

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call the Anderson County Council meeting to order of
3 October the 6th, the part with the resolutions. My
4 fellow County Council member Ken Waters is not going
5 to be here tonight. He's under the weather; he's in
6 our thoughts and prayers. If there's no objection
7 with council members, Mr. Bouton is going to be here
8 with Blue Ridge and he's a running a little bit late,
9 so we're going to restructure the schedule; go to
10 number two, then go to three, then go back to one, if
11 that's all right. So we're going to start with Item
12 number (b) #R2015-054, a resolution honoring Dr.
13 Ronnie L. Booth as the 2015 Southern Regional Chief
14 Executive Officer Award.

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ronnie L. Booth, President of
16 Tri-County Technical College, did receive the 2015
17 Southern Regional Chief Executive Officer Award by the
18 Association of Community College Trustees; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Booth's innovative leadership
20 has led Tri-County Technical College to the highest
21 student success rate in the state; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Booth's vision to expand post-
23 secondary educational opportunities has resulted in
24 development of the nationally-recognized Bridge to
25 Clemson and Connection to College programs; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Booth's personal commitment to
27 helping students to achieve their goals has placed
28 Tri-County Technical College in the top five percent
29 nationally for successful student transfers to four
30 year universities and colleges; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Booth's pioneering spirit
32 spearheaded the development of a one-of-a-kind
33 Industrial Development Center dedicated to educating
34 the workforce of the future and supporting the
35 training needs of local industries such as McLaughlin
36 Body Company, Watson Engineering, Sargent Metal
37 Fabrications, and SMF; and

38 **WHEREAS**, the Regional Chief Executive officer
39 is awarded to that leader who has demonstrated
40 exceptional leadership through the academic successes
41 of students, community and industry partnerships which
42 Dr. Booth has endeavored to establish and strengthen
43 during his twelve year tenure as President of Tri-
44 County Technical College.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Anderson
46 County Council commends and honors Dr. Ronnie L. Booth
47 who passionately serves not just the young adults of
48 our County, but all who strive to continue their
49 education. We are appreciative of your attentiveness
50 to the ever changing technological advances in our

1 manufacturing/industrial culture of the Upstate and
2 salute your dedication and personal commitment to our
3 future workforce, educators and community leaders.
4 This resolution shall take effect and be in force
5 immediately upon enactment; RESOLVED in meeting duly
6 assembled this 6th day of October, 2015.

7 I put that in the form of a motion. Have a
8 second Ms. Wilson. Like to add my own personal thing
9 about Dr. Booth and this award or not, but he has been
10 a god-send to Anderson County and we're lucky to have
11 him here. And I always say in our Economic
12 Development announcements that this partnership with a
13 whole lot of folks, but we couldn't be where we are if
14 it hadn't been for Dr. Booth. And every time, not
15 only bringing in new industries, but keeping our ones
16 -- workforce and ones we have here, keeping them
17 trained. Whenever I've been a part of or known of
18 that we have a problem with existing industries trying
19 to get a workforce up and get them trained and
20 mandated, Dr. Booth's always willing to get his
21 technical college up for the force to get our
22 workforce and our citizens ready. And I know
23 personally and serving on several committees with him,
24 his -- he really cares deep down. It ain't just a
25 paycheck to him. He really cares about the community
26 and about education and about getting workforce and
27 getting people trained to work. And we really do
28 appreciate it, Dr. Booth. Anyone have anything? Mr.
29 Allen?

30 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, I would just like to
31 echo what the Chairman has said. Dr. Booth, thank you
32 so much for what you do for us in the way of economic
33 development. And I've often referred to these guys at
34 Tri-County Tech as our PT boat, our attack boat out
35 there. When we need to have something done here in
36 the county, whether it's brick layers, machinists,
37 welders, whatever it may be, these folks can, bang,
38 turn around on a dime and get something set up for us.
39 And that's what we need in order to get industry and
40 jobs in here. So, again, thank you very much for what
41 you do.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
43 Anyone else? Hearing none, all vote on the motion
44 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
45 motion carries. I'd like to mention Ms. Floyd's
46 having a little trouble, too, getting around, so she's
47 going to stay during the presentation, but she's --
48 when she can get up and doesn't have to get up and
49 down and we appreciate that. Show it's unanimous on
50 the vote.

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(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: Going to be moving on now to Item number 2(c) Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Proclamation. Mr. Tom Allen. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I asked this evening if I could do this proclamation. Abuse is kind of one of my pet peeves. And as I've looked through some documents and before I read this proclamation, just like to note that coming out of the Post and Courier Newspaper, South Carolina's murder rate for women is more than double that of the rest of the nation. And then, coming out of the State, South Carolina ranks number one for deadly violence against women. So I can't say it's a pleasure to get to read these kinds of things, it's sort of a dubious honor, but it is an honor to get to read the proclamation this evening, so I'll go ahead and continue with that.

And this is a proclamation October 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We, the County Council of Anderson, are honored to join with Safe Harbor and the community at large in thanking advocacy groups, volunteers, and law enforcement who have devoted their lives to preventing, punishing and ultimately, putting an end to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an unspeakable offense against human dignity that shatters lives and families, and spawns lifelong feelings of hopelessness and despair; and

WHEREAS, across America, an estimated 4.8 million cases of domestic violence occur each year, and at its most tragic level, kills an average of more than three women each day; and

WHEREAS, each October, the formal recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for the victims of this horrible crime; and

WHEREAS, through community programs such as Safe Harbor, the Victim/Witness Assistance Program and other advocacy groups, we can work together to end this violence and protect all members of society; and

Therefore, we join the residents of Anderson County in bringing to light the viciousness and lifelong devastation caused by domestic violence and in recognizing the committed and caring individuals who defend and support innocent victims; and

In grateful recognition therefore, we do hereby declare October 2015 to be "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

1 And I'll put that in the form of a motion,
2 Mr. Chair.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Second by the entire
4 Council. Motion Mr. Allen. Just like to say we do
5 appreciate what all this group does. I'm going to
6 welcome, I think the Executive Director Ms. Callahan,
7 board members Ms. McAbee and Ms. Rockwell and what the
8 Sheriff -- Sheriff John Skipper and Sheriff's victim
9 assistance, I believe Ms. Burk. At this time we all
10 put that in the form of a motion. We'll vote. All in
11 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
12 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We'll
13 step down here.

14 **(PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION)**

15 TOMMY DUNN: Got one more. At this time
16 we'll go back now to where we started, resolution
17 2(a).

18 Before we do that I would like to welcome --
19 we had a guest come in. Past representative Dan
20 Cooper. Glad to see Mr. Cooper here. Honor of his
21 presence.

22 Be moving on now to Item number 2(1), R 20-
23 15-053, a resolution to recognize and honor Blue Ridge
24 Electric Co-op on their 75th Anniversary. And I just
25 want to say before I turn it over to Ms. Wilson to
26 introduce this, I want to welcome Mr. Dalton, CEO of
27 the company here. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bolt; Ben's been
28 with them a long time. I've known the Bolts all my
29 life. And appreciate what all they do. And Zach back
30 there's come back to Anderson County and glad to have
31 him here. Ms. Wilson.

32 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. It goes without
33 saying we never appreciate you fully until we go to
34 turn the switch on.

35 Resolution to Recognize and Honor Blue Ridge
36 Electric Cooperative on their 75th Anniversary and
37 other matters relating thereto.

38 **WHEREAS**, Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative was
39 established in August 1940 under the South Carolina
40 Rural Electrification Act to provide service to
41 Anderson, Pickens, Oconee, Greenville and Spartanburg
42 Counties; and

43 **WHEREAS**, through the hard work and
44 determination of the local farmers who had to
45 guarantee a customer density of three consumers per
46 mile to begin construction, rural residents of
47 Anderson and surrounding counties collaborated to
48 ensure the co-op's success. The cooperative has grown
49 to 64,318 consumers with over 7,000 miles of cable in
50 the Upstate; and

1 **WHEREAS**, throughout its 75-year history, the
2 cooperative has been led by only two Chief Executive
3 Officers, the late A. J. "Jud" Hurt and Charles E.
4 Dalton, whose visionary and innovative thinking in
5 renewable resources, technology and business acumen
6 since taking the helm in 1982 has vastly enhanced the
7 quality and quantity of power throughout the Upstate;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative
10 while utilizing \$1,745,000 in funds generated from the
11 Rural Development Act improved infrastructure into
12 Anderson County encouraging an explosion of economic
13 development with the addition of the Walgreen
14 Distribution Center, Wexler, and Techtronic
15 Industries; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the administration, residents and
17 the County Council of Anderson are pleased to
18 recognize Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative and Mr.
19 Charles Dalton for their contributions to the
20 community and Anderson County.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 6th day
22 of October, 2015.

23 Chairman, may I put that in the form of a
24 motion.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, need a
26 second.

27 TOM ALLEN: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Let me
29 add, talked earlier about Dr. Booth about partnerships
30 and economic development industry. Blue Ridge
31 Electrical Co-op has been a great one. They were one
32 of the first ones at the table when it come up to our
33 spec building. And we really do appreciate that, and
34 having confidence in it and getting it done and doing
35 that and appreciate what all they do and the things
36 out there. And so, we have anything else? Mr.
37 Crowder?

38 FRANCIS CROWDER: I would like to also
39 express our appreciation for your dedication and
40 working with us on the TTI project and on the other
41 projects that will be in the future, as well as the
42 Wexler Project. It was supposed to be a spec building
43 but it turned out to be a construction effort and we
44 thank you for that. Because without that willingness
45 to chip in, Anderson County may not have been able to
46 move forward with the spec building. Thank you so, so
47 much. Appreciate it.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thanks. All in favor of
49 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
50 Show the motion carries unanimously. Would ask Mr.

1 Bolt and Ms. Bolt come up. Mr. Dalton.

2 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

3 TOMMY DUNN: Other Council members keep
4 on going, but that's going to conclude this part of
5 our meeting to be over with and we'll reconvene at
6 6:30.

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8 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll get
2 started with the Council meeting of -- regular Council
3 meeting of October the 6th. At this time I'd like to
4 ask Councilman Cole if he'd lead us in the Invocation
5 and Pledge of Allegiance.

6 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY**
7 **J. MICHAEL COLE)**

8 TOMMY DUNN: At this time ask for a --
9 are there any changes or corrections to be made to the
10 September the 15th meeting minutes? Mr. Crowder?

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, I only have
12 one. On page 4 of the minutes line 32, delete the
13 word n-o and insert the word pleasure p-l-e-a-s-u-r-e.
14 That's it.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
16 Anyone else?

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, there were some
18 others.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Some others in there. But
21 I was unable to bring my book tonight so ??? another
22 one and I didn't -- and I haven't circled it, so ...
23 But I would like to go on record to say that there are
24 some others. And there was particularly one when I
25 was speaking. But since I don't have it, that's the
26 best that I can do. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 There were a couple of them on page 3, line 12, real
30 should have been rail, r-a-i-l. And on line 44,
31 facilities such as Greenville County's Riverbend, and
32 that's one word. I put that in the form of a motion.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?

34 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion
36 to accept the minutes with those changes that her and
37 Mr. Crowder pointed out. We have a second?

38 TOM ALLEN: Second.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
40 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show
41 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
42 carries unanimously.

43 Moving on Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon, our
44 attorney, calls your name out, please step forward,
45 address the chair, state your name, district, you have
46 three minutes and keep this first go round agenda
47 items only.

48 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, the first
49 citizen signed up tonight is Mark Powell.

