a --  
34 little boys play baseball, don't they -- to start a  
35 baseball program in the Homeland Park area for those  
36 children. So the Homeland Park -- I mean the  
37 Anderson Rec will provide the shirt, and the hat for  
38 the child who would like to sign up. And I think  
39 maybe some equipment. But that's something only for  
40 the children in Homeland Park that we need to get  
41 them out there.

42 Haney Park. District 2 recreation funds  
43 will be distributed to the Haney Park area and we  
44 have a little something we want to do there. I'm  
45 reluctant to announce it yet because I wanted a  
46 chance to talk to the Homeland Park -- not Homeland  
47 Park -- Broadway Lake board to let them know what's  
48 going to happen. But I think that you're going to  
49 like Haney Park. Haney Park will be for anyone. The  
50 goings on down there will be for anyone who would

1 like to attend. But this is something that's needed  
2 in Anderson County, as well, for our children. We  
3 have planned a very, very active summer for our kids  
4 in District 2 and we're hoping that they're going to  
5 be pleased with the way we are spending the  
6 recreational funds that we get from the county.

7 If anyone has any questions, I'm always  
8 available. If you cannot reach me at my home, you  
9 please feel free to call the Council office, 260-  
10 1048. 260-1048. And the Clerk there will be able to  
11 give me messages and get in touch with me. But I'm  
12 hoping that you'll take advantage of these  
13 opportunities for summer recreational.

14 And I thank you.

15 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. All right.  
16 And I think you have the next, number 7,  
17 communication of the budgetary consideration relating  
18 to fiscal year '15-'16 proposed budget concerns and  
19 issues that may result in additional information or  
20 actions from County staff prior to the final reading  
21 of the budget. Ms. Gracie Floyd.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Okay. This -- the  
23 budget this year really depresses me. I'm just so  
24 overwrought about the entire thing. Some of you may  
25 know this, others of you may not. I am the longest  
26 member of County Council; sitting member of County  
27 Council. I've been here sixteen years. And I've  
28 done a budget all of the sixteen years. Never, never  
29 have we started our budget year off with it going  
30 into a committee rather than full Council. Council  
31 members were not asked how we want to do the budget.  
32 Usually we do a workshop for everybody and we start  
33 early enough. But we were not given a choice this  
34 year. Our chairman decided that it would go into the  
35 Finance Committee and the Finance Committee's  
36 responsibility says that they are to deal with budget  
37 matters and then make suggestions or make  
38 recommendations to the full Council. This cannot be  
39 done on a budget.

40 I think it's hard for three people to get  
41 together to make recommendations to five, six -- how  
42 many people -- four, five, six, seven, four other  
43 people without us looking through that budget  
44 ourselves. What I did was, I hosted a budget  
45 workshop myself. No one attended but me, when  
46 everybody on Council had the opportunity to be there,  
47 to learn for themselves.

48 We spent two days going through this entire  
49 budget. Not the entire because some I didn't get  
50 through the elected officials, but the ones that

1 we're concerned with, I spent two days going through  
2 there, talking to every department head, going  
3 through their budgets piece by piece, learning what  
4 they wanted and what they needed. I learned some  
5 things that the entire sixteen years that I did not  
6 know. I learned some things that was in the budget  
7 that the Finance Committee didn't even know.

8 And another thing, I did not see not one  
9 Council member going to the Finance Committee to see  
10 what was going on. Our Code of Ordinance says that  
11 any Council member can attend any meeting alone -- I  
12 mean, can attend any meeting including the Finance  
13 Committee. We can take part, we can make  
14 suggestions, we can ask questions. But we cannot  
15 vote. But I didn't see one County Council other --  
16 Council member there except me. I was treated -- I  
17 was ridden hard and put up wet. I think I was poorly  
18 treated there, but I'm glad I went. That  
19 disappointed me not to see other Council members  
20 there. How can we learn, how can we know what's  
21 going on in the Departments if we don't talk to the  
22 Department heads? Not one Department head was there  
23 to explain, defend or ask the Finance Committee what  
24 they thought. Finance Committee made decisions.  
25 They made a decision to recommend that we cut some  
26 stuff, but we didn't have -- we don't know why. We  
27 don't know why things had to be cut. I sat down with  
28 the Finance Department -- the entire Finance  
29 Department, the three people involved, and we went  
30 over that budget piece by piece. They answered  
31 questions for me. Everybody that came in, answered  
32 the question. My question were -- some of them were  
33 just really stupid. But after teaching for thirty  
34 years, I've taught my kids there are no stupid  
35 questions. If you want to know what's going on then  
36 come and find out. We only had one citizen, or two,  
37 maybe three citizens that attended to find out what  
38 was going on in the budget. There was some eye-  
39 opening information. I always thought that our class  
40 salary -- we're in classes, you know, like eight,  
41 nine, ten, eleven, twelfth, the levels -- I thought  
42 eight was the lowest. But it's not. Four. Four is  
43 the lowest. Did you know that? Four is the lowest.  
44 I learned why certain things was really needed in the  
45 Council.

46 What we did not discuss was pay raises. I  
47 read a wonderful article today that was given to me  
48 from the Anderson Observer. If you have not seen the  
49 article, you need to see it. You really do need to  
50 read it. How can we afford to keep strong people on

1 our payroll if we don't give them the raises? Time  
2 is by -- time is gone for us to go to the back of the  
3 room, in the back room to give raises out to some  
4 people. The time is past. The Finance Committee has  
5 said that they were going to give no pay raises, but  
6 they were going to give people on the lower end a pay  
7 raise. If you've got somebody who's making fourteen  
8 or fifteen thousand dollars, and you give them a two  
9 percent pay raise, I'm not a mathematician, but  
10 doesn't that come somewhere around three hundred  
11 dollars? And when you get -- when they get the three  
12 hundred, don't you have to take the taxes out of it,  
13 and what are they left with? Milk has gone up. No  
14 thought is being given to what's coming out and what  
15 we're doing and what we know.

16 We cannot go along on our own understanding.  
17 Even the Bible tells us not to lean unto our own  
18 understanding, but we need to talk to each other. We  
19 need to talk to our Department heads. We need to  
20 talk with our Administrator and ask him, well, why is  
21 this and why is that? We need to know the budget;  
22 not this year -- but we need to know the budget, not  
23 only for this year but for the years to come. Every  
24 Council member should sit down by themselves and go  
25 over that budget with the Department heads. Yes, the  
26 Department heads will lose a little time working, but  
27 that's the way it needs to be done. I think my ten  
28 minutes is about up. Is it? Oh, hot dog. My only  
29 regret -- I have one regret.

30 KEN WATERS: We got to teach him how to  
31 count. No, I'm joking. I'm joking.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I only have one regret.  
33 Council members, I only have one regret. You didn't  
34 join me. That's my only regret. You're willing to  
35 sit here and you're willing to listen to people tell  
36 you what they recommend we ought to do or you ought  
37 to do. And nobody can do that. All right. For  
38 example, in the budget was a clean-up crew, three  
39 additional members for a clean-up crew. How many  
40 times have we heard about how dirty Anderson is? But  
41 there was three clean-up crew in that. All right.  
42 Maybe we could not have done all three, but we could  
43 at least given them addition of one because they have  
44 all of Anderson. Finance Committee, cut it out. Cut  
45 it out. And they said, well, the Roads and Bridges  
46 people can get out there and do it. What's the  
47 fairness in that? What's the rightness in that?  
48 Now, why not talk to somebody first? Roads and  
49 Bridges can barely take care of their own. Do they  
50 have the time to get out there and clean it up? Why

1 not let's get the Administrator and his office to get  
2 out there and clean it up? No thought was given to  
3 that. We need to know what we are voting on.

4 Now, we have not even discussed raises yet.  
5 We haven't even talked about it. But yet tonight  
6 we're getting ready to vote on the budget. How can  
7 you vote even one vote. Yeah, they'll say we've got  
8 three times -- but how can you make even one vote  
9 without discussing the entire budget? There is  
10 fourteen point -- there is a building in the budget  
11 for fourteen point five million dollars. Did you  
12 know that? There is a building that's in the budget  
13 for fourteen point five million dollars. This  
14 building is supposed to be for County offices. All  
15 right? There is a park in there for two hundred and  
16 thirty-six thousand dollars. Now that hurts me worse  
17 than anything in this world. For us to put this on  
18 the backs of the people of Anderson County -- that  
19 two hundred thirty-six thousand dollars -- when we  
20 could have had the money for the park, as much money  
21 as we needed, not only for one park, but for all of  
22 them, if we had just implemented the hospitality tax.  
23 But the person who needs the park said that two  
24 hundred of his people, out of twenty-six thousand  
25 people, two hundred told him not to vote on the  
26 hospitality tax. But yet, the two hundred and  
27 thirty-six thousand is being put on the backs of the  
28 people. Where's the fairness?

29 We have people that need things in their  
30 department that's been cut out. Do we know that? Do  
31 we know why they need it?

32 I'm not trying to make waves. I'm not  
33 trying to make waves, but I am a person. I can't sit  
34 back and just accept it. I can't just go along with  
35 folks just to get along with them. I'm tired and I'm  
36 through. And I thank you.

37 KEN WATERS: Thank you, ma'am. All  
38 right. Appreciate that.

39 Next Item will be Ordinance third reading.  
40 Ordinance #2015-013, An ordinance to amend an  
41 agreement for the development of a joint county  
42 industrial and business park (2010 park) of Anderson  
43 and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

44 And this is a public hearing. We need to  
45 bring it up for a motion first, don't we then?

46 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. You  
47 need to do the public hearing first.

48 KEN WATERS: First? Okay. All right.  
49 At this time the floor's open for public hearing on  
50 that. Do we have anyone that would like to speak to

1 that matter? All right. At this time public hearing  
2 is closed. And do I have anyone that will bring that  
3 for a motion to vote on? Is that correct?  
4 FRANCIS CROWDER: Motion.  
5 KEN WATERS: All right. We have a  
6 motion. We have a second?  
7 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
8 KEN WATERS: Do we have any discussion?  
9 All right. Hearing no discussion, we'll vote on  
10 that. All in favor of Ordinance 2015-013, show favor  
11 by raising your right hand. All right. And those  
12 opposed like sign. Want a break? Okay. All right.  
13 This will be a good time. Let the record show that  
14 that record, the vote was unanimous and also, Mr.  
15 Dunn, the Chairman, is sick tonight, so that's the  
16 reason he's not here. I apologize for not saying  
17 that at the beginning. And at this time we'll take a  
18 five minute rest, or break.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, it takes  
20 longer than that for women.  
21 KEN WATERS: All right. Seven.  
22 **(RECESS FROM 7:20 PM TO 7:32 PM)**  
23 KEN WATERS: All right. At this time  
24 we'll call the Anderson County Council meeting of May  
25 5th, 2015 back into session.  
26 All right. Ordinance #9 First reading.  
27 Ordinance #2015-014, an Ordinance requesting to  
28 rezone 10.68 acres, located at 2825 Lebanon Road, in  
29 Council District #4 from Planned Development to R-A  
30 (Residential-Agricultural). Public Hearing. All  
31 right. We'll go into Public Hearing at this time and  
32 no limit. Do we have anybody wanting to speak on  
33 this matter? All right. Public hearing will be  
34 closed now. And does anyone want -- need to bring  
35 this in the form of a motion?  
36 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
37 KEN WATERS: We have a second?  
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.  
39 KEN WATERS: All right. Okay. At this  
40 time we will discuss -- does anyone have any  
41 discussion about Ordinance #2015-014. Mr. Forman,  
42 anything you'd like to tell us about it?  
43 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir. Just real  
44 quick. This property is currently zoned PD. The  
45 request is for a single family residence. Gentleman  
46 came in to purchase the property, came in to build a  
47 single family home, at which time he discovered that  
48 his house, or his property is zoned PD, so in the  
49 essence of getting his permit, the quickest way to do  
50 that would be to rezone it back to its original

1 zoning of RA.

2 KEN WATERS: Okay.

3 MICHAEL FORMAN: And that's really it.

4 Zoning advisory group recommended approval by a vote  
5 of three to zero. And Planning Commission  
6 recommended approval by a vote of six to zero.

7 KEN WATERS: All right. Okay. We have  
8 a motion and we have a second. All in favor of that  
9 motion, signify by raising your right hand. All  
10 right. Let the record show that that's unanimous,  
11 with Mr. Dunn not being here.

12 Okay. Ordinance #2015-015, an Ordinance for  
13 adoption of the Highway 81 Overlay District  
14 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, to include all zoned  
15 properties or portions of properties that are within  
16 500 feet of the centerline of Highway 81, and  
17 directly access Highway 81; bounded to the northwest  
18 by the centerline of Scotts Bridge Road, to the  
19 northeast by the centerline of Long Road, and to the  
20 south by the centerline of Reed Road, and matters  
21 related thereto. Okay. Need to open that up in a  
22 Public Hearing. I think you were wanting to speak on  
23 the overlay?

24 ELIZABETH FANT: I get the packet. I see  
25 what's in it and a lot of people don't see what's in  
26 it. But I just want to tell you, and I don't want it  
27 to go to your head, Michael, but this is the most  
28 complete overlay that I've seen in a long time. And  
29 conscious effort to really look out for our 81 area  
30 so it doesn't become a Woodruff Road, which a lot of  
31 the comments that are in here are people that are  
32 worried about that happening. We do need to realize  
33 that 81 and Clemson Boulevard are our busiest spots.  
34 And in Greenville a lot of the business developments  
35 do a whole lot of landscaping and make the entries  
36 where it's not just an in and out kind of thing. And  
37 it seems to be more like residential than it is  
38 business development. But I just want to applaud Mr.  
39 Forman for his job on this because it's excellently  
40 done.

41 KEN WATERS: All right. Anyone else?

42 ART KALDAS: My name is Art, District  
43 1. I really wish we did that for Clemson Boulevard.  
44 Imagine how much greater Anderson would have been if  
45 the Council took charge before that place became what  
46 it has become.

47 First, I want to use this opportunity to  
48 thank you about what you did with the East-West  
49 Parkway. It is one of the most beautiful places  
50 anyone can see anywhere. I travel around the country

1 and this part is one of the most beautiful sections  
2 of all places. Okay? Can you hear me now? All  
3 right.

4 So I read and viewed the plan that you have  
5 for this overlay. I know there is so much work that  
6 went into it, much more than most people do realize,  
7 and for that I am very, very thankful.

8 KEN WATERS: Thank you, sir. All  
9 right. No one else? Let it show the Public Hearing  
10 is now closed on Ordinance 2015-015.

11 And Mr. Forman, do you have something you'd  
12 like to show us on this?

13 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.  
14 Chair. Just real quick. Just wanted to go over  
15 where we're at to this point. How we got here.

16 As you all know, and this is all in your  
17 packet. As you know, this was developed as a tool  
18 for promotion of Anderson County. County Council  
19 recognized back in January that the Highway 81  
20 corridor was a very public corridor and was able to  
21 be seen by a lot of folks coming in and out of the  
22 area. So this gives us the opportunity to show --  
23 put our best foot forward and show what Anderson  
24 County can look like with some consistent and  
25 efficient development patterns in place.

26 So going into a little bit further as I  
27 mentioned, this is a tool for the community's vision.  
28 In doing so, we went ahead and had two public  
29 meetings and we were really, really happy with the  
30 folks that came out. We had about sixty folks come  
31 out to the first meeting, so it was very well  
32 attended. A lot of folks had some great things to  
33 say. And we had some good discussions from those  
34 meetings. We had developed a survey that we gave to  
35 folks; we also made available online, and we received  
36 fifty-six of those surveys back. And with some of  
37 those results we were able to come up with -- to use  
38 those to come up with what you have before you, this  
39 draft ordinance that we have before you.

40 So as you can see the time line, we had the  
41 kick-off meeting back in March, moving forward, here  
42 we are County Council public hearing first reading on  
43 May 5th. So if -- at this point we're looking at  
44 June 2nd for adoption if there are no hiccups.

45 Just real quick. This is a -- we had a  
46 portion of the survey at the end of the survey where  
47 folks could -- had the ability to write in additional  
48 thoughts or concerns or questions. And Ms. Celia  
49 Boyd, one of our planners who's instrumental in  
50 putting this together, she has this web site she

1 found where we could basically put all that -- all  
2 the written words into this web site and they'd spit  
3 us back out what you see before you. The words that  
4 are larger and darker were the words that showed up  
5 more or the most on the survey results. So you can  
6 see some of the concerns were sidewalks, curb cuts,  
7 development, traffic. These are the things that  
8 folks really wanted us to focus on. So we tailored  
9 our results in this draft ordinance based upon what  
10 we saw in part on this, what you see here, this word  
11 survey.

12 So what we've done, we've broken down the  
13 overlay into four chapters. The first chapter just  
14 the introduction, the project overview. Chapter two  
15 is existing conditions, which includes all the maps,  
16 the zoning maps, current zoning maps, future land use  
17 maps, current land use maps. Chapter three is the  
18 community input and those survey results, the  
19 aforementioned survey results we discussed before.  
20 And then chapter four is the actual meat of it, the  
21 regulations and design standards that you see before  
22 you.

23 So real quick, I'm not going to go into all  
24 of these, but just to give you an idea of what we're  
25 talking about as far as the design standards are  
26 concerned, we're recommending building materials that  
27 convey a sense of permanence, that provide a sense of  
28 place. And you see some examples there; brick,  
29 stone, wood, etcetera. We want to make sure also  
30 that outdoor equipment is not visible. That was a  
31 concern that was raised to us in the course of the  
32 meetings.

33 And moving forward, as you can see, signage,  
34 we're requiring monument signage only, so you see the  
35 lower signage there, basically monument signage.  
36 Nothing else. With certain maximum height  
37 requirements depending on whether or not it's single  
38 tenant or multi-tenant. But no electric signs, no  
39 blinking signs, that sort of thing. And then  
40 lightening as you can see, the little example there.  
41 We're requiring shielded lights so the -- what you  
42 see on the left there, so it reduces the light glare  
43 off of the site, and that makes a big difference when  
44 you have some of the larger commercial properties  
45 butting up against some of the non -- butting up  
46 against some of the residential uses.

47 Moving forward, some buffer yard  
48 requirements. We're requiring a type six buffer  
49 yard, which is our most stringent that we have  
50 currently in the zoning ordinance. And as you can

1 see, this is just an example of what a typical type  
2 six buffer yard would look like. And then we also --  
3 we recognized that there's also an access and  
4 connectivity issue that's a major focus of what we're  
5 looking at as well. However, this being a state  
6 road, we're going to need more input from the DOT so  
7 we ask for patience on that side of things. We  
8 understand there's a lot more to be done on that end.  
9 And we're going to -- we plan to have further  
10 meetings that will be open to the public and we want  
11 to solicit further input, but we need some input from  
12 DOT first. So what you have before you is the design  
13 standards element and the connectivity issue will be  
14 addressed at a later time.

15 And that concludes our staff report.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

17 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Floyd.

18 You have the floor.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Question.

20 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. Go right

21 ahead.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please go back  
23 to the third -- the third, the last one you showed.  
24 That one. Okay. The picture at the top. This is  
25 not Anderson County; right?

26 MICHAEL FORMAN: No, ma'am, I believe  
27 that's Woodruff Road.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But this is what it  
29 could look like; right?

30 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, ma'am.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Forman,  
32 I'm just a little confused on one thing. All right.  
33 Now, up to where the Walmart is, the new Walmart  
34 grocery store, where is this -- what area would this  
35 81 overlay affect?

36 MICHAEL FORMAN: This will be from Reed  
37 Road on 81, from Reed Road north. So Walmart would  
38 be included. Reed Road north to Long Road on the  
39 east side and Scotts Bridge Road on the west side.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But starting from  
41 Reed Road up, it's too late for those places; right?

42 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, ma'am. There are  
43 certain -- the majority of the southern lots are  
44 already built out.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Okay. Now also,  
46 I'm saying it's too late for the Reed Road going up  
47 because you got your Walmart, your Burger King, your  
48 chicken place -- what's the name of that place?  
49 Bojangles. You got your Bojangles, you got the dry  
50 cleaners, the offices, so you're going to start right

1 above that maybe at the East-West Connector and going  
2 up? That's where we're going?  
3 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, well, technically it  
4 starts on Reed Road, but yes, the undeveloped  
5 portion, the majority of those will be north of the  
6 East-West Connector. Yes, ma'am.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now tell me about  
8 the -- please, tell me about the Veterans Hospital.  
9 I still don't have a -- I can't fathom where that is  
10 going. I know it's going up there somewhere, but I  
11 just can't figure out where.  
12 MICHAEL FORMAN: That is directly north of  
13 the high school.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: North of ---  
15 KEN WATERS: They already have -- Hanna  
16 High School -- they already have the shell of the  
17 building built.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: The what now?  
19 KEN WATERS: The shell of the building,  
20 the outer part of it, it's built now.  
21 GRACIE FLOYD: It's going to be near  
22 Hanna High School?  
23 KEN WATERS: Just past it on the right,  
24 yes, ma'am.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Lord, have mercy. So,  
26 we're going to have all those grocery stores down  
27 there. They're going to have the Veterans Hospital.  
28 They're going to have Hanna High School. We're going  
29 to have the Wal-Mart -- I said that already. Hanna  
30 High School. All right. And what are we going to do  
31 about traffic lights? We going to have overhead  
32 bridges so we can get around over there?  
33 MICHAEL FORMAN: We don't address that with  
34 this overlay.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't hear you.  
36 MICHAEL FORMAN: We were not going to be  
37 addressing that issue with this overlay.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: So what you're addressing  
39 is really beautification, is that it?  
40 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, ma'am.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.  
42 KEN WATERS: That -- excuse me, ma'am.  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.  
44 KEN WATERS: That being a Highway 81,  
45 that would be a state issue, wouldn't it, about as  
46 far as traffic flow?  
47 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir.  
48 KEN WATERS: Okay. So that'd be a  
49 state issue that they would ---  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: We need to call the state