50 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District 7. I

1 can't wait to hear the explanation if a Christmas tree
2 is truly going to cost us forty something thousand
3 dollars. In my mind, what I know is going to be said,
4 is by the time we buy one and we pay an employee the
5 amount of hours that it takes to put the lights on it
6 and take the lights back off of it, we're going to
7 save money. That's the only logic I can see.

8 I'm also kind of confused as to how a
9 conservative, quote unquote, Republican, all but one
10 member of County Council, can have a Finance Committee
11 that even lets such a thing go beyond the Finance
12 Committee to come before the full Council. Unless, of
13 course, y'all just wanted to see the crazy things that
14 somebody within this organization presented to y'all
15 and y'all just want us to see just how crazy some of
16 these county employees can be. I can't wait to hear
17 the explanation for it. Thank you.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

19 LEON HARMON: Next is Elizabeth Fant.

20 ELIZABETH FANT: My comment has to do with
21 procedure. I witnessed just now that program that you
22 had, the six to six thirty, and every time we have one
23 of these, and we have the people come get up front and
24 they have an accolade and a chance to speak, nobody
25 gives them a mike. I don't understand that. I
26 couldn't hear anything much except garbled mumble
27 jumble. It seems to me that if you're going to have
28 somebody and you want to reward them and you want them
29 to tell you what their program is about, I'm sure we
30 have a portable mike or some way to hand a mike down
31 the row to the people who are up there. This happens
32 every time.

33 And also, Ms. Wilson, when you were reading
34 your long thing, we could barely hear what you were
35 saying because it was down here like this. And I know
36 Ms. Kim has a hard enough time doing what she's doing
37 and then the transcribing person; it goes on and on
38 and on and I don't see why we don't fix it. Thank
39 you.

40 LEON HARMON: There's no one else signed
41 up, Mr. Chairman.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
43 Harmon.

44 Next item, number 5, Request for 800 MHZ
45 Radios for Broadway Fire Department. Ms. Floyd.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The Broadway
47 Fire Department has asked the county to please help
48 with their 500 MHZ radio. It seems as if they ordered
49 several, but one of them came back as a 500 MHZ -- 800
50 MHZ. And they would like for the county to assist

1 them with the -- with putting that into operation, if
2 we can. That's in the form of a motion.
3 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Floyd.
4 We have a second?
5 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any
7 further discussion?
8 CINDY WILSON: Quick question, please.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
10 CINDY WILSON: How many and at what cost?
11 TOMMY DUNN: One radio. Cost is in the
12 -- I think it's like less than ten dollars a month, if
13 I'm not mistaken.
14 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, they didn't
16 discuss that. I have a letter in here from them if I
17 could just get my hands on it.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we can ---
19 GRACIE FLOYD: It should have been in your
20 packet last time.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That's right. It
22 was -- it's just the same thing we've done for other
23 departments. They want one radio turned on and it's
24 -- it comes through us as far as, you know, that
25 licensing fee, what it amounts to. Any more
26 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
27 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
28 unanimously. Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
29 Moving on. Number 6, Citizen Request to be heard
30 concerning abandonment of Faye Drive, Mr. Irving
31 Turner. Mr. Turner.
32 IRVING TURNER: I'm here to --
33 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Burns, you
34 fix that mike for him. Now, you slipping and we're
35 going to have -- she's going to take your job if you
36 don't start moving a little bit quicker. I'm talking
37 -- I'm talking to Burns. He knows who I'm talking to.
38 Mr. Burns.
39 IRVING TURNER: Thank you. I'm here to
40 try to keep Faye Drive, the road closure, open. And I
41 guess I'm speaking for -- I guess y'all have a copy of
42 all this other Homeland Park Fire Department, School
43 District 5, and the sanitation department, about a
44 cul-de-sac at the end of the road. And we're just
45 trying to keep the road open. I live at the end of
46 the road -- next to the end of the road on the left
47 and the Administrator of District number 5 had a --
48 they have a school bus that turns around on Kaye Drive
49 and they said it was one of the five -- one of the
50 five dangerous spots for them to turn around and if

1 there was a cul-de-sac, they could turn down through
2 there. My daughter owns the property on the corner of
3 Faye Drive, and she said she would be willing to give
4 up ten foot over that way and ten foot back down to
5 where you could -- the school bus could turn in and
6 turn around and come back out. And I guess you got
7 all the other stuff, too.

8 I'm just proposing to keep the road open and
9 trying to get a cul-de-sac. And if it don't get the
10 cul-de-sac, get the road paved back because the road
11 asphalt and all has been dug up. We have the water
12 lines runs under that road -- the center of the road,
13 up the road, and if you close it off and if anybody
14 needs to make repairs on the roads or on the water
15 lines or anything, they will not be able to get down
16 there to make any repairs. And then my daughter owns
17 the corner lot, two acres with a trailer up there.
18 The water lines is down through there past that on,
19 you know, somebody else's property, so we're having to
20 -- she's going to have to get a permit to get a well
21 put in because the waterlines because you can't get
22 down there to work on the waterlines on the other
23 property. And I guess that's all.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Turner.

25 IRVING TURNER: Thank you, sir.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 7,
27 SCAC Recommendations to the 2016 Legislation Regarding
28 County Governments and Intergovernmental Draft Report.
29 Mr. Crowder. Mr. Crowder.

30 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm just -- this is really
31 for Council's information only. At your pleasure ???
32 go to Columbia to the South Carolina Association of
33 Counties workshop on intergovernmental relations. The
34 Association actually has four different workshops that
35 they invite members from County Council, it's usually
36 the Chairmans or the Chairman's appointee. I served
37 on the Intergovernmental Relationship, and so this
38 information is being provided to you and to the
39 Administrator and the county attorney so that you can
40 peruse these and make any recommendations that you so
41 see fit. And so, if you'll contact Mr. Burns and Mr.
42 Harmon and let them be the focus of collecting any
43 comments. These need to be sent to the South Carolina
44 Association of Counties within the next two or three
45 weeks. Thank you, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
47 Appreciate you serving on that.

48 Moving ---

49 CINDY WILSON: May I?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: And thank you, Mr. Crowder.
2 I've read through here and there's several areas that
3 we, as a Council, should review and perhaps even come
4 up with a resolution for or against or a
5 recommendation in lieu of what's here in the booklet.
6 There are several things that are pretty disturbing.
7 And some things that need extra support. So may we
8 maybe look at having resolutions for the next Council
9 meeting to be sent to Columbia?

10 TOMMY DUNN: I think we ought to look at
11 it and make a report back, yes, ma'am.

12 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

14 Moving on to Item number 8, Anderson County
15 Future for Economic Development Business, Industry
16 Showcase. Mr. Crowder. Mr. Crowder.

17 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. At
18 the urging of Mr. Burriss Nelson and Mr. Burns, I went
19 out and attended the second day of this meeting. This
20 year they had it out at the Civic Center. They
21 usually have it up at Clemson. It's a consortium of
22 three counties that come together and have their
23 different industries and manufacturers that set up
24 booths that can talk to two different groups of
25 students that are bussed in from the three counties.

26 The first day they had the seniors so that
27 the seniors could look at the different kinds of
28 industry and manufacturing we have in Anderson County.
29 The second day was the day I attended. It had the
30 eighth graders that were bussed in so that they could
31 become acquainted at an early stage in life so that
32 they could hopefully make some education and training
33 opportunity decisions before they get out of high
34 school. The only reason I have it here is it was a
35 wonderful event. It gives you the opportunity to see
36 how many students we actually have. Didn't they have
37 about five thousand students that came in there?
38 About five thousand students. And I think it was
39 really great for Anderson County to step forward and
40 have the facility -- they had a gentleman from the
41 Department of Commerce, Mr. Acker, who is George
42 Acker, kind of a regional -- well, state manager of
43 Duke Energy. His son works with the Department of
44 Commerce. And he gave an overview to the students
45 about economic opportunities in South Carolina and
46 charged the students, and then they went in to look at
47 the different booths and spent time with the different
48 industries that they might have.

49 They had some really good displays there and
50 I compliment Mr. Burns and his -- Mr. Nelson and Mr.

1 Burns and their staff in getting this set up. I think
2 it was one of the very worthwhile projects that we
3 were ever involved in because we keep bringing
4 industry in, as everybody knows, and we keep saying
5 that we are short of trained employees. This was a
6 good start. So I thank you so much.

7 I believe, Kim, didn't you put the complete
8 book in each one of them's boxes? Yep. Only included
9 the first page. Thank you, sir.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
11 Appreciate it. I also made it out there about the end
12 of it. It was very good in talking to the people at
13 other entities that puts it on, the school board and
14 all, they was real impressed with the facilities at
15 the Civic Center. Hopefully I'll go back.

16 Moving on to Item number 9(a) 2015-026 an
17 ordinance amending section 2-351 (membership, terms)
18 of the Anderson County Code as to provide for terms of
19 service at the pleasure of council and to provide that
20 the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee membership
21 shall meet the requirements of South Carolina Code
22 section 6-4-25.

23 This will be a public hearing. Anyone
24 wishing to step forward to speak to this, on this
25 matter, please step forward and state your name and
26 district and address the Chair. Anyone at all?
27 Hearing none, public hearing will be closed. We have
28 a motion to move this forward? Motion from Ms.
29 Wilson. Have a second?

30 TOM ALLEN: Second.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
32 discussion?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, when we make
36 this ordinance that says the terms of service at the
37 pleasure of Council, we have people on our boards and
38 some of our commissions has been there -- that has
39 been there for the longest time. To me, when someone
40 sits on a board or commission for that long, it
41 doesn't give other citizens the opportunity to serve.
42 And someone sits that long it also can cause problems.
43 So I would be very careful to put something in there
44 like that that says that they shall serve at the
45 pleasure of Council.

46 Now, in my area, I do have some situations
47 where I need to find people to serve. It's not that
48 easy in my district. And I am actively seeking and
49 looking for somebody. The young man sitting up front
50 there can tell you that I have been working with him

1 to try to get him to take one of the positions. And
2 -- but I just don't like the idea of just leaving
3 somebody there forever. I think that -- I think that
4 we should have time limits on it. But I don't think
5 that's going to happen. But I am just reluctant just
6 to say this person will be there as long as the
7 Council wanted him -- wanted her or wanted him to be
8 there. I think we should be able to share their
9 responsibility of being on committees with other
10 people in our districts as well. And I thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. And
12 I definitely can understand that thing, but I just go
13 back to, you know, each Council person's elected by
14 the people and have the right to appoint who they want
15 to if they want to serve or whatnot. And they've got
16 a right, don't say they -- doesn't say they have to be
17 on there unlimited. They can change them when they
18 need to be. But it is hard for some of these things
19 to get somebody. When you find somebody that's
20 willing to serve and does a good job, you'd like to
21 take them on and I think this is just a thing to try
22 to clean up some of that. But I do understand where
23 you're coming from. If there's no more discussion,
24 we'll move this forward. All in favor show of hands.
25 All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Allen,
26 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in
27 favor, Ms. Floyd opposed.

28 Moving on to Item number 9(b) an ordinance
29 amending section 2-606 of the Anderson County Code so
30 as to allow for electronic/internet bidding for the
31 sale, transfer, and disposal of surplus county
32 personal property.

33 This will be a public hearing. Anyone
34 wishing to speak to this, please come forward, state
35 your name and district and address the Chair. Anyone
36 at all?