1 now, because already, already around certain times  
2 it's a mess. It's a mess. Okay. And there's one  
3 other question I wanted to ask you about that  
4 overlay. All right. All right. It's gone.  
5 Mr. Chairman, thank you.  
6 FRANCIS CROWDER: There are other lots, but  
7 ...  
8 MALE VOICE: Microphone, please.  
9 FRANCIS CROWDER: Can you hear that?  
10 MALE VOICE: I can.  
11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. I'm sorry, I  
12 have got it on, right up to my mouth. The new  
13 Walmart, though this is not in place, actually, we  
14 worked with them; right, very closely, and we got  
15 them pretty much up to this.  
16 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir.  
17 FRANCIS CROWDER: Right?  
18 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir.  
19 FRANCIS CROWDER: So they actually are a  
20 model. If you go right out there, you will see an  
21 abundance of landscape, grass, barriers at the wall,  
22 like this category six; okay, with the lightening  
23 that you want. Those are in place; right?  
24 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir.  
25 FRANCIS CROWDER: So I want to join others  
26 in thanking you and your staff for meeting with the  
27 citizens -- I reckon the battery is dying or  
28 something -- coming up with this document. And with  
29 that I'd like to make a motion to approve this,  
30 please, sir.  
31 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
32 KEN WATERS: All right. All right. At  
33 this time we will take a vote on it. All in favor of  
34 Ordinance 2015-015 show by raising your right hand.  
35 All right. Let the record show Mr. Allen, Mr.  
36 Waters, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in  
37 favor. And Ms. Floyd?  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: You didn't call for the  
39 ---  
40 KEN WATERS: Oppose?  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: You didn't call for ---  
42 KEN WATERS: Okay. I'm sorry.  
43 Abstain?  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I'm going  
45 to abstain because I don't know what I'm voting on.  
46 KEN WATERS: Okay. That's quite all  
47 right.  
48 GRACIE FLOYD: My constituents hate it  
49 when I do that.  
50 KEN WATERS: Let the record show that

1 Ms. Floyd abstains.

2 All right. Moving on to page two. Anderson  
3 County Council meeting May 5, 2015, Ordinance #2015-  
4 016, an Ordinance to adopt the Operating and Capital  
5 Budgets of Anderson County for the Fiscal Year  
6 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and  
7 to make appropriations for such Anderson County  
8 budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other  
9 county purposes for which the county may levy a tax  
10 other than for Tri-County Technical College purposes;  
11 to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable  
12 personal and real estate properties in Anderson  
13 County for such county ordinary purposes, including  
14 sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on  
15 outstanding indebtedness of Anderson County maturing  
16 during said fiscal year; to adopt the Operating and  
17 Capital Budgets of Anderson County for the Fiscal  
18 Year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016,  
19 and to make appropriations for such Anderson County  
20 budgets, for Tri-County Technical College purposes;  
21 to provide for the levy of taxes on all personal and  
22 real properties in Anderson County on which school  
23 taxes may be levied for such Tri-County Technical  
24 College purposes; to provide for the levy assessment  
25 and collection of certain other taxes and fees; to  
26 provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other  
27 revenues coming to the county during said fiscal  
28 year; and to provide for other matters relating to  
29 Anderson County.

30 Mr. Rusty Burns. And need to put this up  
31 for the motion, don't I?

32 MITCHELL COLE: So moved.

33 KEN WATERS: And got a second? Mr.  
34 Burns, to discuss the budget.

35 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, you have  
36 before you a copy of the budget prepared by myself  
37 and the people who work for Anderson County. It's up  
38 tonight for first reading. We have had a chance to  
39 discuss with each member of Council extensively  
40 details of matters that are in this budget. And we  
41 will continue to be working with Council, as we have  
42 been even this afternoon on finding out the will of  
43 Council.

44 But at this time, with the Council's  
45 pleasure, we will let Ms. Rita Davis give a brief  
46 overview of the big parts of the budget.

47 KEN WATERS: All right. Ms. Davis. We  
48 apologize for waking you up back there.

49 RITA DAVIS: No, sir, I was hunkered  
50 down because it's so cold. I was trying to stay

1 warm. Yes, sir.

2 The budget before you right now has several  
3 items that the Administrator is placing before you  
4 for consideration. He truly, you know, wants  
5 Council's dialogue and input, as always, but  
6 particularly this year. Okay? Because contained  
7 within that budget you have a two mil increase. I  
8 think that's been reported on, with one mil going for  
9 -- into the General Fund. One mil for debt service  
10 payment. Okay? And one of the reasons the debt  
11 service payment is -- would increase is if Council  
12 adopted a General Obligation Bond. It's currently  
13 slated at about fifteen million dollars, that's  
14 already been stated, as well. So you've got the mil  
15 increase, the General Obligation Bond. Also, there's  
16 a five point three million dollar capital lease  
17 contained in the budget. We'll be asking Council's  
18 consideration to borrow some money as we have in the  
19 past, to purchase vehicles and heavy equipment for  
20 the departments, based upon a prepared list that  
21 Council would review, adjust as needed and approve,  
22 hopefully. And so, by doing that, you will have  
23 provided for a reoccurring millage for your capital  
24 which is critical, of course, for the departments to  
25 perform their job.

26 Also contained within the budget before you  
27 for consideration tonight is six hundred and forty  
28 thousand in the general fund, seven hundred six  
29 thousand for all funds, employee raises. That can be  
30 distributed however Council decides. You have two  
31 point five million usage of your general fund balance  
32 that is for road paving, district paving money. In  
33 addition to that, you have the million dollars that  
34 was approved during the supplemental budget for the  
35 fiscal year we're in now. So Council would have  
36 three point five million for district paving.

37 That's the highlights. We'll be glad to  
38 answer any questions that you might have regarding  
39 the budget. But that sums it up in a nutshell.

40 KEN WATERS: Ms. Floyd?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Sorry. I apologize. The  
42 -- you mentioned employee raises just then. You said  
43 there was six hundred and forty thousand -- that's  
44 what -- six hundred and forty thousand dollars in the  
45 general fund for the employee raises?

46 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now I don't know if  
48 this is the proper time to bring this up or not, but  
49 we did a study. We paid eight thousand dollars for a  
50 study to be done on our employee raises in Anderson

1 County.  
2 RITA DAVIS: Correct.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: And we were given -- was  
4 it three options that this study gave us for  
5 increasing our employee raises?  
6 RITA DAVIS: There was some suggestions  
7 by the consultant basically to -- he established new  
8 pay grades and he recommended that Council consider  
9 raising the employees to the minimum of that new pay  
10 grade. Plus a two percent raise on top of that was  
11 basically his recommendation.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And  
13 then the other one was -- there were three. What was  
14 the other one? He recommended three things. He  
15 recommended that we bring everybody up to the minimum  
16 pay raise. I mean to the minimum. And then add two  
17 percent on there. And add two percent on there.  
18 Then he said that the six hundred and forty thousand  
19 dollars. And then, what was the third one? There  
20 were three.  
21 RITA DAVIS: I just remember the two,  
22 but I think he had selected departments that he  
23 identified. He said, you know, in my analysis you  
24 might want to take a look at these eight distinct  
25 departments that appear to need pay raises, that a  
26 lot of the people -- existing employees appear to be  
27 below the minimum.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.  
29 RITA DAVIS: And then, ma'am, if you  
30 don't mind, we took that and just did different  
31 analysis, based on that. He said you could look at  
32 years of service. He had as a copy ratio. I think  
33 that's the third one you're talking about.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, yeah, it was three.  
35 RITA DAVIS: Copy ratio.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: I knew it was three.  
37 Okay. Now we haven't settled on one yet.  
38 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now the newspaper  
40 -- the newspaper stated that the Finance Committee  
41 was looking at just funding the lower payment -- I  
42 mean the lower level employees at only two percent.  
43 Am I correct?  
44 RITA DAVIS: I think they considered  
45 those select departments the consultant identified,  
46 raising them to the minimum of their new pay grade.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Okay.  
48 But no decision has been made on that at all yet?  
49 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. Not at all.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: But we're going to vote

1 tonight. Okay. Go back to the -- may I continue?

2 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Let's go back  
4 to the one mil for the debt service. First of all,  
5 tell the folks how much is a mil, what a mil is  
6 worth.

7 RITA DAVIS: The mil, once you consider  
8 a vehicle tax, real estate, fee-in-lieu, it's  
9 probably about six hundred and seventy thousand. Now  
10 that's all -- but the value of just the millage  
11 itself is about six hundred and fifteen.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So  
13 we're looking at raising -- now that came out in the  
14 newspaper, too. The first time it said that the  
15 public was told that they need to consider raising  
16 taxes because it was a new road and when you're  
17 having -- going down a new road you need new money  
18 and all that other kind of stuff. And that was two  
19 mils. The second time the newspaper article came out  
20 nobody claimed the fact that we were going to do it  
21 -- we're going to raise taxes two mils. But do you  
22 feel like there is a necessary need to raise taxes?  
23 What could keep us from raising the taxes?

24 RITA DAVIS: What's to keep from  
25 raising taxes?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: No, what could help us --  
27 like the folks that could get over without raising  
28 taxes.

29 RITA DAVIS: The majority of Council,  
30 ma'am, could always, of course, decide to not do  
31 things that's contained within the budget.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Are we talking  
33 about the fourteen point five new building?

34 RITA DAVIS: Well, any and everything,  
35 ma'am. You know, basically that, the capital lease,  
36 the raises, any departmental budgets, the employees,  
37 you know, it's all on the table for Council's  
38 consideration and deliberation.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr.  
40 Chairman, I thank you.

41 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. All right.  
42 Does anyone else have anything?

43 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

44 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.

45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. This is  
46 definitely a work in progress and it's going to take  
47 a lot of time to go through all of this and work  
48 through all the different line items to come up with  
49 a total that will work for the county.

50 For a quick clarification, the fifteen

1 million dollar general obligation bond that's being  
2 proposed, that includes not only a building, but  
3 capital lease, also? Is that correct, or is that  
4 separate?

5 RITA DAVIS: Capital lease would be  
6 separate, yes, ma'am.

7 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So we're looking at  
8 fifteen million for some of those improvements and  
9 the new building. I went through the budget  
10 ordinance this afternoon and I did find one thing  
11 that we may need to bring up to speed. On page  
12 nineteen, the applicable juror reimbursement rates,  
13 we're still only paying twenty-five cents per mile  
14 reimbursement for jurors coming and going. So what  
15 do we do to at least make that -- is that coming out  
16 of the state funds?

17 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. That's coming  
18 out of our general fund. I did touch base with Judge  
19 Devine and Richard Shirley and they stated that next  
20 year they definitely wanted to address that and  
21 increase that. And that would mean that the juror  
22 fees in those two respective departments, that amount  
23 would need to be increased. Don't know how much yet,  
24 but ---

25 CINDY WILSON: Are you talking about  
26 juror fees plus reimbursable miles? Because I was  
27 just ---

28 RITA DAVIS: It all comes out of juror  
29 fees. That one line item in those two departments.

30 CINDY WILSON: Okay. That was something  
31 that struck me as needing to be updated. I think the  
32 state reimbursement is fifty-seven point five cents  
33 per mile.

34 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Fifty-six.

35 CINDY WILSON: I do want to spend a great  
36 deal of time looking at bringing the airport from an  
37 enterprise fund status into special source revenue  
38 status. That requires a lot of work. I've made some  
39 notes and I've made an appointment. It's been very  
40 difficult to work through our Finance Committee  
41 meeting because it's hard to get questions and  
42 answers with a lot of other things going on. But I  
43 do have a list of things and I will come in about one  
44 tomorrow. And even though I have serious  
45 reservations on some of the items being considered  
46 and some things that I think need to be adjusted, I  
47 will go ahead and vote for this first reading until  
48 we can get a handle on the rest. Thank you.