37 MARK POWELL: After witnessing the tax sale
38 yesterday I would say it would be a wonderful thing if
39 somebody could bid from a remote location no matter
40 what the county is selling, especially surplus
41 property, in order to have more people to be able to
42 participate. People couldn't get off work so they
43 couldn't bid. So they can bid anywhere they are, at
44 any time, click, click, click, highest bidder wins. I
45 think you would sell stuff for more money because more
46 people could actively participate. So I think this is
47 very wonderful.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
49 Anyone at all? Hearing none, public hearing will be
50 closed. We have a motion to move this forward?

1 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
3 a second?
4 TOM ALLEN: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen. I want to point
6 out one thing before I open it up for discussion. I
7 think we brought this up for the vote the first time,
8 we sort of got -- some of us sort of got hung on the
9 dot gov or whatnot. This don't lock us in to nothing.
10 Can do whatever we want to do or whatnot. This just
11 says, got the option to do electronic bidding. It
12 could be any type of auction or bid or whatnot. Not
13 no one company or whatnot. Just wanted to say that.
14 And I know the staff is working on some different
15 alternatives about some things. We'll bring it up,
16 ask them to. Ms. Wilson, you have something?
17 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
18 was one of those people who was concerned about that
19 and I've read through this and your comments are
20 reassuring. But there's one slight change that I
21 would suggest. And if you go from the bottom, go up
22 five lines, where it says proper public notice or by
23 electronic internet bidding to the highest bidder, I
24 would suggest that we put, instead of in lieu of
25 sealed or written bids, put in addition to accepting
26 written bids. That would give us the opportunity of
27 receiving written bids, maybe hand delivered or by
28 mail, or, and also the internet. I've been at some
29 auctions recently and that seemed to gather a lot more
30 attention and create a more spirited bidding
31 atmosphere. So I don't think that would change the
32 intent of the resolution -- the ordinance, but it
33 would allow for an additional opportunity.
34 TOMMY DUNN: This all right, Ms. Wilson?
35 Mr. Harmon, you got that, what she said and sort of
36 look at that and we'll vote on it next meeting night?
37 Would that be fine, look at that and give us a little
38 bit -- you can study it and make sure we get the
39 wording right?
40 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'll be
41 glad to do that.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Good. Mr. Crowder?
43 FRANCIS CROWDER: The only comment I wanted
44 to make was the fact there was some questions about
45 the cost of auction and gov deal does charge a ten to
46 fifteen percent premium on the purchase of any item.
47 So if somebody purchases an automobile, I looked at a
48 hybrid car that was on the web today from somewhere in
49 the low part of South Carolina and the high bid was
50 fourteen thousand and five dollars and they had a

1 minimum bid of fourteen thousand and ten dollars. But
2 if they would have bought that, they would have then
3 had to pay in addition to the fourteen thousand ten or
4 fifteen percent added to that fee. It keeps sliding
5 around. Can you hear now?
6 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
7 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. But that's just
8 information.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
10 Anyone else? Mr. Allen?
11 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, just too, they
12 do charge, but so does a real auctioneer. They charge
13 ten percent, too, even if a human being comes out and
14 performs the auction. So you're going to pay that
15 premium either way.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
17 in favor to move this forward for third reading show
18 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
19 carries unanimously.
20 Moving on, Ordinance number 10, Ordinance
21 first reading 2015-027 an ordinance requesting to
22 rezone two parcels of property at Corner of Gerrard
23 Road and Centerville Road, TMS #(s) 095-07-03-009 and
24 095-07-03-010, +/- 1.43 acres. This is going to be
25 going from R-20 (Single Family Residential, 20,000
26 square foot lots) to R-D (Residential - Duplex). The
27 purpose for the rezoning request is to allow for
28 construction of duplexes.
29 At this time we'll be going into a public
30 hearing. Anyone wishing to talk to this matter,
31 please step forward and state your name and district
32 and address the Chair. Anyone at all? Hearing none,
33 public hearing will be closed.
34 You have anything, staff, you'd like to add
35 or anything?
36 MICHAEL FORMAN: No, sir, not at this time.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it. Ms. -- you
38 got something, Ms. Floyd? Okay. Go ahead. You're
39 good.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: Could we -- have we
41 notified all of the residents in that zoning area
42 where this is close that there is a possibility that
43 it would be rezoned?
44 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, ma'am. We notify
45 within two thousand feet of the subject property.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So how did you
47 notify them, please?
48 MICHAEL FORMAN: They are notified by
49 postcard which is mailed out from the county.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. We've had

1 problems with this in the past. People will come and
2 say they were not notified and they needed to -- they
3 wanted to talk about it then, after it was all over.
4 But we have done that?
5 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, ma'am.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I thank you.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Just for the record, this
8 is District 5. Anyone wishing to make a motion to
9 change this zoning request?
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. It's in
12 District 5's area.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: I know that.
14 TOMMY DUNN: I'm just making the record
15 so everybody knows it. It says Centerville. I'm just
16 making it -- yes, ma'am.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone making a motion to
19 change this rezoning? Hearing none, motion dies for
20 lack of a motion.
21 Moving on, Item 10(b) 2015-029 an ordinance
22 to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
23 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of
24 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the
25 park. Mr. Burriss Nelson. Mr. Nelson.
26 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
27 Council, thank you for this opportunity to speak.
28 This is property in Greenville County that will be
29 coming into Anderson County's coffers on a one percent
30 basis as prescribed by our reciprocal multi-county
31 park agreement. They'll be sending one percent of
32 that tax flow off of that project to our general fund.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
34 motion to move this forward?
35 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Motion.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Second
38 Mr. Crowder. Any discussion? All in favor of the
39 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
40 the motion carries unanimously.
41 Moving on to 10(c) 2015-030 an ordinance to
42 amend an agreement for the development of a Joint
43 County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of
44 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the
45 park. Mr. Burriss.
46 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
47 Council, this is similar to the one just previous.
48 These are properties in Greenville County that will be
49 sending a portion of their taxes to us. And it's a
50 recommendation from staff and the board that you give

1 favorable consideration.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move this
3 forward?
4 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second
6 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
7 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
8 the motion carries unanimously.
9 Moving on to (d) 2015-031 an ordinance
10 authorizing an Infrastructure Financing Agreement on
11 behalf of Project Liba (the "company"); the expansion
12 of the boundaries of the Joint County Industrial and
13 Business Park jointly developed with Greenville
14 County, South Carolina to include certain real
15 property located in Anderson County, South Carolina.
16 Mr. Nelson.
17 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
18 Council, this is an opportunity for capital investment
19 and jobs creation in Anderson County. This is a
20 company with ten years -- really the ownership was
21 thirty years of experience in successful design and
22 engineering, but his company has been in place for ten
23 years. Buying a facility and hiring twenty-five
24 additional engineers that will be residing, for the
25 most part, in Anderson County, with an average salary
26 of twenty-two dollars an hour. Payroll over a
27 million. And capital investment of one point two
28 million. The recommendation is to make this a multi-
29 county park agreement of six -- to -- multi-county
30 park agreement to -- well, since it will be a
31 commercial property anyway, it'll be a six percent
32 assessment ratio. So an SSRC of thirty-five percent
33 for -- SSRC of fifty percent for ten years to help
34 offset the cost of the facility. This comes to
35 Council as a recommendation for staff -- from staff
36 and from the Advisory Board with the recommendation to
37 give favorable consideration.
38 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion? Motion Ms.
39 Wilson. Have second?
40 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any
42 further discussion?
43 CINDY WILSON: Real quick correction,
44 please. On our summary on the second page, it said a
45 hundred and twenty-five new full-time jobs. And I'm
46 sure that was just a typo.
47 BURRISS NELSON: It is, and I apologize.
48 I'll correct that for the next meeting.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: If that's a typo, what's
2 the correct thing?
3 BURRISS NELSON: Twenty-five.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Twenty-five.
5 BURRISS NELSON: Twenty-five jobs.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
7 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
8 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
9 motion carries unanimously.
10 Moving on to (e) 2015-033 an ordinance
11 authorizing execution and delivery of an
12 Infrastructure Financing Agreement between Anderson
13 County, South Carolina and "Project Lab" granting
14 certain infrastructure credits to Project Lab; the
15 expansion of the boundaries of the joint county
16 industrial park jointly developed with Greenville
17 County, South Carolina to include certain real
18 property located in the County. Mr. Nelson.
19 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, members of
20 Council. This is another opportunity for jobs
21 creation in Anderson County. A machine tool
22 technology company with thirty years of experience and
23 investment in Anderson County with existing jobs will
24 be investing one point five million in equipment and
25 creating an additional thirteen jobs. They hope that
26 it'll be as many as twenty-two. Average salary,
27 because it is machine tool technology, is certainly
28 above the county average of sixteen forty-three. This
29 is seventeen fifty-four. Would add an additional new
30 payroll to Anderson County at the minimum of thirteen
31 jobs of four hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars in
32 annual payroll. This is a multi-county park agreement
33 that, because it is manufacturing, that will give an
34 equivalent of a six percent assessment ratio and a
35 thirty-five percent SSRC for the first five years.
36 This comes to Council as a recommendation from staff
37 and from the Advisory Board to give favorable
38 consideration. Thank you.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion to move this
40 forward? Motion Mr. Cole, second Mr. Crowder. Any
41 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
42 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
43 motion carries unanimously.
44 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
46 Appreciate the good work y'all -- you and your staff's
47 doing. Keep it up.
48 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, sir.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 11
50 Resolutions. Next is 11(a) R2015-042 a resolution

1 expressing county council's position to judicial
2 abandonment. This was requested by a citizen at the
3 end of Faye Drive. Mr. Burns, if you would, I'm
4 sorry, I can't think of his name, but I know he's
5 here, wanting to speak to this -- you want to speak to
6 this matter?

7 DOUG PROCTOR: My name is Doug Proctor
8 and I'm in Mr. Dunn's district. Allison Park is a
9 subdivision that was put in place some thirty-five
10 years ago by Calhoun Pruitt, intended to build homes
11 out there. They built two homes and they didn't
12 proceed with that project so it turned into like a
13 little mobile home district out there. So all the
14 lots turned out to be mobile home districts. When he
15 deeded the roads to the county, he put in cul-de-sacs
16 on all the roads. Thirty-five years and no cul-de-
17 sacs ever been put in. Just dirt entrance where the
18 road ends. Thirty-five years there's never been a
19 need for it. My property completely surrounds -- all
20 it is is a fifty foot circle where it was proposed to
21 be a cul-de-sac. And there's only two people live on
22 the street. We have two residents there, which is my
23 daughter is one and myself. The road is like four
24 hundred and fifty feet long. There's no hazard of a
25 fire truck or anything getting in because there's big
26 wide driveways. They've been there before when
27 someone started a fire, the fire truck come, they had
28 no problems getting in and out.

29 With the county's expense, if they were to
30 close this one or build a cul-de-sac like it should
31 be, they would need to finish the entire project and
32 put in an additional four or more cul-de-sacs at these
33 dead end roads where the population doesn't call for
34 it. We've had thefts, we've had vandalism, we had a
35 lot of problems. And the reason that I requested to
36 be closed off is for that reason; for security
37 reasons. No other reason. Nobody's property joins --
38 will be cut off. There's -- it's twenty-five feet --
39 the road goes twenty-five feet past the nearest
40 property which is a rental property. And I'd ask it
41 to be cut off so I could -- security reasons. The air
42 conditioner has been stole, windows broken out; if
43 you're not there all the time, so that's the reason I
44 was asking for it. I've maintained that area for the
45 past thirty-five years. And it's not maintained by
46 the county, anyway. That was the reason I asked for
47 it to be closed. And you can tell, I don't know if
48 you can see this, but this is Faye Drive. It comes
49 down and the nearest property -- there's only two
50 people on that road. And the nearest property which

1 the person that talked to you previously, he has this
2 property -- a half acre rented. He's twenty-five feet
3 from where the paved road ends which doesn't affect
4 his getting in and out at all. It doesn't affect
5 anybody other than, you know, my daughter's property
6 and my property getting in and out. We were wanting
7 it for security reasons. Anyone would like to ask me
8 any questions?