49 KEN WATERS: Okay. Does anyone else  
50 have anything?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
2 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I don't mean to say  
4 that, I meant to say Mr. Chairman. But the thing  
5 about it is this. How are we going to do this  
6 tonight? What is the plan? Now we're going to ---  
7 KEN WATERS: We'll bring it for a  
8 motion and people can vote on it.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: We're going to vote on it.  
10 KEN WATERS: And if you don't want to  
11 vote on it, you don't have to vote on it.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know that.  
13 KEN WATERS: Okay.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm fully familiar with  
15 that.  
16 KEN WATERS: Okay.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: But that's what we're  
18 getting ready to do tonight? Also, it has in our  
19 agenda -- I don't have the agenda available -- it  
20 says in our agenda that the Finance Committee was  
21 going to come and do some -- what ---  
22 KEN WATERS: That'll be the regular  
23 Finance Committee meeting.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: And they're going to talk  
25 about the budget as well?  
26 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. The normal  
27 budget meeting stuff.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: But doesn't it seem like  
29 we need to listen to the Finance Committee first and  
30 then vote?  
31 KEN WATERS: I think the order is,  
32 we'll just stick to the agenda like it is.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.  
34 KEN WATERS: Thank you, ma'am.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, may I go on, please?  
36 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am, go right  
37 ahead.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you.  
39 On building and codes, they're getting ready  
40 to have to purchase a new technical information --  
41 all of the technical things that they have been  
42 dealing with for years have changed now. So that  
43 means all those old technical books, you know what  
44 I'm talking about, are going to have to be discarded  
45 and we're going to have to get some new ones. And  
46 for that, they're going to need four thousand five  
47 hundred dollars. Now this is a thing that they have  
48 to have in that budget. Okay. Also they're  
49 requesting new personnel because their department is  
50 growing. You've heard that we are getting --

1 Anderson is having a boom in building for permits and  
2 stuff, but it seems like they need more people to  
3 kind of like help out with that. I'm wondering if  
4 that's going to be considered for them.

5 Bridges and codes they lost twenty  
6 positions. Twenty positions. And they have sixteen  
7 miles -- sixteen thousand miles to maintain. They're  
8 asking for new personnel as well. Have we discussed  
9 that -- I mean, has that been discussed on whether or  
10 not they'll be getting that? They need three  
11 laborers. One crew and one equipment person. Do we  
12 know, is that in the budget for them?

13 RITA DAVIS: The Roads and Bridges  
14 laborers, no, ma'am. Oh, you talking about litter  
15 crew or the Roads and Bridges?

16 GRACIE FLOYD: Three laborers for Bridges  
17 and Codes?

18 RITA DAVIS: Oh, Roads and Bridges?  
19 No, ma'am. That is not recommended by the  
20 Administrator at this time.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Wastewater.  
22 Wastewater also needs new position. Wastewater is a  
23 department that we have to have, but they have  
24 technical people that they need to help out. Like I  
25 just can't go up there and apply for a job because  
26 the work is so technical. And they have requested  
27 some folks -- some new people, too. Anything going  
28 on that one?

29 RITA DAVIS: Administrator's  
30 recommending a right-of-way technician in wastewater  
31 management, yes, ma'am.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Storm water. Now  
33 our storm water manager says that he needs -- he  
34 wanted two people. But he said that he would settle  
35 on the one.

36 RITA DAVIS: Right.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: He wanted a -- he wanted  
38 an inspector and he wanted an administrative  
39 assistant.

40 RITA DAVIS: Administrative assistant  
41 from part time to full time, yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So we agree -- the  
43 Administrator said only one.

44 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But -- all right.

46 KEN WATERS: You done? Oh, I'm sorry.  
47 I thought you were done there.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I'm sorry. I gave you  
49 ---

50 KEN WATERS: You took a break, so I was

1 ---  
2 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I threw you a curve.  
3 Okay. I want to talk about fleet services. All  
4 right. Now this is what I learned. Fleet services  
5 have what they call a bone yard. A bone yard is  
6 nothing more than a glorified name for junk yard.  
7 They have all of their cars -- old cars -- sitting  
8 out there. The man that I talked with who is over  
9 there, had the idea that we need to move this stuff  
10 out and take the money and put it back into the  
11 general fund as some kind of income. He thinks that  
12 we need to do an auction and -- we need to do an  
13 auction and sell off these junk cars. Put the money  
14 back into maybe his account so he could use it for  
15 more parts and whatever he needs on that. That is a  
16 new idea, but -- was that included in the budget?  
17 Please excuse me. Was that included in the budget?  
18 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am, we haven't  
19 budgeted for any potential sales proceeds, but we are  
20 asking for this capital fund. That's why -- one  
21 point five mils, more mils is going into that fund,  
22 hopefully, so that we will have a replacement fund.  
23 And those proceeds would go back into that for  
24 purchase of replacement property.  
25 KEN WATERS: We're still looking at  
26 that. That's something that's being talked about.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So I was just about  
28 to ask. We have not actually voted on that.  
29 KEN WATERS: No, ma'am.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: That's an idea -- that's a  
31 visionary idea, yeah, that we may need to look at to  
32 generate funds; right? Also, new personnel. This  
33 pay grade -- excuse me ---  
34 KEN WATERS: Go right ahead.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Are you getting tired?  
36 KEN WATERS: No, ma'am. I'm just  
37 listening.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Pay grade. Our lowest pay  
39 grade is an eight, as I was told. But it's really a  
40 four. It's really a four. I did not know that. I  
41 thought that the lowest pay grade that Anderson  
42 County had was an eight. But it's a four. He has  
43 ten people working with him and he has -- the lowest  
44 pay grade he has is a nine. I don't know what that  
45 -- how much is a nine, to start? The minimum on a  
46 nine?  
47 RITA DAVIS: Probably low twenties,  
48 ma'am. I don't have that grade sheet with me, it's  
49 back over there.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. It goes

1 on and on and on. Building and grounds. Lost one of  
2 our key members through death some time ago. And  
3 that has never -- that position has never been  
4 replaced. And he was looking -- he was trying to do  
5 that now. They did some creative things with that  
6 one. They took two of the employees -- help me get  
7 it straight, Ms. Davis -- two employees from the  
8 airport and put it down to his department, which is  
9 the maintenance -- building and grounds, yeah.

10 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. To help with  
11 the grass and things like that, right.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. There are open  
13 positions all over our Council -- county, that folks  
14 say they don't have the money to fill. They don't  
15 have the income to fill it and the money for the  
16 thing to fill these things. And it goes on and on  
17 and on and on. We need to let's take a really good  
18 look at what's needed before we sit down and say  
19 what's not needed here. The budget doesn't have  
20 anything, as I've said twice before, it doesn't have  
21 anything in there about payroll, about payroll and  
22 raises and a lot of other stuff. It does not give  
23 clear things about the fifteen -- fourteen point five  
24 million dollars that's in there. The thing that the  
25 fourteen point five is supposed to do is the  
26 building, the park and one other thing that I can't  
27 think what the third thing was, but it's only ---

28 RITA DAVIS: Issuance cost of the GO  
29 bond itself.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, yeah. In order to  
31 get the fifteen -- the fourteen point five -- I keep  
32 saying fourteen five and you say fifteen. What's the  
33 difference?

34 RITA DAVIS: Fourteen point five was  
35 the amount just for the building itself.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: But we're going to have to  
37 borrow fifteen; right?

38 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we're going to  
40 have to borrow this from a bond.

41 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Which is going to increase  
43 a millage.

44 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Which is going to cost a  
46 pay raise for this. I think that we aren't ready for  
47 a fourteen point five million dollar business --  
48 building right now. I think that time and money and  
49 attention should be placed elsewhere. With all these  
50 people needing so much, with so much, they need

1 people and everything, I think that we ought to delay  
2 that building ---  
3 KEN WATERS: All right. We need to  
4 vote on more time or either -- you getting ready to  
5 wrap up? I didn't know. I apologize, but our time's  
6 up.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: For what?  
8 KEN WATERS: The time's up for the  
9 budget.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I thought we ---  
11 KEN WATERS: Twenty minutes. So ---  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Twenty minutes to discuss  
13 the budget?  
14 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Let me apologize to my  
16 fellow colleague. I didn't intent to take up the  
17 whole time. But ---  
18 KEN WATERS: Do we need to vote on more  
19 time? Does anybody have any more questions? If  
20 you're getting ready to wrap up, we'll just finish up  
21 and move on.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Nobody has any questions  
23 about this budget? Nobody? I'll just hush.  
24 KEN WATERS: All right. All right. At  
25 this time we will vote on the first reading. I'd  
26 like to go ahead and mention that this thing will  
27 change quite a bit in the next couple of weeks  
28 because there's a lot of things that we're still  
29 going over, as you just heard.  
30 All right. At this time we'll go ahead, and  
31 all in favor of Ordinance #2015-016 signify by  
32 raising your right hand. And all those that oppose  
33 or abstain -- or oppose. Okay. Show that Ms. Floyd  
34 opposes. Show that Mr. Allen, Mr. Waters, Mr. Cole,  
35 Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson voted for the first  
36 reading of the budget.  
37 All right. Report from the Finance  
38 Committee. At this time, Mr. Crowder, I'll turn it  
39 over to you.  
40 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Thank you,  
41 Chairman. The Finance Committee has met on several  
42 occasions, on the 24th and 28th of the month. At the  
43 24th meeting, we actually had the Administrator and  
44 Ms. Davis and her staff there to go over the budget.  
45 In fact, in preparation for that meeting I actually  
46 prepared a pamphlet, cheat sheet, or whatever you  
47 want to call it, which is included in your agenda  
48 packet tonight. It is about sixty pages long that  
49 actually looks at the budget the following ways.  
50 Number 1, like any good business, you always

1 want to know how much money you've got in the bank.  
2 That's called a fund balance. And how did we get  
3 there and at what spending rate are we spending out  
4 of the fund balance. The second thing that we looked  
5 at was the revenue streams. Where do we anticipate  
6 revenue versus this year over last year. And if  
7 you'll notice, there is a slight increase in revenue,  
8 especially for the general fund. All of our  
9 discussion was in generalities so that we could get  
10 some feel for that massive book that you have, so  
11 that we could then deal with the details. The third  
12 thing that we actually did was looked at the concept  
13 that personnel made up about sixty percent, roughly,  
14 of the budget. A lot of government agencies can  
15 range as high as seventy, if you take a look at them.  
16 That includes fringe benefits. And so, of course,  
17 the question came up, relative to what options could  
18 we consider.

19 The Finance Committee did look at the study  
20 that was done by the consultant. We looked at the  
21 different options that were available that ranged  
22 everywhere from giving across the two -- board two  
23 percent to everybody to the option that says raise  
24 everybody to the new minimum of the pay grade for the  
25 new pay grade and other options in between. And you  
26 will see a big sheet in your packet tonight that  
27 looks at all the different options and actually their  
28 cost. We made no decision, we just digested  
29 information.

30 We then looked at the personnel cost,  
31 because personnel cost is a big part of the budget.  
32 So keeping in mind that personnel cost is a  
33 significant portion of the budget, and it is driven  
34 not by us but by the state. They set the state  
35 employee retirement rate. They set the police  
36 retirement rate. They set the insurance rate. You  
37 will also notice in your packet, cheat sheet for the  
38 lack of a better word, a survey that Finance did at  
39 my request, because we're always asking -- or other  
40 members of Council always asking how do we compare  
41 with our fringe benefits relative to other counties  
42 that are similar in size.

43 And so Ms. Davis was kind enough to call all  
44 those counties and you will see that several of the  
45 other counties actually do not even take part in the  
46 state retirement plan, but actually contract direct  
47 with Blue Cross Blue Shield for their pro choice  
48 plan. Some of the counties that take part in the  
49 state retirement plan actually pass on part of the  
50 cost of the insurance to employees semi-monthly on

1 their pay roll, whereas Anderson County currently  
2 pays all of the cost of the individual. We just  
3 looked at that as detail so we can get some feel.

4 Fourthly, we looked at the operating costs  
5 that were contained in the budget and the summary  
6 pages, not the detail budget, and so we looked at  
7 things like what other items are we funding. And so  
8 we went through a very detailed procedure looking at  
9 all these items. And at that point we asked that  
10 prior to the meeting on the 28th -- which I'll now  
11 talk about -- that Ms. Davis would have some cost  
12 data available for us that would outline, if we  
13 wanted to only address the third -- one of the  
14 options that the consultant had -- and only give  
15 raises to those people that are in those eight, I  
16 think, or nine job categories that are poorly paid,  
17 what would it cost to implement that. And she came  
18 up with that figure. So on the 28th meeting we  
19 looked at that. We began to look at more detail  
20 about the budget by going through all of this, making  
21 no decision whatsoever other than to talk internally  
22 about as a first brush whether we thought that was a  
23 good idea and sort of voting whether or not that  
24 might need to be considered. But we're not prepared  
25 at any point to make any recommendation of the  
26 budget.

27 On the 28th -- well, on the 1st, I believe  
28 it was, on the 1st, we actually had another meeting  
29 of the Finance Committee. And at that time we, at  
30 that time we took the first part of the meeting to do  
31 the normal work of the Finance Committee. We looked  
32 at -- if you'll look at your item in the budget. The  
33 first item was a bid for a tractor with a boom mower  
34 attachment. And you'll notice that there was only  
35 one bid for a hundred and two thousand one hundred  
36 twenty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents. So Mr.  
37 Chairman, I make the motion that the Finance  
38 Committee moves to you for consideration the approval  
39 of the bid for the tractor with boom mower in the  
40 amount of one hundred and two thousand one hundred  
41 and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents.  
42 That's in your packet.

43 KEN WATERS: All right. Coming from  
44 the Finance Committee, it needs no second. So all in  
45 favor of purchasing that tractor, signify by raising  
46 your right hand. Let the record show that that was  
47 voted on unanimous with Mr. Dunn not being here.

48 All right, Mr. Crowder.

49 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir. The  
50 second item that was contained in the packet was

1 procurement of a back-up pump station. What the  
2 back-up pump station does is we have a lot of pumps  
3 out there that pump sewer to plants and they break,  
4 or lightening strikes them or what-have-you. So this  
5 is a unit that could be used to back-up on a  
6 temporary basis a pump that has gone out. So bids  
7 went out. There was only one bid that came back in  
8 in the amount of fifty-six thousand nine hundred  
9 sixty-six dollars and eighty-nine cents. Now at this  
10 point the Committee did raise the question, why are  
11 we getting such a small number of bids from vendors?  
12 And there was a little discussion on that, but there  
13 was no conclusion as to why. So the Finance  
14 Committee recommends the awarding of the bid for  
15 fifty-six thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars and  
16 eighty-nine cents.

17 KEN WATERS: All right. Coming from  
18 the Finance Committee it needs no second. All in  
19 favor of purchasing the wastewater pump, signify by  
20 raising your right hand. All those -- let the record  
21 show that it was unanimous with Mr. Dunn not being  
22 here.

23 All right, Mr. Crowder.

24 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay, Mr. Chairman. The  
25 next item was a request by -- to conduct online  
26 auctions to get rid of these items that are  
27 accumulating in the bone yard. The presentation was  
28 made that there were two firms that do online bids,  
29 one called Government Deals and another one called  
30 whatever. And there was some discussion about that.  
31 Several of the Finance Committee members, and I was  
32 included in that, worried about the fact that these  
33 were going to be online bids, auctions that the  
34 average citizen here -- well, citizens here in  
35 Anderson County might not take advantage of. Or may  
36 not even know about because they don't know of these  
37 two web sites. And so we felt like there needed to  
38 be some mechanism by which the citizens of Anderson  
39 County could participate in that. And so we  
40 temporarily took no action on that and will study it  
41 and bring it back at another day. We do agree that  
42 we would like to sell this stuff. We'd like to get  
43 rid of it and put the money back in so that it would  
44 shrink any cost that we would have to in the future  
45 pass on to the taxpayers. So we have no opinion on  
46 that.

47 KEN WATERS: You might say some of this  
48 stuff's well broke in as much as we've used it,  
49 wouldn't you say?

50 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's right. Well, let's

1 see. Then we had -- all of a sudden my laptop just  
2 quit. Then we had a request from the city of Belton.  
3 We have an old gym floor and some basketball  
4 equipment that they would like for Anderson County to  
5 transfer to the city of Belton and they gave us a  
6 form letter to Mr. Burns requesting that. The  
7 Finance Company [verbatim] thought it was a good  
8 idea. And we submit that to the Council tonight for  
9 their consideration.

10 KEN WATERS: All right. Does anyone  
11 have any questions?

12 GRACIE FLOYD: I do.

13 KEN WATERS: All right.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand -- I  
15 didn't understand what he said first of all, and  
16 could you please explain that, Mr. Chairman?

17 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. The first one  
18 ---

19 GRACIE FLOYD: The gym floor thing.

20 KEN WATERS: The first ones we voted on  
21 already. The second one was -- the third one was  
22 just for information. And then there's a letter  
23 where Belton has requested some equipment in your  
24 package. And so that's what we're voting on now.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Belton has requested some  
26 equipment in our packet. And they have requested the  
27 type of equipment was a gym floor and what else?

28 KEN WATERS: Some ---

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Basketballs.

30 KEN WATERS: Multi-purpose, yeah,  
31 recreational -- to use for the recreational -- we are  
32 currently getting ready to -- they're wanting a  
33 donation of the flooring and equipment that would  
34 allow them to start a basketball facility down at the  
35 old National Guard armory, I believe; isn't it?

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. -- is that  
37 something that Anderson County has done? Isn't that  
38 a recreational item out of that particular council's  
39 recreational fund?

40 KEN WATERS: I guess it could be, but  
41 probably if we've got something sitting around that  
42 nobody's using, I don't see a problem with giving it  
43 to them.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: They say that this is for  
45 -- they want old stuff?

46 KEN WATERS: That's what it looks like.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Old basketball flooring.

48 KEN WATERS: What it looks like to me.  
49 Some of the equipment.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: We do have an old

1 basketball ---  
2 MITCHELL COLE: That is excessive  
3 equipment from the Civic Center. Several years ago  
4 there was a tournament out there and we had a floor  
5 ---  
6 RUSTY BURNS: I'll be happy to speak to  
7 that. A long time ago the Anderson County Civic  
8 Center hosted the Big South basketball tournament.  
9 And at that time we purchased a gym floor. This was  
10 way a long time ago. Now the only thing we're doing  
11 with that gym floor is storing it. It's taking up  
12 valuable space out there. The city of Belton is  
13 taken possession of the old armory building and  
14 they're trying to turn that into a recreation center  
15 for the town. And they made the request that we  
16 donate that old gym floor to them.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I applaud them in  
18 doing that armory that way. But don't we have a same  
19 situation over at the McCants building where we have  
20 a gym floor that we're hoping to refurbish and we  
21 could use that equipment for that?  
22 RUSTY BURNS: There is a gym floor over  
23 there. This is a portable floor, Ms. Floyd, an  
24 overlay that you put over the cement. The floor at  
25 McCants is part of the building, so that whole floor  
26 would have to be rebuilt. Not put this overlay ---  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, the word  
28 overlay floor was never used.  
29 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. So, yeah. But the  
31 -- wouldn't equipment be -- been sitting there for a  
32 while, would it still be useable?  
33 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. And basically  
34 it's goals. Basically goals. And they have  
35 inspected the equipment, the floor, which is the  
36 primary part of this. And they've looked at it and  
37 they still -- they would like to have it.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I'm asking questions  
39 about it because that's never been done before. This  
40 is a newbie for us in Anderson County to do this kind  
41 of thing. But we're setting a precedent.  
42 RUSTY BURNS: Well, in a way we've set a  
43 precedent because I think at last Council meeting we  
44 gave cars -- older cars. So our ordinance ---  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: We've done that before,  
46 though. We've done the older cars. But I'm talking  
47 about floor equipment -- recreational equipment that  
48 could be used throughout this county. Not just one  
49 particular area.  
50 RUSTY BURNS: But this has to be inside

1 an enclosed building. Because if it doesn't -- it  
2 has to be in a temperature controlled environment,  
3 too, because of the floor ---  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that.  
5 RUSTY BURNS: --- it's not very thick.  
6 But this would be the only time that Anderson County  
7 will ever be requested to give away a basketball  
8 floor.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know about that,  
10 Mr. Administrator.  
11 RUSTY BURNS: We don't have any more.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: You got some other stuff.  
13 RUSTY BURNS: We have other stuff, yes,  
14 that ---  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: That we can ---  
16 KEN WATERS: We've given away some  
17 computers, too, I believe.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: We have done that before.  
19 RUSTY BURNS: Done that.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: We've done that for years.  
21 And the cars we've done. But -- watch out, Mr.  
22 Administrator, here I come. Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
23 KEN WATERS: All right. We'll see what  
24 we can find for you.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I'll see what I can find.  
26 I can do a better job.  
27 KEN WATERS: All right. At this time  
28 we need to -- with Finance Committee it needs no  
29 second. So all in favor of this recommendation  
30 signify by raising your right hand. All right. Let  
31 the record show that that was unanimous, with Mr.  
32 Dunn not being here.  
33 Mr. Crowder.  
34 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. The next item  
35 is a request for the use of -- is it one or two  
36 interns?  
37 KEN WATERS: I think it's two.  
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Two interns. If you'll  
39 look on page -- just one intern. That would be from  
40 Anderson School District 1 and 2 Career Center.  
41 These would be an intern that would work in the  
42 summer and all next year in the IT Department as part  
43 of career development and building a bridge between  
44 the career center and Anderson County for student  
45 learning. And so, keep in mind, now, if you approve  
46 this, you are in actuality approving that it be  
47 included in fiscal year '16's budget.  
48 KEN WATERS: Okay.  
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: So, I don't want somebody  
50 to think -- so the Finance Company -- Finance

1 Committee recommended to pass this on to Council for  
2 their approval.  
3 KEN WATERS: Okay. All right. Any  
4 questions?  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.  
6 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Interns. How would  
8 that fit into the budget? If they're interns, they  
9 are going to be paid interns?  
10 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. How much are  
12 we paying them?  
13 KEN WATERS: Mr. Burns, do you have it?  
14 RUSTY BURNS: Eleven thousand dollars  
15 will be for a whole year. I don't know exactly how  
16 much that would be.  
17 KEN WATERS: Just one would be -- that  
18 was for two; wasn't it?  
19 FRANCIS CROWDER: It's fifteen dollars an  
20 hour; isn't it?  
21 RITA DAVIS: We have ten dollars  
22 actually budgeted an hourly rate for the intern.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Ten dollars an hour?  
24 RITA DAVIS: That's what ---  
25 FRANCIS CROWDER: Ten dollars an hour.  
26 RITA DAVIS: --- with the transfer,  
27 that's before you in a little bit, in next year's  
28 budget.  
29 KEN WATERS: The -- one of the things  
30 -- one of the positive about this, there would not be  
31 any benefits paid for this. So it would just be a  
32 part time student.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: You know, we have  
34 employees making less than ten dollars an hour. Are  
35 those the two people that I met, Mr. ---  
36 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Those are  
37 other interns who are currently not paid. What we  
38 have been trying to do -- and Mr. Hopkins has been  
39 involved in this, Mr. Waters, Ms. Wilson have been  
40 involved in this -- is reaching out to the Career  
41 Centers and in other fields. This concerns School  
42 District 1 and 2, their Career Center. We have  
43 photographers from School District 5 who are  
44 assisting us and all kinds of different things. This  
45 one would be paid, this one would be in the IT  
46 Department. And so, it's just something that we're  
47 trying to grow. It's a good source of bringing in  
48 new blood and making people aware of what we have in  
49 the county.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we have two