9 TOMMY DUNN: No, that's good. We
10 appreciate it. Thank you.

11 DOUG PROCTOR: Okay. Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: As Council knows, I just
13 want to reinstate for the record, we don't -- Council
14 doesn't have authority to abandon or to close roads.
15 That has to be a judicial matter. We can stay on
16 this. But we have had a request by the citizens to
17 abandon the roads. I know we've got letters from the
18 Fire Department asking us to open the school for his
19 request. So at this time I'll ask does anybody want
20 to make the motion to -- for abandonment on this road?
21 Anyone? Hearing none, motion dies for lack of a
22 motion.

23 Moving on to Item number 11(b) R#2015-056 a
24 resolution authorizing the Anderson County Roads and
25 Bridges Department to perform maintenance on certain
26 identified gravel roads. Mr. Burns.

27 RUSTY BURNS: The last time we had a
28 meeting, Mr. Dunn, we are on the roads list, that is
29 the result of the ordinance that we passed. Every
30 Council member has a list of those roads that need to
31 be approved by Council so we can perform work on them.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Hearing that, anybody want
33 to make a motion to move this forward? Motion Mr.
34 Allen, second by Mr. Crowder. Any discussion?
35 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
36 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
37 carries unanimously.

38 Moving on to Item number 13, Report from the
39 Planning and Public Works Committee. Ms. Wilson.

40 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

41 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, I missed number
42 12. I'm sorry. Last Council meeting I think I made a
43 mistake in saying come from the Finance -- it come
44 from the request from the Finance Committee, which it
45 did not. They did not have a recommendation. So it's
46 time to clean it up. Open it back up for discussion.
47 Keep everything straight. And the motion that I'm
48 going to make is to shred everything that the
49 Administration has requested except the credit card
50 statements from '97 to 2008 and the accounts payable

1 for fiscal year '97 to 2008. Put that in the form of
2 a motion.

3 CINDY WILSON: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Have
5 any discussion now?

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I understood
7 that it did come from the Finance Committee.

8 TOMMY DUNN: It didn't. And I stated it
9 did, but it didn't. Kimberly corrected -- Ms. Poulin
10 corrected me at the last -- after the meeting was over
11 with. Next day.

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But not -- I didn't
13 think that because you -- I didn't think that because
14 you, you know, said that. I just thought all the time
15 that it came -- because I thought that they were the
16 ones who sent that sheet ---

17 TOMMY DUNN: They talked about it, but
18 they never made a recommendation. They did send a
19 sheet out and done that, but they never made a formal
20 recommendation.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. But they did send that
22 sheet out?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, have that
25 sheet been checked again? Because at the last
26 meeting, one of the members of that committee found
27 something that should not be shredded. And if we
28 hadn't a brought it up it would have been gone. But
29 have they ---

30 TOMMY DUNN: My understanding is it's
31 been checked and rechecked. I asked them to go over
32 -- to do due diligence between -- since I got the
33 phone call last Wednesday or Thursday to now.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good. Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

36 TOM ALLEN: I just had a question. I
37 know when it -- when this was discussed before there
38 was a question about storage space and room to store
39 this. How ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: They can handle this.

41 TOM ALLEN: --- if we keep it. How
42 long will they be kept now, then?

43 TOMMY DUNN: I guess it'll be brought up
44 in another year.

45 TOM ALLEN: Will it come up again in a
46 year?

47 RUSTY BURNS: Unless Council takes action
48 at some other point in time, they'll be held in
49 perpetuity.

50 TOM ALLEN: I didn't know if there was

1 a requirement like seven years on income tax or
2 anything. Okay. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
4 show of hands. All opposed -- I'm sorry.

5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Can we have a recess?

6 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, just get this. We've
7 got to vote on this. All in favor of the motion that
8 I made show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions.
9 Show the motion carries, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
10 Cole, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson in favor, and Ms.
11 Floyd abstains. We'll take a short break, if you
12 would. We'll be back in a second.

13 **(BREAK FROM 7:15 TO 7:21 PM)**

14 CINDY WILSON: (No audio)... Forman, Mr.
15 Forman and staff have created and implemented a new
16 web page for interested citizens to track zoning
17 applications. By going to AndersonCounty.org and then
18 to the Planning and Community Development Department
19 and next to zoning, one can now track rezoning
20 applications. Mr. Forman updates each application
21 after each meeting in the process. This is a welcome
22 addition in our effort to keep the public informed.

23 Mr. Forman then provided the latest action in
24 our neighborhood initiative program which is based on
25 the county having received almost two and a half
26 million dollars to purchase, demolish, site prep and
27 green and maintain for three years derelict home
28 sites. This is a voluntary program. It joins another
29 county program to clean up blighted home sites as
30 available tools aiding our public safety and public
31 appearance for neighborhoods. Several presentations
32 have been made around the county and at most of our
33 towns.

34 We then discussed the possible need to
35 improve building and codes standards and setbacks with
36 Mr. Barry Holcombe, our Building and Codes director.
37 And we were joined in this discussion by Mrs. **Dino**
38 **Hicks** of the Homebuilders Association. The county
39 enforces according to the International Residential
40 Code. Excluding individual private homes, most of
41 what was built and/or developed in the county prior to
42 the recession appears to have been obviously better
43 quality than the tract home developments and slab
44 homes going in now. It has been pointed out that the
45 language in the International Code does seem to give
46 the county building inspectors and the department some
47 discretion in accepting or declining engineer stamped
48 plans. It was also pointed out that the County
49 Council would need to upgrade standards by ordinance
50 if that is the desire. A sloping and setback

1 requirement is being reviewed for possible ordinance
2 consideration. Due to the heavy volume of rainfall
3 and other factors, these two issues in high density
4 developments must be improved.

5 This report is just a synopsis of what we
6 discussed and we'll just present that as no action
7 taken, but plenty of discussion.

8 Does anyone have any questions or any
9 additions you would like to make?

10 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate the work, Ms.
11 Wilson, what the committee's doing.

12 Now we'll be moving on to Item number 14,
13 Report from the Finance Committee. Mr. Crowder.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. You
15 see the agenda that the Finance Committee had. The
16 first item was bids from the East-West Parkway
17 construction.

18 Mr. Burns, you want me to call Mr. Carroll,
19 or you want me to just go ahead and do it? All right.
20 You'll recall that several months ago, if not longer,
21 we contacted Duke Energy to see if they would be
22 willing to allow us to lease in perpetuity or for some
23 extended period of time a plot of land on the East-
24 West Parkway and the intersection of Hobson Road where
25 we could have a parking space for citizens that either
26 walk there or bicycle there, due to the fact that
27 numerous complaints have gotten to me relative to the
28 fact that people were parking on private property and
29 especially the property of the people who wanted to
30 use the East-West Parkway for commercial purposes and
31 Council passed the East-West Connector overlay.

32 So after getting landscape architects and
33 others to come up with a desirable plan, that document
34 was put out for bid and the lowest bid was by Moats
35 Construction Company. They actually bid a five
36 part bid, but we're only going to accept the first
37 three parts. And the reason I say that, this money's
38 coming out of my paving account and my recreation
39 account. In fact some of it's been previously
40 approved many months ago.

41 And so, the Finance Committee recommends
42 approval of the bid from Moats Construction for
43 ninety-eight thousand oh sixty-six for the base bid,
44 for six thousand five hundred and sixty-eight dollars
45 for the first addition and for the second addition
46 thirty-three thousand dollars. However, Mr. Carroll,
47 we may not need to exercise the expenditure for the
48 two benches because we've had a company in town
49 volunteer to provide us with two very nice benches for
50 -- at no cost. So the Finance Committee recommends

1 this to Council for their consideration.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
3 Committee it doesn't need a second. Any more
4 discussion?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Benches that's going to be
8 donated in kind to the county for this, will they have
9 advertising on it?
10 TOMMY DUNN: I don't know.
11 FRANCIS CROWDER: I don't know; it depends.
12 Does Council doesn't want them to do it, it's Chick-
13 fil-A.
14 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I mean, if we have
15 benches and they were going to do it for free for
16 advertising, don't -- shouldn't we offer that same
17 opportunity to everyone else?
18 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think we can offer
19 it to anybody. I think we can welcome anybody that
20 wants to give us -- give us a bench. And I think the
21 most that would be on it, it might be a -- you know,
22 just say I don't know what the right word would be,
23 but like donated by Chick-fil-A or something. I don't
24 think -- I don't see anybody ---
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Donated by Chick-fil-A
26 would be fine. But if they have advertisement; come
27 to buy chicken from Chick-fil-A, I've seen that all
28 over the county. At one time in the city when people
29 would put up benches, they would be advertising their
30 companies, their organizations. If we're going to let
31 that happen, I think we need to put that out to any --
32 to give other folks an opportunity to bid on it or to
33 want to do the same thing.
34 TOMMY DUNN: I think it would just be --
35 I feel sure going in it would just be -- if anything
36 it would just say donated by what you call it.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, donated. And also my
38 other question is that since this place is in the
39 city, it is in the city, and they did ---
40 TOMMY DUNN: This part won't be.
41 FRANCIS CROWDER: This is in the county.
42 TOMMY DUNN: This is in the county.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: The -- then we aren't
44 talking about the East-West Connection. I thought we
45 were talking about roads -- I mean putting in parking
46 spaces.
47 TOMMY DUNN: We are, but part of it's in
48 the county part's in the city. Part we're talking
49 about is in the county; Mr. Crowder's district. It's
50 in the county, though, it's on the right side going

1 out.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So the city has
3 nothing to do with this part of it. Okay, good.
4 Thank you.

5 TOMMY DUNN: You're welcome. All in
6 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
7 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

8 Go ahead, Mr. Crowder.

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right, thank you, sir.
10 The next item is re-roofing the museum. Would you
11 like to do that one, Mr. Carroll? Thank you. I'm
12 not a roofing specialist.

13 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we got none.

14 ROBERT CARROLL: I'm not either, sir, but
15 I'll try to speak to it. We received bids on this.
16 First of all we sent it to approximately thirty-three
17 vendors. We had about eleven or twelve vendors to
18 show up for the pre-bid meeting at the museum. We
19 received one bid from C. E. Bourne out of Greenwood,
20 South Carolina for a price of four eighty-three --
21 four hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred thirty-
22 six dollars. After speaking with our architect
23 engineer down in -- from Davis and Floyd and meeting
24 with staff, we came up with some alternates there that
25 we felt would not compromise the roof, and were able
26 to cut thirty-three thousand one thirty-six off of
27 that bid. So staff is recommending award for four
28 hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: So we are finally,
30 hopefully, getting the museum done. So the Finance
31 Committee makes that recommendation.

32 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the
33 Finance Committee, doesn't need a second, for a low
34 bid of I'll just say of the museum roof. Any
35 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
36 All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Allen,
37 Ms. Floyd, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in
38 favor and Mr. Dunn abstains.

39 Moving on, Mr. Crowder.

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. You recall ???
41 (audio cut out) authorized for us to invite people to
42 be on a possible analysis of the EMS situation for
43 Anderson County. That was put out in a request for
44 quotation and two people bid on the document. And
45 I had the opportunity to sit in as a -- just a
46 visitor. And one company was Fitch and Associates and
47 the other one was the Polaris Group. And the review
48 committee from the purchasing group recommend that we
49 choose the Fitch and Associates. If you go on the
50 internet and look them up, you'll see where they're a

1 very competent company. They've done studies all over
2 the United States, although I will say that a high
3 percentage of them are with fire departments that run
4 EMS systems, but they've done others. In fact,
5 they've done one almost comparable to this in Upstate
6 New York. And so the Finance Committee is
7 recommending the Fitch and Associates. Mr. Burns
8 asked me -- is that not true -- to come up with a
9 scope of work because if we're going to select them to
10 do the study, we need to tell them at least the
11 minimum of what we expect in the study. So if you
12 will notice that there's a draft outline of the scope
13 of work for the EMS study. And if you page through
14 it, I was very careful to note that we would expect
15 one of the options that they come back to us with
16 would be to look at our current situation and see if
17 it could be tweaked and made it a viable option. But
18 you'll also notice that we said that you could have
19 other items to be considered. Number one would be to
20 -- number two option could be consolidate zones.
21 Number three option would be a countywide system by
22 one or more contracts. The fourth option could be a
23 countywide system by putting out a bid for a
24 countywide system. And a fifth one is any other model
25 that they might want to come up with. So the Finance
26 Committee has recommending the Fitch Group and the
27 scope of work for them to go by as a minimum.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Mr. Crowder. Coming
29 from the Finance Committee doesn't need a second, the
30 recommendation of the Fitch Company. I think all
31 Council had a member to sit in on some of their -- two
32 companies' presentation. So if there's any
33 discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
34 show of hands. All opposed. All abstentions. Ms.
35 Floyd?

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I'm trying to
37 decide because I didn't get a chance to sit in on it.
38 I don't even know -- I'm sure that the word was put
39 out, but I didn't get it, so I will be voting -- my
40 constituents don't like me to abstain, but I'm going
41 to abstain on this one.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Show the motion
43 carries with Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr.
44 Crowder and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd
45 abstains.

46 Moving on next to item number B, capital
47 projects.

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Thank you, Mr.
49 Chairman. The emergency services group division and
50 the hazmat team is requesting to purchase an Extendo

1 bedslide for the hazmat truck that they currently
2 have. They are transferring money and they're
3 recommending that that be purchased by Lights Up LLC.
4 And so the Finance Committee recommends that company
5 to be awarded the bid.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
7 Committee, again, doesn't need a second. Any
8 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
9 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
10 motion carries unanimously.

11 Moving on to item number 2, the Stalker
12 Radar.

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. The Finance
14 Committee recommends that the bid be awarded to the
15 company because it is a sole source purchase. They're
16 the only makers of that kind of device. Stalk
17 Incorporated in the amount of six thousand four
18 hundred and forty-six dollars and seventy-five cent.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion on the floor.
20 Again, coming from Finance Committee doesn't need a
21 second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
22 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
23 motion carries unanimously.

24 Moving on to item number 3, Christmas tree.

25 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay. Christmas tree. All
26 rightly. The Christmas tree -- just because the
27 Finance Committee puts something on the Council's
28 agenda does not mean necessarily that the Finance
29 Committee approved of it and sends it forward with our
30 endorsement, we're under obligation that even if we
31 disagree with it, full Council has the right to look
32 at that and decide for themselves. And that seems to
33 be the case tonight. The recommendation from the
34 county is to purchase a stackable tree in the amount,
35 with the ornaments and the top, in the amount of forty
36 thousand four hundred and twelve dollars and seventy-
37 five cents. Now, it's open for Council's
38 recommendation ---

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, can I ask a
40 question? This did not -- y'all did not recommend
41 this, right? It's not coming from -- y'all
42 recommended to put it before full Council without a
43 recommendation.

44 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yep. Well, so that ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, I got -- but y'all
46 didn't recommend -- y'all just recommended it come
47 before full Council, but y'all did not endorse or deny
48 nothing. Y'all just moved it forward to full Council.

49 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I think there was at
50 least some consensus that we needed to put a Christmas

1 tree over in front of the courthouse because the last
2 two that we put over there have died.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

4 FRANCIS CROWDER: And there was also some
5 discussion of the fact that it might need to be of a
6 removable type due to the fact that people say that,
7 well, we -- people going by can't even look at our
8 beautiful courthouse. Now, that's -- you know.

9 TOMMY DUNN: We can get it there, but
10 I'm just trying to clear up for the record. You
11 didn't make a recommendation.

12 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir. For the record.

13 TOMMY DUNN: We can open it up for
14 discussion now. Mr. Burns.

15 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Can y'all make a
17 recommendation to come back -- another recommendation
18 to come back for Council. I mean, my personal thing
19 would be, would be to look at a live tree. One we
20 could go up and put up and take down after the thing's
21 over with. Not leave it up there. We definitely need
22 a Christmas tree. I ain't no humbug. I think we need
23 that. But at this time I can't see, you know -- I
24 know there's got pros and cons, I'm going to let you
25 speak on this. It got blowed out -- way out of
26 proportion like a lot of stuff does. But anyway, the
27 citizens of Anderson enjoy coming to a Christmas tree
28 festival. I've been to it about every year since I've
29 been on Council, so we need to keep that tradition up
30 and have stuff going on downtown. Good for that, but
31 I don't know about the money. You want to speak on
32 this?

33 RUSTY BURNS: The idea behind that, Mr.
34 Dunn, was the fact that we do have a lot of people who
35 enjoy the view of the courthouse. And we had many
36 comments that the permanent tree blocked the view of
37 the courthouse. Okay. That was one of the reasons.
38 The other one, we usually spend about ten days putting
39 up the Christmas tree and we have to rent lifts and we
40 have to do those things. It takes a lot of man hours,
41 woman hours, to do that. This would be stackable. It
42 would be one piece. It comes with a very serious
43 warranty. There are some of these trees that have
44 been up for seventeen years. So that's the reasoning
45 behind it.

46 The other fact that Mr. Crowder pointed out
47 was that we have had bad luck with trees in that
48 location. And so that was the reasoning behind it.
49 That was an up-to price, if we purchased a thirty-four
50 foot tree. But that is the County seat, it is the

1 center piece of all of the county Christmas
2 celebrations. You have thousands of people who attend
3 that. If Council wishes us to come back with another
4 recommendation, we will be more than happy to, because
5 I can assure you, I've had a number of people call me
6 and volunteer Christmas trees to the county, if we
7 would come get them. But we would also probably need
8 to look at someone who had serious expertise in
9 planting this tree.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I make the motion we
11 can come back for another recommendation next Council
12 meeting.

13 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, I just want to
14 make a comment, too. Yeah. I mean, forty grand is an
15 awful lot for a tree and that's not going to happen.
16 But it did have to come before Council. That was all
17 we decided on in the Finance Committee.

18 But I would say, too, over there in that
19 location, you can't actually plant what we normally
20 consider a Christmas tree, like a spruce or a fir,
21 because of all the concrete and it's too hot over
22 there. Those things won't survive. There are holly
23 trees, though, like Emily Bruner is one of them, or
24 Emily Stevens; I think it's Emily Bruner. Those
25 things get huge and they can be trimmed into a
26 beautiful conical shape. They have the red berries,
27 the whole nine yards. I think they get up around
28 twenty feet tall or so. So there are options could go
29 in there, but we'd have to look at that very carefully
30 if we want to put a live tree in over there, because
31 not everything's going to survive in that concrete and
32 in the heat over there. And that was all I had to
33 say.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, could you please
36 tell us, where did the price come from? Who did --
37 did you do this or did you have a committee that did
38 it?

39 RUSTY BURNS: I had a group of county
40 employees who made suggestions and recommendations.
41 We examined all the literature about live trees, about
42 trees like this. We looked where other places have
43 trees like this. And the prices came from examining
44 them on the internet and talking with people about
45 where to get these prices. That's where that came
46 from.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative). I
48 know that we have some really good county employees
49 who have been doing this for years. But before we put
50 up that -- what was that tree? Magnolia tree. Before

1 we put that up the other tree died, right? It was a
2 cedar tree or something.
3 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. And it died.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: So that didn't do well
5 there.
6 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What -- if we got
8 this tree, how long would it last?
9 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, I can't judge
10 that on how long it would last.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you see, if we're
12 going to pay forty something thousand dollars, it's
13 got to last for a while.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Oh, the forty thousand
15 dollar tree, they have some of those that have been in
16 operation for seventeen years. So if you think the
17 impression that some people have is that we were going
18 to spend forty thousand dollars to buy a tree for one
19 year is completely inaccurate. I mean, that wouldn't
20 ---
21 GRACIE FLOYD: I think that's the problem
22 right there.
23 RUSTY BURNS: Well, but that wouldn't
24 make any sense at all.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: It would not, yeah.
26 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: But this tree, if we put it
28 up, it could save us in the long run.
29 RUSTY BURNS: Well, it will save you on
30 man hours.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: On man hours.
32 RUSTY BURNS: It takes us a long time to
33 decorate that Christmas tree. We get the lift and
34 while we're doing that, that takes away from other
35 activities we have. So we were looking at the total
36 time it took to put up, and we were looking at the
37 time it took to put down. But again, one of the key
38 considerations is people like looking at that
39 courthouse. And they just like that open space.
40 Because it does open up that plaza. So that's where
41 it came from.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know, ---
43 RUSTY BURNS: I take full responsibility
44 for it.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: And I will accept some of
46 the responsibility for it. You've got some good
47 people. But I, too, bought a tree like that. And I'm
48 going on five years with mine now. And every year I
49 don't have to worry about putting up a Christmas tree
50 -- I mean, I don't have to worry about getting a

1 Christmas tree, lugging it home, putting it on top,
2 and it has really saved me money because I think I
3 paid forty something dollars for mine, you know, so
4 that's less than ten dollars a year. Okay. I would
5 support this.

6 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chair.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole.
8 MITCHELL COLE: I would suggest we come
9 back with a comparison over time what a live tree of
10 whatever height we want versus the cost of this ---
11 RUSTY BURNS: Be happy to.
12 MITCHELL COLE: -- or the average life of
13 this tree and that way we have a fair comparison.
14 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
15 MITCHELL COLE: And right now, we don't
16 have that.
17 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Crowder get and
20 then we'll come back to you. Mr. Crowder.
21 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, you know, keep in
22 mind I'm a kid at heart. Plus I worked for five years
23 -- ten years in a five and ten cents store, so I love
24 Christmas. And I think one of the tremendous
25 contributions that Anderson County can make to its
26 citizens in toto, as well as visitors, is to have a
27 worthwhile lighting exhibit. Now, I do agree that
28 forty something thousand dollars is a significant
29 amount. So if you go on line and look at that
30 particular site which I did, after our discussion,
31 this is a stackable tree. All the parts are big parts
32 and they come out of boxes and you just basically kind
33 of lay them in there and it can be put up quite
34 easily. Now, when you start talking about trees that
35 are twenty, twenty-four plus feet tall and putting
36 lights on it, that's a labor intensive job. Very
37 labor intensive job. And actually two men, probably
38 in a day could put up that Christmas tree, based on
39 what it looked like to me. But maybe one option might
40 be instead of having a thirty foot one, is to come
41 down and see what an eighteen foot one or twenty foot
42 one does in addition to what my other colleagues have
43 stated. So thank you.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, if we have to go
46 through this again, would you please have someone to
47 check with other counties with our size and population
48 to see if they are doing this and find out, you know,
49 how it works. But, you know, I don't do math that
50 quickly in my head. But you know, if you divide the

1 seventeen years into the cost of this tree, I mean,
2 we'll be saving money. We've spent money on worse
3 things. Thank you.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Wilson.
5 Want everybody to get in on this.