1 people -- how many interns do we have?  
2 RUSTY BURNS: If Council approves this  
3 one, you'll have two paid interns at this point in  
4 time.  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Three, would we not, with  
6 the one that we have for your office?  
7 RUSTY BURNS: We have Justice, as one  
8 that I'm counting.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't hear you.  
10 RUSTY BURNS: Justice is one. This  
11 would be two.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: Paid interns.  
13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: You know, Mr. Burns and  
15 Mr. Chairman.  
16 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not trying to delay,  
18 but I just don't understand. Now let me ask you.  
19 RUSTY BURNS: Sure.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: We have two paid interns.  
21 One will go into the IT Department and one is in your  
22 department.  
23 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we're not  
25 getting two interns, we're getting one intern.  
26 RUSTY BURNS: Right.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. The  
28 ones that were taking the pictures the other day, I  
29 understand they are interns.  
30 RUSTY BURNS: Yeah, but they're not  
31 receiving pay.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, why is this  
33 one receiving pay? The one in that department?  
34 RUSTY BURNS: Well, the other ones  
35 haven't requested pay at this point.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, don't say that too  
37 loud, okay?  
38 KEN WATERS: One of the students over  
39 there is pretty good. Has helped me with my computer  
40 here, so I think we'll be getting a pretty good bang  
41 for our buck here because these kids will be helping  
42 us and they'll actually be doing a job and instead of  
43 working somewhere else, we'll open the door here for  
44 the county so that we can get -- maybe offer them a  
45 job in the future.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, listen, is there  
47 going to be some diversity in this?  
48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. These are the  
49 people that are recommended by the Career Centers.  
50 We're also looking to do this in our automotive shop,

1 for example, because they train auto mechanics in  
2 that area. And if we can work out a program where we  
3 have a feeder system, where they come in to our  
4 employ, that if they want to serve as interns, which  
5 we would bring back before Council, but we just think  
6 it's a good idea to maybe train young, and keep some  
7 fresh new talent.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: That sounds good, but what  
9 I'm mostly interested in, is this going to be an  
10 equal opportunity situation?

11 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. Absolutely.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: For the IT Department?

13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: And -- okay. All right.

15 I thank you.

16 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. All right.  
17 And we bring this in the form of a motion, needing no  
18 second, from the Finance Committee. All in favor of  
19 the motion signify by raising your right hand. And  
20 let that be shown as unanimous with Mr. Dunn not  
21 being here. Mr. Chairman.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, can we take  
23 a seven minute restroom break?

24 KEN WATERS: Yes sir, we can take a  
25 seven minute break.

26 **(RECESS FROM 8:33 PM TO 8:37 PM)**

27 KEN WATERS: At this time, the Anderson  
28 County Council meeting is back in session.

29 Mr. Crowder, the budget transfers, can we  
30 look at them?

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir, that's where  
32 we're going to go. Mr. Chairman, the Finance  
33 Committee reviewed the budget transfers that are  
34 contained in your packet and we recommend them to  
35 Council for approval. If you have any questions,  
36 we'll be glad to entertain them.

37 KEN WATERS: Okay. Everybody take a  
38 look at that and then we'll -- can we vote on it -- we  
39 can vote on it in one package, can't we?

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir.

41 KEN WATERS: Anyone have any questions?  
42 Okay. Everybody ready or need more time? All right,  
43 at this time, the Finance Committee brings the  
44 transfers that we just looked at to County Council in  
45 the form of a motion, needing no second. All in favor  
46 of what you just looked at signify by raising your  
47 right hand. Let the record show that all Council  
48 members here and Mr. Dunn -- are in favor and Mr.  
49 Dunn's not here. Okay. And then do we have any more  
50 discussion about the ---

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, at the conclusion of  
2 this portion of the Finance Committee to be prepared  
3 to make these recommendations tonight, the Finance  
4 Committee then continued the discussion of the  
5 Administrator's fiscal year '16 budget, looking --  
6 beginning to look cost center by cost center. I  
7 apologize that we were not able to complete that task.  
8 We hope that very shortly we will be able to have  
9 another Finance Committee meeting and be able to  
10 finish the third walk-through.

11 The Finance Committee to some degree has a  
12 different approach because we've been basically tasked  
13 with doing this function. We did not self-appoint  
14 ourselves to do this. But keeping in mind that the  
15 process, as I understand it for the last five years  
16 from being on Council, or four and a half, whatever it  
17 is, is each cost center manager makes their  
18 recommendation to the County Administrator. The  
19 county Administrator, then, in his wisdom, gleans  
20 through all the items that staff have requested and  
21 then complies them in this thing that we just passed  
22 tonight, called the Administrator's recommended draft  
23 proposal. And so, consequently, in a prior life  
24 before I came on Council, I was in government for  
25 sixteen years, I've never seen a cost center manager  
26 ask seldom for less money. They always want more  
27 money. We are tasked, secondly, with the fact that in  
28 general citizens would prefer not to have a two mil  
29 raise -- I mean two percent -- a two mil tax increase.  
30 So we will be gleaming the budget very carefully to  
31 see how we can accommodate what the Administrator  
32 wants and what we can do to control the increase in  
33 millage.

34 Obviously the recommendation from the Finance  
35 Committee, as always, is subject to approval of full  
36 Council. As always. So these are just for the lack  
37 of a better word, a little better than warm  
38 suggestions because we will have gone through and  
39 debated to some degree the items.

40 So Mr. Chairman, I thank you and this  
41 concludes the Finance Committee's report. Thank you  
42 for your patience.

43 KEN WATERS: All right. Thank you, sir.  
44 And the next on the agenda is Resolution R 2015-022, a  
45 Resolution expressing county consent to continue  
46 maintenance of George Brock Road designated C-17-0051  
47 and other matters related thereto.

48 Holt, where'd you go? Appreciate you being  
49 there.

50 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, I have a

1 presentation if I need it, but I just have the map and  
2 stuff like that, but you've seen a lot of information  
3 tonight. And you have everything in the packet that  
4 we have. I do need to clear up something. Somebody  
5 had to go on vacation last week and we wasn't able to  
6 put the final touches on the resolution. You were  
7 handed, I think, tonight, the resolution that you'll  
8 be voting on. Just so I'm clear on some of the  
9 changes we made, if you vote yes, then you are voting  
10 in favor of closing the road. If you vote no, you are  
11 voting in favor of keeping it open. Okay?

12 KEN WATERS: Can I get things in order?  
13 I think I need to bring this up as a motion. And it  
14 needs to be seconded, didn't it? Is that correct?  
15 Okay. Do I have a motion?

16 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

17 KEN WATERS: Do I have a second? Well,  
18 doesn't look like you need to even come up and  
19 explain. Okay. Showing that there was not a second,  
20 then that was not even brought up ---

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I thought  
22 he had a resolution. It says a resolution expressing  
23 county consent.

24 KEN WATERS: But it was brought up as a  
25 motion and -- but there wasn't a second, so we don't  
26 even ---

27 GRACIE FLOYD: We never even heard the  
28 resolution.

29 KEN WATERS: I read it to you. I read  
30 the -- it was brought up as a motion, but then it  
31 never -- is that correct? Am I correct?

32 GRACIE FLOYD: I never heard ---

33 LEON HARMON: I did not hear a second to  
34 the motion, Mr. Chairman.

35 KEN WATERS: I didn't hear a second  
36 either, so we don't talk about it. Is that correct?

37 LEON HARMON: That is correct.

38 KEN WATERS: So would you explain that,  
39 how that works?

40 GRACIE FLOYD: I asked -- may I have a do-  
41 over on this thing, please, because I don't know -- I  
42 didn't know you were calling for the vote. It says  
43 here ---

44 KEN WATERS: There never was a vote.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. You -- says here, a  
46 resolution expressing county consent. All right.  
47 What was the resolution you read? You read it just  
48 then?

49 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. And then there  
50 was a motion made, but it never was second. So it

1 doesn't even come to Council. You have to second it  
2 before you even talk about it.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know that, now.  
4 But anyway, I'd like to go back, because now that I  
5 understand I want to second it.  
6 KEN WATERS: Okay.  
7 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I  
8 withdraw my motion, please.  
9 KEN WATERS: So there never was a  
10 motion.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: There never was a  
12 resolution.  
13 KEN WATERS: So now that there's never  
14 been a motion, there's nothing to second; is that  
15 correct?  
16 LEON HARMON: There would be nothing on  
17 the floor to second. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.  
18 But you can entertain another motion.  
19 KEN WATERS: Can we go back and start  
20 over? Okay. Resolution # R 2015-022, a Resolution  
21 expressing county consent to continue maintenance of  
22 George Brock Road designated C-17-0051 and other  
23 matters related thereto.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's the  
25 resolution. We don't have a resolution he can read to  
26 us or nothing like that. This is the resolution.  
27 KEN WATERS: No, ma'am. That's it.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now. We're going to  
29 ---  
30 KEN WATERS: Somebody has to make a  
31 motion before we can even talk about it.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Somebody has to make a  
33 motion.  
34 TOM ALLEN: Let's make a motion and  
35 I'll explain it, if nothing else, if I can get a  
36 second.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: And I'll second it.  
38 KEN WATERS: Okay.  
39 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
40 KEN WATERS: We have a motion and it has  
41 been seconded. So now, are there any questions?  
42 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
43 amend this resolution to the County being neutral and  
44 county and County Council remain neutral on this and  
45 let the courts decide which way to go.  
46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.  
47 KEN WATERS: We have a second. We have  
48 an amendment. We have a second. So we need to vote  
49 on the amendment now.  
50 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman. May I?