6 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Very quickly. Just
7 a suggestion. While we're going through this
8 discussion and exercise of opinions and so forth, I
9 wonder if it wouldn't be a really neat community
10 project to have all the school districts design
11 ornaments or something to put on the tree and really
12 get into the community spirit. That might be a fun
13 thing to involve our schools with. And scale over in
14 the court yard plaza over there makes a big
15 difference, and I'm not sure a tall tree, as tall as
16 this, would be as attractive as maybe one a little
17 shorter. And maybe we can talk with some of the local
18 growers, get some more ideas. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
20 motion of the floor. All in favor of the motion show
21 of hands.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: What was the motion?

23 CINDY WILSON: Do what?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, you seconded it.
25 Motion was to come back with more recommendation --
26 another recommendation -- more recommendations for the
27 next Council meeting. Come back with more options for
28 Council. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 All opposed. Show the motion carries Mr. Allen, Mr.
30 Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder, and Ms. Wilson in favor.
31 Ms. Floyd opposes.

32 Now moving on next to the Tri-County
33 Technical College bond preference.

34 FRANCIS CROWDER: Sure, thank you. You will
35 recall that Council agreed to participate in the
36 funding of the new student center at Tri-County Tech.
37 And so, what the -- Dr. Booth and them want is a
38 letter that says basically do you want us to float the
39 bond and you pay your part of the payment or do you
40 want to float the bond and you pay for that. And the
41 recommendation that we had from Finance I believe was
42 to let them -- to let them float their bond and we pay
43 their payment of it so that that bond indebtedness
44 does not count against Anderson County's bond
45 indebtedness. So in order to let Mr. Booth know what
46 our decision is, that is our recommendation, that we
47 send a letter to Mr. -- Dr. Ronnie Booth saying that
48 we would prefer the option of them acquiring the bond
49 and we would make the payments.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. We have a motion

1 coming from Finance Committee, again, doesn't need a
2 second. Any discussion?

3 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

5 CINDY WILSON: Just some additional
6 conversation on this. The county's portion is
7 projected to be thirteen and a half million dollars.
8 But there was discussion that the -- that Tri-County
9 Tech had done their homework and had come back saying
10 it would be more like twelve point six million
11 dollars. With the school doing the bond, that would
12 be spread out more like twenty years. And it is for a
13 student success center. We're definitely wanting
14 badly to help as much as we can with Tri-County Tech,
15 but we were also concerned about the increase of
16 millage for the county taxpayers. So we also pointed
17 out if we could do this without going overall increase
18 in taxes for the county taxpayers. And I think that
19 may be a possibility, possibly.

20 TOMMY DUNN: I do, too. Thank you, Ms.
21 Wilson.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: I hate to belabor this, but
23 I was also part of that same discussion. I'm fully in
24 support of going ahead and giving them a letter. But
25 I think the thrust and budget preparation next year
26 for me to be able to vote for the budget would be for
27 us not to increase one point two or three mils to pay
28 for this. But to somehow include it in the current
29 millage that we have. But -- so, I'm ready for the
30 vote.

31 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
32 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
33 motion carries unanimously.

34 Moving on to Item number (D) transfers.

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. There are two
36 kinds of transfers. The vast number of them are
37 transfers to get the books right at the closing of the
38 end of the year, which in essence means that the money
39 has already been spent. And so, consequently, we
40 actually have no other option than to approve the
41 transfers. Now, Mr. Burns and Ms. Davis have met with
42 all the department heads and basically said they're
43 not -- they were not going to tolerate these kinds of
44 large transfers, you know, that are requests to
45 transfer for a hundred, two hundred, three hundred,
46 four and five hundred dollars, that's to be expected.
47 But when you start asking for thirteen thousand dollar
48 transfers and twelve thousand dollar transfers and six
49 thousand transfers, especially for items, you know,
50 where you go out and buy a large number of t-shirts

1 for an activity and it wasn't budgeted and you just go
2 ahead and spend the money anyway.

3 Anyway, the second kinds of transfers are
4 transfers in this fiscal year to move money into
5 categories that we need to have it in, in order to
6 move forward. The number one one that if you will
7 notice is for the -- to give the economic development
8 department moving money so that it can hire an intern
9 for a short period of time and to pay the associated
10 social security and benefits on that temporary intern.
11 So the Finance Committee basically, after much
12 discussion, recommends approval of all of these
13 transfers, both the ones to close the books, which
14 quite frankly we have no choice, because the money's
15 already gone. And the second one was for the few
16 transfers for the economic development people to be
17 able to hire the limited time planning intern for
18 economic development.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Finance
20 Committee; doesn't need a second. Any discussion?

21 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

22 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

23 CINDY WILSON: A quick comment. We were
24 told that our County Administration and finance folks
25 were meeting with these transfer departments. And it
26 might be interesting if we had a little comment from
27 Mr. Burns as he told us the other day what the
28 possible consequences of continuing to come back to us
29 with transfers that he and Ms. Davis have admonished
30 department heads on. Thank you.

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

35 Ms. Davis, before you leave, step up here
36 just right quick. I just want to reiterate something.
37 We had discussion in Council meeting about two or
38 three months ago about these transfers. You remember
39 that?

40 RITA DAVIS: I do, sir.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Make sure you carry it on,
42 because this is it.

43 RITA DAVIS: I understand, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, appreciate it.
45 Enough said.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, I didn't
47 understand that.

48 TOMMY DUNN: She did, that's all that --
49 we had a discussion, it was in an open meeting, about
50 budget transfers. Don't come before -- don't ask --

1 don't do it and ask for forgiveness.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that's what you're
3 saying. Okay.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on ---
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir.
6 TOMMY DUNN: --- Finance Committee is
7 asking to go into Executive Session for personnel
8 matters.
9 FRANCIS CROWDER: The Finance Committee
10 recommends that we go into Executive Session to
11 discuss economic development matters and personnel
12 matters. That comes as a recommendation from the
13 Finance Committee.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Doesn't need a second
15 coming from the Finance Committee. All in favor of
16 the motion show of hands.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. On that end of
20 it, what -- can we talk about the personnel committee,
21 and I know we can't call names and stuff and it was
22 executive session, but kind of like to know what
23 happened.
24 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to find out
25 when we go back there in Executive Session.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I didn't understand.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, okay, I'm sorry. We're
28 voting to go into Executive Session to find out and
29 then we'll come back out and vote, if there's anything
30 to vote on.
31 All in favor of the motion to go into
32 executive session show of hands. All opposed. It was
33 unanimous. We'll go right back here.
34 FRANCIS CROWDER: Rita, you got the
35 information?
36 TOMMY DUNN: It makes it a lot easier on
37 Ms. Floyd. We'll go right back here.
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Burriss, is Rita going to
39 come back with us, sir? Thank you.
40 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:58 PM TO 8:18 PM)**
41 TOMMY DUNN: (No audio)... executive
42 session. Second Mr. Allen. All in favor of the
43 motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
44 unanimously. Let the record show that we will be --
45 no action will be taken on economic development
46 matters. That was only taken for information only.
47 We're waiting on further time to get some more
48 information what materializes to act on. Come back
49 and be voted on.
50 At this time I'll ask Mr. Harmon, we are

1 going to make a motion coming from the -- to start
2 paying the Administrator's insurance.

3 LEON HARMON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
4 The motion should be that the county will provide
5 health insurance coverage for the Administrator.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Something we haven't been
7 doing and we agreed we would do that when we hired
8 him. And he has -- until this time, I think Honea
9 Path has been doing it and he's now no longer with
10 them and with us. So it's only right for us to do
11 insurance. That comes from the Finance Committee;
12 doesn't need a second. Now is there any discussion?
13 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
14 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
15 carries unanimously.

16 Now, second, we have a motion about a salary
17 adjustment at the animal shelter.

18 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the
19 motion would be to adjust the salaries as discussed.

20 TOMMY DUNN: This will be for a
21 caretaker II at the animal shelter. And this will be
22 coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn't need a
23 second. And that will be -- the position will be in
24 line to make it more equitable. Are there any
25 discussion? All in favor -- this is from the
26 Administrator's recommendation. All in favor of this
27 motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
28 carries unanimously. Thank you.

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Can I just make one
30 correction?

31 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

32 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee did not
33 recommend because we were in the Executive Session.
34 We recommended to bring it to Council for their
35 consideration. Okay.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thanks.

37 Now we'll be moving on to appointments to
38 boards and commissions, number 15. Mr. Allen, you
39 have any?

40 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, sir. I have one.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Need me to move on and come
44 back to you, give you time?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please do that?
46 Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Cole?

48 MITCHELL COLE: None at this time.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?

50 FRANCIS CROWDER: None at this time.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
2 CINDY WILSON: None.
3 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has one. For
4 the Human Relations Committee or Council, be Rhonda
5 Frisbie. And I put that in the form of a motion.
6 TOM ALLEN: Second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
8 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
9 All opposed like sign. Show the motion -- you vote
10 for that, don't you, Ms. Floyd?
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, sir, I do.
12 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion.
13 Show it's unanimously.
14 Now we'll be moving on, Planning Committee.
15 I think Ms. Floyd has an appointment for the Planning
16 Committee.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. I have an
18 appointment for the Planning Committee. He comes well
19 qualified to us. And he has the background that we're
20 going to need for that commission. He's a nice
21 fellow. I'm having trouble finding him.
22 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, you got the name
23 in front of you?
24 TOM ALLEN: Lonnie Murray.
25 TOMMY DUNN: Ronnie Murray. Lonnie
26 Murray.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. His name is Lonnie
28 Murray. Lonnie comes to us from the Upstate of New
29 York, I believe it is. I think that he would be an
30 asset to Anderson County on this committee. I have
31 met him; I know him well. And I know his wife very
32 well. He would do us a good job.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a
34 motion.
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Form of a motion.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson seconds it. Any
37 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
38 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
39 unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?
40 GRACIE FLOYD: No. That's the only one I
41 had for tonight.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
43 Moving on to item number 16, Request from
44 Council members. Ms. Wilson.
45 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
46 have two for this evening. One is for thirty-five
47 hundred to the Cheddar Youth Center for their programs
48 and infrastructure work. And also, two hundred and
49 fifty dollars for Safe Harbor from the District 7
50 recreation account. And may I put that in the form of

1 a motion?

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a

3 motion. Have a second?

4 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any

6 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

7 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

8 unanimously. Mr. Crowder?

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have two from my

10 recreation account, Chairman. If I can make those two

11 simultaneously.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: The first one is five

14 hundred dollars to Foothill Alliance and the second

15 one is six hundred dollars from Safe Harbor.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a

17 second?

18 TOM ALLEN: Second.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any

20 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

21 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

22 unanimously. Mr. Cole?

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have another one.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Crowder.

25

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm sorry. I was just

27 trying to get -- I'd like to move five thousand

28 dollars out of my recreation account to Parks,

29 Recreation and Tourism for them to purchase a walkway,

30 a pad and a picnic table over at the Brown Road ---

31 TOMMY DUNN: Boat ramp.

32 FRANCIS CROWDER: --- yep, boat ramp. And a

33 Boy Scout will be placing a second picnic table over

34 there as part of his eagle scout project. But we will

35 be paying for the concrete. Keep in mind that the

36 concrete and the pads have to meet ADA compliance so

37 you would think, you know, the five thousand dollars

38 would be a lot, but it's got to be engineered and

39 approved, so ...

40 TOMMY DUNN: We have that coming from

41 Mr. Crowder to do that budget transfer. We have a

42 second?

43 MITCHELL COLE: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any

45 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

46 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

47 unanimously. Anything else?

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I have one from my

49 paving account. I would like to move one hundred and

50 ten thousand -- well, a hundred thousand dollars to

1 whomever is going to manage this project for the East-
2 West Connector Parkway.
3 CINDY WILSON: Second.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, that's contingent
6 upon Duke Energy finally giving us approval to do it.
7 Every time we -- they say, well, the contract is in
8 the mail, the contract's in the mail. Okay?
9 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from Mr.
10 Crowder and second from Ms. Wilson. Any further
11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
12 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
13 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Crowder?
14 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's it, finally.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Cole?
16 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I have four
17 tonight. I can combine all four of them.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
19 MITCHELL COLE: Foothill Alliance, five
20 hundred dollars. Safe Harbor, six hundred dollars.
21 Crescent High School band, one thousand dollars. BHP
22 Special Services, which is Special Olympics, fifteen
23 hundred dollars. And that's it.
24 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
25 Cole. We have a second?
26 TOM ALLEN: Second.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
28 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Cole. Ms. Floyd?
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have only one. I
32 would like to appropriate one thousand dollars from
33 District 2's account, rec account, to Men at Work.
34 They have their own file with their papers that they
35 need to do already. They -- five hundred will go
36 towards taking the kids up to Denver Downs for that
37 little pumpkin thing they have up there. And the
38 other five hundred will go towards a father and son
39 activity. I put that in the form of a motion.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second?
41 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
42 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Any
43 further discussion? All in favor of Ms. Floyd's
44 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
45 the motion carries unanimously.
46 Anything else, Ms. Floyd?
47 GRACIE FLOYD: No, that's all I have.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
49 TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have
50 two. I'd like to do them together.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
2 TOM ALLEN: Five hundred dollars for
3 Foothill Alliance And six hundred dollars for Safe
4 Harbor.
5 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Allen.
6 We have a second?
7 CINDY WILSON: Second.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
9 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
10 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
11 motion carries unanimously.
12 District 5, I want -- I'll revisit these two.
13 I'm working on a park project right now, so I need to
14 see how much it's going take and what it's going to
15 get and I'll revisit some of these after I get that
16 and find out.
17 So moving on to Item number 17,
18 Administrator's report.
19 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the only
20 thing I have tonight is to -- and I think most members
21 of Council know that we have Anderson County employees
22 who are helping in Richland County and the city of
23 Columbia. And we also have city of Anderson employees
24 helping in Columbia. And we also have some other
25 employees who may be going down to assist in the
26 speciality areas of sewer, assessing, and general
27 damage control with our public works department.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.
29 Okay. Moving on to Item number 18, Citizens
30 Comments. Please step forward, address -- your name
31 and district, address the Chair, and you have three
32 minutes.
33 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first person
34 signed up is Mark Powell.
35 MARK POWELL: Mark Powell, District 7.
36 First thing I'd like to talk about is the tree.
37 Pretty good answer. But you need to think about
38 something. We were told we spend ten days decorating.
39 Not a tree. The square. Think about the results of
40 the answer that you were given. I was actually going
41 to suggest you fire someone for even suggesting that
42 we have a forty something thousand dollar tree, but
43 after hearing that transfer of money -- after hearing
44 -- I was going to suggest that you fire the person who
45 suggested the Christmas tree, but after hearing some
46 of the stuff I heard tonight, when you've got
47 employees spending money, transferring money -- oh,
48 God, think back twelve years ago. It still lives
49 today. Maybe some people need to be fired who are
50 still breaking the rules, who are still employed.

1 The next thing I want to talk about is the
2 roads. My road got paved. Well, it didn't get paved.
3 They put down the black gooey stuff. They sprayed
4 gravel that came from Salisbury, North Carolina. It
5 cost eighty dollars a load just to get it here. Then
6 they sprayed gooey stuff on top of it. And they had
7 just painted the yellow lines the month before. All
8 that got covered up and had to be painted again. I
9 understand from talking to the paving contractor that
10 regular pavement is about the same price by the time
11 they use the stupid little gravel that has to come
12 from Salisbury, North Carolina.

13 The other thing I'd like to talk about is the
14 tax sale yesterday. The tax sale yesterday. I
15 haven't been in twenty years. I had heard how it's
16 working now. Twenty years ago there was a group of
17 investors that would show up with a million bucks,
18 quarter million bucks, and they start buying property,
19 number one, until their money ran out. Then the next
20 guy would buy sixty thousand. Well, yesterday was the
21 most atrocious thing I've ever seen. Taxes owed,
22 twenty-five hundred bucks, which is 2014-2015 penalty
23 and fees. So if someone bought that twenty years ago,
24 you would get three percent interest for six months --
25 I mean, three months. Six percent, nine percent,
26 twelve percent. But things have changed. South
27 Carolina is one of only two states in our nation that
28 allows it. What happens in Anderson County now is, a
29 person goes in and a tax bill is twenty-five hundred
30 bucks. They can buy and spend, yesterday, up to
31 twelve times that amount and now the homeowner if they
32 want to redeem their property have to spend the
33 twenty-five hundred that was already owed. Instead of
34 three percent of that, six percent, nine or twelve
35 percent of twenty-five hundred. Now that new
36 purchaser gets the full amount of the tax bill. They
37 can bid high enough so that the customer now has to
38 pay double. Now that's weird enough. But what's
39 really weird, a property that had twenty-five hundred
40 dollars worth of tax owed on it, sold for a hundred
41 and fifty thousand dollars. Commercial property on
42 Murray with twenty-five thousand dollars owed on it,
43 sold for four hundred thousand, six hundred thousand.
44 It's the craziest thing I've ever seen. And it went
45 on right here in Anderson County.

46 LEON HARMON: Time.

47 MARK POWELL: Why's that? Because our
48 state legislators allowed that to happen. I knew none
49 of you know any of that happened so please check into
50 it. It's absurd.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next.

2 LEON HARMON: Elizabeth Fant.

3 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.

4 About the Christmas tree. I had a question about
5 exactly where you're going to put the tree. Is it
6 where the other one was? And then, where are you
7 going to store this tree if it's a plastic tree?
8 Where are you going to put it during the rest of the
9 year? Have you thought about where you're going to
10 put it? And instead of putting it out on the square,
11 how about putting it down in Wren Park? That would be
12 a great place where everybody could sit down on the
13 outdoor whatever and have Christmas carols and
14 whatever. You'd get a lot more area for people to be
15 in than you would scrunched up here on the square.

16 Second question I have is on fee in lieu of.
17 You know the Michelin Starr business, they have pretty
18 much shut down except for a skeleton crew. But
19 they're one of the ones that got fee in lieu of.
20 How's that going to affect our agreement?

21 Third thing, the water. The storm. South
22 Carolina has experienced not only like the Hugo that
23 was back in the 1990's, but we've experienced really a
24 Katrina here in South Carolina. If you want to help
25 with that, I know that the New Spring campuses have
26 been collecting bottled water and taking it down to
27 Columbia. Also in the morning at Concord Baptist
28 Church under Jeff Duncan's leadership, anybody that
29 wants to bring bottled water from 8 to 9:30 in the
30 morning, they're going to be collecting that and
31 taking it down to Columbia. One of my friends,
32 college roommate, lived in Columbia. He lost his
33 house. The whole thing. It's submerged under water.
34 He also owned a house at the beach. That house is
35 totally submerged under water. We need to be
36 cognizant and thinking about these people, just
37 because it didn't hit us so badly. Those people are
38 going to be hurting for a long time. The
39 transportation issues, the water issues, when the
40 water subsides, it's still going to be water in places
41 where it's going to cause mosquitoes, typhoid,
42 tetanus, all of that. The road transportation, how
43 are people going to get to the hospital from certain
44 pockets of Columbia? I hope there will not be price
45 gouging on gas, groceries and so forth.

46 One good thing about that locally, you know,
47 we've experience some of the storm and the wind, too.
48 PAWS, our animal shelter, on their web site has been
49 asking people that if they find or lose a dog or cat,
50 to let them know so they can put that up on the web

1 site. Somebody tried to give me a dog today that was
2 under those kinds of circumstances and I directed them
3 to take it to PAWS so it could have -- see if it had a
4 chip. But that's a worthy service and we're glad
5 they're doing that. Thank you.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

7 LEON HARMON: Dan Harvell.

8 DAN HARVELL: Dan Harvell, Anderson

9 County District 3. Mr. Chairman and members of
10 Council, I'm here tonight to bring to your attention
11 something you may know about, but I'm not sure, so I
12 want to make sure that you're briefed on this and have
13 information that will be helpful moving forward. I'm
14 part of a group called Secure South Carolina. That's
15 a group of grassroots individuals who are very
16 concerned about the refugee resettlement program
17 that's beginning to happen all over America, starting
18 actually in Spartanburg, South Carolina. There was a
19 meeting in Spartanburg several Sundays ago where the
20 attendance was about three hundred and we had a very
21 world recognized expert on immigration there to speak
22 to us, Mr. Mike Cutler, warning us of the dangers of
23 this program. I've given you this packet which has
24 all the information that you really need to know. It
25 also has a resolution that our group has gotten
26 together that will be given to every County Council,
27 to every city council, to every town council in South
28 Carolina, as well as distributed to all the lawmakers
29 at the State House and the Governor and some other
30 bureaucratic positions.

31 This is a dire situation and if you're
32 familiar with Senator Jeff Sessions, he held a hearing
33 in the Senate several days ago, and I'll just briefly
34 highlight what was learned at that hearing. The
35 testimony provided today -- that was the second of
36 October -- further erodes my confidence in our ability
37 to vet Syrian refugees or to control the extraordinary
38 expense imposed on taxpayers. The following facts
39 were established conclusively. We do not have access
40 to any Syrian government data base to learn the
41 backgrounds of these individuals. We do not have
42 adequate resources or records and will not conduct any
43 meaningful investigation to each of the thousands of
44 applicants. The Administration approves over ninety
45 percent of all those coming. We have no capability to
46 determine the likelihood that Islamist refugees, once
47 admitted to the United States, will become involved in
48 terrorist activity. I won't read these on because you
49 can read them yourselves.

50 But the problem here is we have a very dire

1 safety concern with people coming here that are
2 totally unvetted. We don't know who these people are.
3 We have to trust that they are good people. That they
4 are not infiltrating us with radical Islamism. That
5 they're not going to come over here. We have to hope
6 that they're not going to join or be radicalized once
7 they get here. It's a real risk to our communities.
8 There are already a few in Spartanburg. There are
9 more that are on the way and we are trying to stop
10 this before it goes any further. This is a nationwide
11 effort that's being done in every state of the nation
12 ---

13 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

14 DAN HARVELL: --- and it is up to local
15 governments to take a stand. And I appreciate your
16 time.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

18 DAN HARVELL: Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to Council
20 comments from Council. Mr. Allen?

21 TOM ALLEN: Just a quick statement or
22 two. Talk about putting the Christmas tree over at
23 Wren Park. I believe that's the city's doing over
24 there. I can't really see us decorating the city;
25 they can put their own tree up. Number 2 ---

26 TOMMY DUNN: Now, where's your love at
27 the Christmas time, Mr. Allen?

28 TOM ALLEN: Hey, hey, Dunn. Bah,
29 humbug. Let them put their own tree up over there.
30 We've got our own problems. Second question, who put
31 the little blue outhouse out on the East-West
32 Connector; the little port-a-john?