1           KEN WATERS:           Yes, ma'am.  
2           CINDY WILSON:         The resolution that's in my  
3 packet says a resolution expressing county consent to  
4 continue maintenance. I was handed another resolution  
5 that says a resolution expressing county consent to  
6 judicial abandonment. So which was the real  
7 resolution?  
8           GRACIE FLOYD:        Mr. Chairman.  
9           KEN WATERS:           Yes, ma'am.  
10          GRACIE FLOYD:        That's what I was talking  
11 about. This is the resolution that was not read. Now  
12 ---  
13          KEN WATERS:           Now we got the resolution.  
14          GRACIE FLOYD:        Now we have the resolution.  
15          KEN WATERS:           Okay. Now we have an  
16 amendment to the resolution.  
17          GRACIE FLOYD:        Okay. But the resolution  
18 has to be read ---  
19          KEN WATERS:           We can do that.  
20          GRACIE FLOYD:        --- for the record. Yeah.  
21          KEN WATERS:           We can do that for the  
22 record, yes, ma'am. All right. A resolution  
23 expressing County consent to judicial abandonment of  
24 George Brock Road designated C-17-0051 and other  
25 matter related thereto.  
26           **Whereas**, George Brock Road, designated C-17-  
27 0051, (the Road) is currently a paved Anderson County  
28 public road.  
29           **Whereas**, the Road in question is shown on the  
30 map prepared by Anderson County Roads and Bridges  
31 Engineering Department on April 1, 2015 attached  
32 hereby as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by  
33 reference.  
34           **Whereas**, the adjoining landowners have  
35 requested that Anderson County abandon the Road in  
36 order to deter unsolicited traffic. The Petition is  
37 attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein  
38 by reference;  
39           **Whereas**, Anderson County Fire Protection  
40 Commission has expressed that closure of the Road will  
41 impact emergency vehicle response to the citizens in  
42 the area and therefore oppose the closure of the Road.  
43 The letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C and  
44 incorporated herein by reference;  
45           **Whereas**, with respect to the Road, Anderson  
46 County has complied with its ordinances and  
47 regulations pertaining to abandonment and closure of  
48 Anderson County public road;  
49           **Whereas**, Anderson County Fire Protection  
50 Commission has shown a need for the Road to remain

1 public and Anderson County staff has opposed to the  
2 requested abandonment;

3 **Whereas** Anderson County, South Carolina, a  
4 body politic and corporate and a political subdivision  
5 of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through  
6 its County Council desires to express its intent to  
7 continue maintenance of the Road;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Anderson  
9 County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

10 1. Anderson County, acting by and through its  
11 County Council, hereby states that Anderson County  
12 Council consents to the closure and judicial  
13 abandonment of George Brock Road designated as C-17-  
14 0051.

15 2. All orders and resolutions in conflict  
16 herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only,  
17 repealed and rescinded.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman?

19 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: My resolution reads  
21 Anderson County acting by and through County Council  
22 hereby states that Anderson County consents to  
23 continue maintenance of George Brock Road, designated  
24 as C-17- and that's what it says in the agenda as  
25 well. The one you just read says close and I didn't  
26 get that one. I don't have one.

27 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?  
28 Because there's confusion here, and what's in our  
29 packet appears to be totally different from what  
30 you've just read, that was at my seat, I'm very  
31 concerned that we may possibly be in violation of FOIA  
32 and notification of the press, because it clearly  
33 stated consent to continue maintenance. And we've had  
34 so much dissent. We've had very strong arguments to  
35 both close the road and to keep the road open. I  
36 would like to make the motion that we table this until  
37 we get what we're actually voting on. And I want to  
38 go out there. I've driven down the road, but years  
39 ago. I didn't realize that there was such an issue.  
40 I'd like to make a motion to table, please.

41 KEN WATERS: Okay. We've got to go back  
42 to the amendment; is that correct?

43 LEON HARMON: No, you can take up the  
44 motion to table at this point.

45 KEN WATERS: Okay. And so we don't have  
46 to do anything else; is that correct? Okay. So we  
47 have a motion on the floor now to table this  
48 resolution. Do I have a second?

49 LEON HARMON: Okay. The motion to table  
50 fails for lack of a second.

1 KEN WATERS: Okay.

2 LEON HARMON: Now you go back to Mr.  
3 Cole's amendment, proposed amendment, to the  
4 resolution.

5 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, the issue  
6 here is we've got two different resolution on the  
7 table. One saying the county discontinue maintenance  
8 and one saying continue.

9 HOLT HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, I accept  
10 responsibility for that. We tried to make some last  
11 minute changes and we shouldn't. But the one that you  
12 read is sufficient, as long as you understand how  
13 you're voting.

14 KEN WATERS: How we're voting, that's  
15 correct.

16 HOLT HOPKINS: The one you read was the  
17 one that was actually publicized. So you could still  
18 go with that version. It was just marked draft in the  
19 packet. But you can go with that version if you're  
20 okay with it, especially with the amendment to it.

21 KEN WATERS: Now, the amendment is that  
22 the County takes a neutral stand on this issue; is  
23 that correct?

24 LEON HARMON: Yes. The amendment as I  
25 heard Mr. Cole state it was that the county remain  
26 neutral and allow the court to decide whether to close  
27 the road.

28 KEN WATERS: Okay.

29 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

30 KEN WATERS: Ms. Wilson.

31 CINDY WILSON: We have been down this  
32 road, pardon the pun, several times before and it is  
33 extraordinarily nerve wracking because, for example,  
34 Lewis Drive. That road was closed without going  
35 through judicial abandonment. Children were left on  
36 the side of the road, buses couldn't get down that  
37 road. It was closed down at 7 AM. We had all the EMS  
38 and fire people, all the public safety people saying  
39 don't close it. We've had to go to court. It's a  
40 total nightmare.

41 Then we had another road that initially  
42 hearing the complaints from the landowners indicated  
43 that it would be a wise thing to close it. But then  
44 we had a community meeting, we heard the rest of the  
45 story and it was not pretty. We had just spent  
46 thirty-two, thirty-five thousand dollars replacing a  
47 culvert on that road. It did go to judicial  
48 abandonment and it was closed.

49 I think we need to totally rework our road  
50 closing process and requirements because if you're

1 going to -- if we're going to look out for the  
2 taxpayers and the public safety issues in our county,  
3 don't you think we should have a very clear,  
4 methodical process so that we don't have these  
5 questions and, you know, wonder if we're making the  
6 correct decision. Because some of these roads have  
7 cost the county a lot of money over the years to build  
8 and maintain and repave.

9 I think we also need, when we come up with a  
10 proper process, we need to have requirements in there.  
11 A whole list of requirements of what we require to  
12 consider closing the road and included in that would  
13 be the cost, the depreciated value, of that road. I'm  
14 just very uncomfortable doing anything right now one  
15 way or the other on this particular one and I think  
16 both sides made compelling points.

17 It's just a very difficult situation. And  
18 I'm hoping maybe Mr. Harmon will have time in the next  
19 few weeks to come up with a better way to do this. We  
20 don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water,  
21 do we? Thank you.

22 KEN WATERS: I understand. All right.  
23 Does anyone have anything else?

24 GRACIE FLOYD: I've got a ---

25 KEN WATERS: Okay. Ms. Floyd.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: We've always closed roads  
27 on Anderson County. Roads have been coming to us for  
28 years, to the possibility of closing them. This is  
29 nothing new. I only heard one person tonight speak  
30 against it. The phone calls I've been getting and  
31 everything else have been for it. People are here  
32 tonight because they want a decision. To say leave it  
33 to the courts, that's not the way we work. This is a  
34 county road. We have to make the decision whether or  
35 not we're going to leave it open or we're going to  
36 close it. It still goes to the court, however, but  
37 that decision belongs to us. We can't run away from a  
38 decision like that.

39 Now, I know that we've got people that we  
40 want to please on both sides, but you can't please  
41 everybody. And each of us were elected to make the  
42 hard decisions. You have gotten all the information,  
43 you have heard from different people. I mean, it's  
44 time now to let's go ahead and vote and let's lay this  
45 thing to rest. This doesn't need to go on ---

46 KEN WATERS: Time.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: This doesn't need to go on  
48 and on and on like the last one we had. That was --  
49 the last one was the first time we ever had that much  
50 trouble closing a road. Roads have been closed in my

1 district.  
2 Mr. Hopkins, don't we have guidelines and  
3 requirements and instructions for closing roads  
4 already?  
5 HOLT HOPKINS: ???  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So we  
7 already have those guidelines and ordinances in place;  
8 right? I think we need to take a stand. Are we going  
9 to close it? Yes. Are we not going to close it? No.  
10 If we vote on this one, we have to vote no. Right?  
11 KEN WATERS: No, ma'am. We have to vote  
12 on the amendment we have on the floor.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no. I'm talking  
14 about what he just told us about yes and no and all  
15 that.  
16 KEN WATERS: Is that correct, we have to  
17 vote on the amendment?  
18 LEON HARMON: Yes. You will have to take  
19 up the amendment first. There is an amendment and a  
20 second.  
21 KEN WATERS: And then we go back and  
22 vote on that.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, if the amendment  
24 doesn't pass.  
25 KEN WATERS: Okay. Okay. At this time,  
26 all in favor for Mr. Cole's amendment, signify by  
27 raising your right hand. Okay. All those opposed.  
28 And those abstain. And the motion passes. Mr. Allen,  
29 Mr. Waters, Mr. Cole and Mr. Crowder; showing that Ms.  
30 Wilson abstained, and Ms. Floyd was opposed.  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: We have shucked our duty.  
32 KEN WATERS: All right. Thank you.  
33 All right. And the next thing -- do we need  
34 to go into executive ---  
35 RUSTY BURNS: We do not.  
36 LEON HARMON: You need to vote on the ---  
37 KEN WATERS: We need to vote on the --  
38 I'm sorry, you're right.  
39 LEON HARMON: You're going to have to now  
40 go back and vote on the motion with the amendment as  
41 the amendment was passed.  
42 KEN WATERS: Okay. So now we -- now  
43 we'll be voting on the resolution with the amendment  
44 that the county takes no stand for or against. Is  
45 that correct?  
46 LEON HARMON: That's correct. The  
47 motion, with the amendment that Mr. Cole proposed.  
48 KEN WATERS: Okay.  
49 FRANCIS CROWDER: Make a motion.  
50 KEN WATERS: Do we have a second?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand what I'm  
2 voting on.

3 KEN WATERS: Okay. All right. What  
4 we're voting on is the amendment, both of them, the  
5 county is taking no stand either way to close it or  
6 not close it. We're going to let the courts make the  
7 decision on it.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: For us.

9 KEN WATERS: That's correct.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So now what are we  
11 voting for now though.

12 LEON HARMON: Ms. Floyd, what you're  
13 voting on now is the resolution with the amendment  
14 that was passed, so the resolution will be redrafted  
15 to reflect Mr. Cole's amendment which was that the  
16 county take a neutral position on the closure of the  
17 road and allow the court to decide whether or not to  
18 close the road.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I thought we just voted  
20 that we were not going to -- we were going to allow  
21 the courts to do it. We wasn't going to vote on it  
22 ourselves.

23 KEN WATERS: That was the amendment.

24 LEON HARMON: That was the amendment.  
25 But now you have to go back and vote on the original  
26 motion that was placed on the floor and seconded prior  
27 to the time the amendment was made.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now listen, let me  
29 just go ahead and say it; okay, so you can help me  
30 determine just how -- am I voting yes or no here,  
31 okay. I think that we ought to go ahead and vote for  
32 it. District 2 was prepared to go ahead and leave  
33 that road open. Now, how do I vote on this, yes or  
34 no?

35 LEON HARMON: What you will be voting on  
36 if you vote yes would be for this resolution to read  
37 that the county take a neutral position and allow the  
38 court to decide whether or not to close the road. If  
39 you vote no, then you vote against the resolution with  
40 that amendment in it. So the question is, on the  
41 floor, is whether or not to pass the resolution with  
42 the amendment in the resolution. That's what you will  
43 be voting on now.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

45 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

46 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

47 KEN WATERS: Ms. Wilson.

48 CINDY WILSON: May I make a clarification.  
49 In our packet there were -- there was a list with  
50 seventeen people opposed. There were five who stood

1 up tonight and opposed it. There was one person who  
2 spoke very compellingly for closing it. There were  
3 other backup materials, so you had quite a few people  
4 who said no and one who said yes. So that does need  
5 to be factored in.

6 KEN WATERS: Okay. Now to get back to  
7 the original resolution with the amendment -- are we  
8 ready?

9 TOM ALLEN: Just a real quick comment,  
10 so everybody understands. We can take a vote on it  
11 and according to the people that spoke tonight, the  
12 majority of folks want it kept open. But to  
13 officially close it, it has to be done by the court.  
14 Okay. It doesn't really matter what we say. We might  
15 have some influence a little bit on the court, but the  
16 court's the one that's got to have the final say-so.  
17 We can say yes; the court can say no. Or visa versa.  
18 Just so that's clear. It has to be done by a court.  
19 Thank you.

20 KEN WATERS: All right. Do we have any  
21 more questions? Okay. So at this time we'll be  
22 taking on a vote for the resolution with Mr. Cole's  
23 amendment that the county takes a neutral stand on the  
24 resolution 2015-02. All in favor of that resolution  
25 with the amendment signify by raising your right hand.  
26 All opposed signify by raising your hand. All right.  
27 And abstaining. Okay. Let the record show that Mr.  
28 Allen, Mr. Waters, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Crowder voted in  
29 favor of the resolution with the amendment. Ms. Floyd  
30 was opposed to that. And -- all right. Quiet down  
31 back there. We're still in a meeting. And show that  
32 Ms. Wilson abstained. All right.

33 Moving on to the next -- do we need to have a  
34 economic development? Okay. And then requests by  
35 Council. Mr. Allen, do you have any requests at this  
36 time?

37 TOM ALLEN: None at this time. I'm  
38 basically broke right now.

39 KEN WATERS: I understand. And Ms.  
40 Floyd, do you have any?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. I have some  
42 allocations to make from District 2's recreational  
43 fund. Okay. This concerns the programs that I talked  
44 with you about earlier. On the YMCA, I -- District 2  
45 would like to allocate two thousand five hundred  
46 dollars for the camping scholarship. May I do it all  
47 at one time?

48 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: The next one's for New  
50 Foundation. I'm sure all of us know what New

1 Foundation is. They are seeking money also for the  
2 summer and recreational programs for their children.  
3 Okay. District 2 allocates a thousand dollars. Men  
4 at Work. You have that at your desk; I passed that to  
5 you. Men at Work would like an allocation of one  
6 thousand dollars from the District 2 rec fund to take  
7 their children -- to take their little kids to the  
8 Black Cowboy rodeo. This is something they've gone to  
9 every year and the kids -- the little kids really  
10 enjoy that. That's a total of four thousand five  
11 hundred dollars from District 2's recreational fund.  
12 I put that in the form of a motion.

13 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

14 KEN WATERS: All in favor of the motion  
15 signify by raising your right hand. Everyone here,  
16 including Mr. Dunn, who is not here, in favor of that.  
17 And Mr. Cole, do you have any?

18 MITCHELL COLE: Not this time, Mr.  
19 Chairman.

20 KEN WATERS: All right. Mr. Crowder do  
21 you have any?

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir, not at this time.  
23 Thank you, Chairman.

24 KEN WATERS: Ms. Wilson? You got that  
25 pitiful look.

26 CINDY WILSON: Seven.

27 KEN WATERS: District 6, I'd like to  
28 appropriate five thousand dollars to the Powdersville  
29 Youth Association and I bring that in the form of a  
30 motion. All in favor signify by raising your right  
31 hand. All those -- let the record show that everyone  
32 here voted in favor of that and Mr. Dunn is not here.

33 Okay. And the next thing, the  
34 Administrator's report.

35 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.  
36 Chairman.

37 KEN WATERS: Okay. Citizens comments.

38 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, one citizen  
39 is signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

40 KEN WATERS: All right.

41 ELIZABETH FANT: Too much to talk on  
42 tonight. I do want to know under the Administrator's  
43 report, (b), records retention. I think that needs to  
44 be talked about, whatever that means. Are we  
45 destroying records or are we keeping them or what. So  
46 Mr. Burns, I'll ask that afterwards.

47 I get a little brochure, The Insider, from  
48 the South Carolina Policy Council. And very briefly  
49 I'm going to try to read some excerpts here. It's  
50 talking about what's wrong with South Carolina. I'm

1 willing to say that the Policy Council is one of the  
2 most important forces for good in South Carolina. The  
3 simple reason is that none of our opinions about the  
4 education, health care, conservation, or economic  
5 development matter as long as our government is  
6 riddled with corruption. South Carolina is  
7 unsurpassed in the iron grip that a few politicians  
8 have on everything from road building to hospital  
9 beds. Challenging the power structure in South  
10 Carolina can be the equivalent of political suicide.  
11 Anyone who has spent much time in Columbia can tell  
12 you how afraid representatives and senators are of  
13 breaking out of the pack. The fear of retaliation is  
14 completely justified.

15 One of the things that Policy Council did  
16 that was very good was insist on roll call voting.  
17 It was the beginning of a revolution and it was  
18 bitterly opposed by the power brokers. Legislature  
19 may pass an anti-corruption bill that actually  
20 protects citizens from insider dealings shrouded in  
21 secrecy. The truth is that the processes of  
22 government are vitally important to every South  
23 Carolinian. They are where the rubber hits the road  
24 and in the case of transportation, where the actual  
25 rubber hits the actual road. South Carolina's  
26 transportation funding agenda is a farce.  
27 Conventional wisdom says that the reason for these  
28 deficiencies is that our gas tax is too low. But  
29 conventional wisdom doesn't understand the way that  
30 transportation decisions are made in South Carolina.  
31 We have not one but two transportation commissions.  
32 The one most people are familiar with is the South  
33 Carolina DOT, Department of Transportation. But the  
34 one with the real money -- billions of dollars -- is  
35 called the South Carolina State Transportation  
36 Infrastructure Bank. Concentration of the power  
37 plaguing the state, the majority of that money is  
38 appointed by two people. One is the Senator President  
39 Pro Tem, Hugh Leatherman. The other a member of the  
40 House, the Speaker Bobby Harrell. Collectively they  
41 represent less than three percent of the voters in the  
42 state, but they control the state's entire road  
43 funding system.

44 Folks, are you understanding that? Last  
45 month the DOT released a report asserting that the  
46 state faces a forty-two billion shortfall in  
47 transportation funding over the coming ---

48 LEON HARMON: Time.  
49 KEN WATERS: Thank you. Time.  
50 ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you.

1 KEN WATERS: All right. At this time  
2 we'll have remarks from Council. Ms. Wilson, are you  
3 ready?  
4 CINDY WILSON: Caught me off guard. There  
5 is so much more that has to be done to bring our  
6 budget into balance and we have a lot of work and a  
7 lot of answers and questions and balancing things out  
8 to do. And I'm very serious about the road situation.  
9 I hope we can come up with a better method that makes  
10 sense and it's not so hard to follow. Thank you.  
11 KEN WATERS: Mr. Crowder?  
12 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, none. Thank  
13 you.  
14 KEN WATERS: Mr. Cole?  
15 MITCHELL COLE: Nothing at this time.  
16 KEN WATERS: Ms. Floyd, do you have  
17 anything?  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. I received  
19 tonight at my desk a job advertisement for wastewater  
20 management. Now I know that position was in the  
21 budget for next year. Is this the same position, Mr.  
22 Burns?  
23 RUSTY BURNS: ???  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Because if -- I know  
25 that this department asked for a technician and a  
26 manager, wastewater manager in the budget.  
27 RUSTY BURNS: ???  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: So he's going to have two  
29 wastewater managers?  
30 RUSTY BURNS: ???  
31 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. Well,  
32 I'd like to know that because I know that wastewater  
33 did ask for a wastewater manager and a technician in  
34 the budget. And here he is asking for another one,  
35 the same thing. I want to know if this is not -- how  
36 can this be advertised if we haven't even finished the  
37 budget yet? That's what I want to know. Okay. Thank  
38 you. I want to ask now about the budget workshop.  
39 I'm ---  
40 KEN WATERS: I have that when we get  
41 done.  
42 GRACIE FLOYD: We going ---  
43 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: We'll talk about that. I  
45 want to say that I think that the Council should have  
46 been asked from the beginning if they wanted the  
47 budget to go into the Finance Committee. The  
48 chairman's position is a ceremonial position. Other  
49 words, he's supposed to direct the meeting stuff. He  
50 does not issue orders or telling folks what to do

1 without going through the Council first. And that  
2 wasn't done. So you know, I have met with attorneys,  
3 with the attorney, and I'm waiting on a decision  
4 whether or not that was the right thing to do.

5 A lot of the times, I found that we don't  
6 read the ordinance book. If you read the ordinances  
7 in the book, you would understand different things  
8 that gives us guidelines on what to do. But that one  
9 -- there were several things I met with the attorney  
10 about, but I sure would like to hear from the attorney  
11 about it, you know, which way we're going.

12 Also, there are some of you that when I had  
13 the meeting I missed you. I just knew that some of  
14 you minded citizens would be there, because you have  
15 shown interest in the past. But it really  
16 disappointed me that you didn't show up because it was  
17 telling me that what I was doing wasn't interesting  
18 enough or wasn't worthwhile enough, that you'd rather  
19 sit there and go through a long finance thing where  
20 you didn't have a right to say anything. In my  
21 meeting you could have spoken. You could have asked  
22 questions in the meeting that I had.

23 And that's all I have and I sure do thank  
24 you.

25 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Allen?

26 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, just very briefly. I  
27 guess you're going to talk about the upcoming budget  
28 workshop, but I know it was mentioned tonight in the  
29 budget that the County Administrator's presented it,  
30 it would require a two mil increase in order to make  
31 that budget happen. I would not vote for that. I  
32 don't think that will pass and that's why this thing's  
33 going to be pared down quite a bit. So, that was all  
34 I had to say about it.

35 KEN WATERS: All right. Thank you, sir.  
36 All right. Just to go ahead and touch on the --  
37 Friday, this Friday at two o'clock there'll be a  
38 budget workshop. And then a separate meeting at three  
39 thirty, special called meeting Friday at three thirty.  
40 And so those are two points of information.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do that again.  
42 Friday at what?

43 KEN WATERS: Friday, a budget workshop  
44 at two o'clock.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: That's on a Friday at two  
46 o'clock.

47 KEN WATERS: Yes, ma'am. What's that  
48 date? That would be the 8th? That'll be the 8th.  
49 Okay.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: And the special called

1 meeting concerns what?

2 KEN WATERS: And the special called  
3 meeting will be at three thirty.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: Concerning?

5 KEN WATERS: Economic development.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. At ---

7 KEN WATERS: Three thirty on Friday  
8 afternoon.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: That's a short meeting.  
10 From two o'clock to three thirty.

11 KEN WATERS: Yep. All right. And I'd  
12 just like to reiterate everything that we do here, it  
13 goes through Council and we do that and this has been,  
14 just as Ms. Floyd said, she had some meetings, so if  
15 anybody wants to come to these things, we don't try to  
16 hide anything. The budget's out there. Everybody can  
17 see it.

18 As Mr. Allen says -- he hasn't fell out over  
19 there, has he? Okay. As he had said, this budget did  
20 show that, but I agree with him, there probably won't  
21 be anybody vote for that. We've got a lot of work to  
22 do. There's a lot of work in action right now. And  
23 appreciate everyone putting the hard work in. The  
24 Finance Committee's put a lot of long hours in this.  
25 And I think everybody has.

26 At this time, the -- I'd like to adjourn the  
27 meeting for May the 4th [verbatim], 2015. Thank you.

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**(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:17 P.M.)**