33 TOMMY DUNN: I thought they took it from
34 you. I think it's yours you had up there at the T. Ed
35 Garrison Center.

36 TOM ALLEN: I might have voted for it
37 and didn't realize it. Does anybody know who put that
38 out? Or where it came from? Mr. Crowder, did you put
39 that out there?

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: What?

41 TOM ALLEN: That little blue outhouse
42 out there on the East-West Connector?

43 FRANCIS CROWDER: No.

44 TOM ALLEN: Little blue port-a-john
45 sitting out there.

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: I thought that was you
47 because that's out close to your district.

48 TOM ALLEN: I could have voted for it
49 and didn't know it. I'm just curious as to where it
50 came from, seriously.

1 TOMMY DUNN: We can get that -- we can
2 get a top notch crack investigator reporter to get
3 right on top of it.

4 TOM ALLEN: That's right. Investigator
5 reporter, that's what we need in this whole process.

6 But one final comment, I just want to thank
7 all the county employees that have already headed to
8 those portions of the state that are in such dire
9 trouble right now, because they have an absolute mess
10 down there. So I want to thank them ahead of time.
11 And that's all I have Mr. Chair.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.
13 Floyd?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I have a couple of
15 things. But that little blue house, it was an
16 outhouse, we didn't have to pay for it, so leave it
17 alone. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

18 First of all, last Thursday we had a meeting
19 over at the Emergency Preparedness Center where we
20 were preparing for what was to come and we just praise
21 God that it didn't come as badly as we thought it
22 would come. Mr. Cole and I attended that. And as
23 chairman of the Emergency Committee, I felt like I
24 needed to be there. But you would have been proud of
25 us and the way we were preparing. If God had chosen
26 to put us in the dilemma, you know, we would have made
27 him proud, because you know we were ready.

28 On the morning of -- I can't remember what
29 day it was, was it Saturday morning, Mr. Dunn? No,
30 I'm sorry, Mr. Burns, was it Saturday morning that it
31 rained so bad and we had the trees falling around?
32 Okay. It was Saturday. And the day I want to talk
33 about was Saturday. I was worried about some seniors
34 in my district, so I went out twice to talk with them
35 about what I wanted them to do in case a certain bank
36 would overflow and all of that. So we got that taken
37 care of. Holt Hopkins rode with me. But Saturday
38 morning I got up by myself and I went out there
39 because I wanted to check the gullies. Do you call
40 them gullies? The gullies.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Gullies, ditches.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Yeah, well, I wanted
43 to check that. And what I saw, I made a list to give
44 to Holt Hopkins because we have some areas where it
45 was like a salmon swimming upstream. It was water
46 coming out on the road and in people's yards. It was
47 unreal. And I talked to some people while I was out
48 there. Some of them were in the rain. One lady was
49 -- the water was coming into one lady's yard and into
50 her doghouse. And she was concerned about the dog

1 because he had nowhere to go because the water was
2 coming in there. But I did that and I went around
3 looking at some trees that had fallen. We were
4 without power for a while, but I did okay. But I'm
5 going to encourage you, as Council members, that the
6 next time we have a full blown rain storm, if you can
7 get out, you might want to do the same things for your
8 community.

9 I want to tell you something about all these
10 businesses, these companies coming in. They're
11 bringing twenty-five jobs and they're bringing this
12 many jobs and everything. That's good. That's good.
13 But what bothers me that -- is according to the ACS
14 report, the unemployment rate for African American is
15 -- in all of Anderson County in 2014 was thirteen
16 point five percent compared to the eight point seven
17 for the entire population. Now we have gone down this
18 year, but the African American rate is still high and
19 I'm wondering why. I'm wondering why. I think that
20 this is something that we need to look at because we
21 all pay taxes. And these companies are coming in,
22 they all are here because there are people here that
23 need jobs. And why the rate is so high for African
24 Americans, something needs to be done about that.
25 It's not right. It's not fair. Now you can look
26 away. Or you can look up or down. Yeah. But all
27 lives, as well as black lives, matter and they have to
28 eat and we have to pay bills. We have to get our kids
29 in school the same way. Now if something is wrong,
30 and we and they are not being hired, please let me
31 know and I'll see what I can do about fixing
32 something. That is the only thing that I have.

33 Except I want to -- Mr. Dunn, may I say Mr.
34 Dunn and I would like to invite you down to Homeland
35 Park on October the 24th. We're having a Home in the
36 Park Festival. We're really excited about it and
37 we're making plans and I'd like to see you, Mr. Allen,
38 down there at Homeland Park. Yes, we're going to have
39 fish. I wanted to say grits because I'm from the Low
40 Country and we ate fish with grits. But you folks up
41 here act like you never heard that before. You've
42 heard about shrimp and grits, but that didn't come
43 about until the fish and the grits. Okay? But I
44 think I'm going to be outvoted on that one. But we
45 will have fish. I'm going to bring me a pot of grits.
46 And Mr. Dunn is going -- he is coming up with the hot
47 dogs and the hamburgers. He's a traditional Upstate
48 person. He's going to eat the hot dogs and the
49 hamburgers and the tater chips. Okay. That's all I
50 have and I thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.
2 Cole?

3 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, Council, I'd
4 like to ditto what Mr. Allen said. Kudos for all the
5 county employees. We were ready in case something did
6 happen and we should be proud of that. Thank you.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole. Mr.
8 Crowder?

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman.
10 Certainly I can sympathize with the people across our
11 great state that have suffered significantly. Many of
12 them do not have flood insurance so that's going to be
13 extremely devastating for them to begin their lives
14 over. So I hope that our government at the national
15 and state level will move forward to help those
16 individuals so that they can get their lives back
17 together, their homes back together, their families
18 back together.

19 You know, if I had my own way, I'd make a
20 recommendation on Council tonight to transfer five
21 thousand dollars from the county budget to buy water
22 to send a truck load to Richland or somewhere. But I
23 know that would not be popular with the taxpayers.
24 But it is so important for people who have been wiped
25 out to that extent to have someone who supports them.
26 I can remember that in my own life when my -- our home
27 was totally destroyed, my sister was killed, and my
28 mother was made an invalid, and had 26 broke bones.
29 And so I know what weather devastation can do to you.
30 And thank goodness we have people who come to your
31 rescue. At that time it was agencies like the Red
32 Cross and the Salvation Army, which are still coming
33 to the rescue of people. But I'm thankful that Rick
34 Atkins is going to Columbia tomorrow to deliver water.
35 And like Ms. Fant, being a member of Concord Baptist
36 Church, I -- if any of you would like to come out and
37 donate fifty dollars worth of water, or twenty-five
38 dollars worth of water or five dollars worth of water,
39 I'm sure that they'd be glad to see you out there. I
40 think that people who are going down there, I
41 appreciate them greatly because they are actually
42 going in harm's way in order to be helpful to other
43 people. Thank you, Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.
45 Ms. Wilson?

46 CINDY WILSON: It's absolutely
47 incomprehensible what has taken place in our state and
48 we were very blessed here to have avoided the worst of
49 the disaster. We've got lots of trees down out in my
50 area.

1 In reference to what was just presented to
2 us, the state's always been a welcoming center for all
3 people, but just so you will know, just a very few
4 years ago I made a trip out to Rochester, Minnesota
5 with a family member with a medical issue, and what I
6 observed there was stunning. The ladies from the
7 Mideast, with the head coverings and all with children
8 in the clinic would speak. But if they were
9 accompanied by a man, it was very cold, very hostile.
10 And I went for a walk downtown and cut back through
11 the parking lot heading back to the hotel and was
12 literally stared down by these men. It was pretty
13 shocking. And I asked the desk clerk what in the
14 world was that about. It was a Somalian mosque. And
15 it has been very much in the news the last two or
16 three years, a lot of the so-called home grown
17 terrorists came from that population, settled in
18 Minnesota, they were not vetted, so to speak, coming
19 in here. They apparently have not assimilated. They
20 really don't want to be Americans. They want to do
21 something different than our Constitution would
22 indicate that we all adhere to. I do think we should
23 take a look at this. I know we're being over-run
24 somewhat locally. I've encountered it, too. I have
25 friends from the Mideast, who are wonderful people
26 who've lived here for a number of years and they're
27 wonderful citizens. But it is frightening to see what
28 is going on. I don't think we can ignore it. And I
29 hope we can continue to be a welcoming place in the
30 world for a lot of people, but we do need to look at
31 this. Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
33 Short and brief. I hope Mr. Waters gets to feeling
34 better. Thoughts and prayers with him. I want to
35 also hope our county employees down there -- I want to
36 appreciate the job they've took on to go down there
37 and I hope they return home safely to their families.
38 But also I know we was very fortunate not to be hit
39 like the rest of them, but we did have some damage in
40 the county and our employees was out in this working.
41 I want to thank them for the ones that was out and
42 doing what they done in the county. As always I think
43 our public safety department and our county employees
44 take a back seat to nobody. Citizens does when it
45 comes to that.

46 Couple things on some comments tonight I just
47 want to clear up. On the fee in lieu of on the Starr
48 plant which was already that. Starr plant, that was,
49 -- the fee in lieu was the last thing was the skeleton
50 -- maybe is the skeleton crew. But the Starr plant is

1 still very much active at Michelin. That was just
2 only one machine but that was the big tires they make
3 down there. Starr Michelin plant, they met all their
4 obligations is my understanding on the fee in lieu of
5 agreement. State checked out and everything. Not to
6 come back. So that's where that is.

7 And as far as the gooey stuff as Mr. Powell
8 said, that's called chip seal. And for anybody to say
9 that that's the same price as asphalt, I want him to
10 come asphalt things, because that's absolutely absurd.
11 I've checked on that and everything and hold him to
12 that. That's absurd, what a ton of asphalt cost
13 versus what that stuff is. And that's the reason it's
14 being done, being done by the state DOT and everything
15 around.

16 And also, on a couple things tonight, I know
17 it's good and proper to come to County Council. And
18 it's all welcome to, we hear and it's all kind of
19 stuff, that's cause we're local. But if you really
20 want to make a dent and do something on some of this
21 stuff, you need to go talk to people that can do
22 something or other. That's your state legislators and
23 your national elected officials in Congress and
24 Representatives and Senators. They'll listen to the
25 citizens, especially the legislators, believe you me,
26 better than they will a body. They don't like -- they
27 don't like to be told by another body what to do.
28 Stick their nose in their business. They take -- I
29 know our delegation works very well with us, but on
30 stuff like that, they really like to hear from the
31 citizens, citizenry. Appreciate fellow Council
32 members. Mr. Crowder?

33 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee, (no
34 audio)???.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, I'm going to
36 let you get away with that because you didn't have
37 your mike on, but if she'd a been here and then you'd
38 got called out and don't get that. She's watching.

39 FRANCIS CROWDER: The Finance Committee would
40 like to have a committee meeting the Thursday before
41 the next County Council meeting. So if you would
42 check your calendar and let Kim know, I would greatly
43 appreciate it. Thank you so much.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Appreciate
45 everybody and the citizens here. Meeting be
46 adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:52 P.M.)