

State of South Carolina     )  
County of           Anderson     )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:  
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
KEN WATERS, VICE CHAIRMAN  
FRANCIS M. CROWDER  
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 portion of the  
3 Presentations -- portion of the Council meeting of  
4 June 2nd to order. First on business is Resolution  
5 2(a) is #R 2015-027. Mr. Tom Allen. Cut your mike  
6 on, Tom.

7 FRANCIS CROWDER: There you go.

8 TOM ALLEN: All right. This is  
9 Resolution 2015-027. It's a resolution honoring the  
10 town of Pendleton on its Two Hundred Twenty-Fifth  
11 anniversary. I'm going to read this tonight just to  
12 get a vote from the Council, then I'm actually going  
13 to be presenting it to the City of Pendleton at their  
14 birthday party on the 6th of June, coming up this  
15 Saturday. So I just wanted to get this approved  
16 before I take it up there. And it reads,

17 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Pendleton was  
18 established April 8, 1790 to serve as the Judicial  
19 seat for the then Pendleton District, later to be  
20 divided into Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties;  
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, the town is named for Judge Henry  
23 Pendleton, a Virginian who fought in the  
24 Revolutionary War and remained in South Carolina; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the town was known for its lush and  
26 fertile soil and temperate climate which enticed many  
27 low-country families to build summer homes in the  
28 area; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the town of Pendleton has been home  
30 to many great citizens, including General Andrew  
31 Pickens and Colonel Robert Anderson; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Pendleton is known for  
33 its contributions to agriculture from its earliest  
34 conception of the Farmers Society and the  
35 establishment of an Agriculture School which would  
36 later culminate to the establishment of Clemson  
37 College; and

38 **WHEREAS**, South Carolina has a colorful and  
39 integral history in the formation of this great  
40 nation, it owes that honor to towns such as Pendleton  
41 that played such an important role in that  
42 development over the past 225 years.

43 Now, therefore, be it resolved by Anderson  
44 County Council, that we honor the founders of the  
45 Town of Pendleton and join the citizens in  
46 celebrating the town's Two-Hundred Twenty-fifth  
47 Anniversary.

48 **RESOLVED** in meeting duly assembled this 2nd  
49 day of June, 2015.

50 And I put that in the form of a motion.

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second  
3 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
4 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
5 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

6 TOM ALLEN: Thank you, sir.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. And  
8 let the record show that Ms. Floyd is not in  
9 attendance for this portion of the meeting.

10 Moving on to Item number 2(b), Resolution  
11 R2015-031. Resolution coming from all Council  
12 members, but Mr. Crowder is going to present this.  
13 Mr. Crowder.

14 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman.  
15 RESOLUTION # R2015-031, To recognize the Clemson  
16 Anderson Soccer Alliance's U16 Girls' Soccer Team on  
17 an outstanding season and to Congratulate them for  
18 winning the South Carolina Youth Soccer State  
19 Championship.

20 **Whereas**, the Clemson Anderson Soccer  
21 Alliance's U16 girls' soccer team completed an  
22 undefeated season with a win at the South Carolina  
23 Youth Soccer's State Championship in December 2014;  
24 and

25 **Whereas**, the U16 team is made up of  
26 seventeen young ladies, ages fourteen to sixteen,  
27 from Pickens and Anderson counties; and

28 **Whereas**, under the leadership of Head Coach  
29 Julie Carlson, the team made history by becoming the  
30 first group of young ladies to win a state soccer  
31 championship representing the Upstate Tri-County area  
32 and CASA; and

33 **Whereas**, the team will now progress to the  
34 Southeast Region III championship held in Lafayette,  
35 Louisiana in June. There they will compete against  
36 eleven other teams from the Southeast to qualify for  
37 the national championship which will be held later in  
38 the summer; and

39 **Whereas**, through hard work and dedication,  
40 teamwork and unselfish play, the ladies on the team  
41 went undefeated in the state tournament, defeating  
42 four no-loss teams; and

43 **Whereas**, the U16 being duly recognized by  
44 the South Carolina Senate for their achievements in  
45 the Senate Resolution S 636; and

46 Anderson County Council recommends the  
47 Clemson Anderson Soccer Alliance's U16 girls' soccer  
48 team for being outstanding ambassadors of our  
49 community. We are extremely proud of the team  
50 winning the State Championship and becoming eligible

1 for representing the State of South Carolina in the  
2 Southeast Region III championship.

3 Be it resolved by the Anderson County  
4 Council on the 2nd day of June, 2015.

5 Mr. Chairman, I put this in the form of a  
6 motion, please.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Crowder  
8 and second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion?  
9 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of  
10 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
11 carries unanimously. Mr. Crowder.

12 FRANCIS CROWDER: At this time I'd like to  
13 invite all the members of the team, my fellow Council  
14 members, the families, the coaches, to come forward  
15 for the presentation.

16 **(PRESENTATION)**

17 FRANCIS CROWDER: Now I know you look  
18 forward to going to Lafayette, Louisiana, like they  
19 talk down there. Actually I had two staff members  
20 from my company that were software gurus; they both  
21 lived in Lafayette, Louisiana and went to LSU. So  
22 they talk a little funny down there. Now one of the  
23 requirements of going to Lafayette is to make certain  
24 that you eat some of that shrimp that's filled with  
25 those little shrimp that are really not shrimp, but  
26 they call them crawl dads. And down there they even  
27 suck the eyes out of them. Now that doesn't sound  
28 too pleasant. So I don't suggest that you do that.  
29 I'm trying to just have a little fun with a great  
30 bunch of young ladies, because that's what life's all  
31 about. Fun, fellowship and teamwork. And you've  
32 already exemplified that by winning the state  
33 championship. And we're so proud of you and your  
34 coach and your parents, because without parent  
35 involvement and support it wouldn't happen. So thank  
36 you on the part of the seven members of Anderson  
37 County Council and the staff of Anderson County.  
38 Who's the coach? Where you at? All the way down  
39 there? Come on up here so I can present you with  
40 this, please, ma'am. Wow, we got a -- yes, ma'am.  
41 You got to be rough to coach soccer.

42 COACH CARLSON: I can be, on occasion.

43 FRANCIS CROWDER: You sound like my wife.  
44 Thank you. It's a pleasure to provide this to you  
45 and your team. And may you win. And we can assure  
46 you we will be pulling some funds for y'all to make  
47 your journey pleasant.

48 COACH CARLSON: Thank you very much.

49 **(APPLAUSE)**

50 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on. I just want to

1 say -- congratulate y'all again. And at the end of  
2 the Council meeting we do appropriations, we'll see  
3 if we can get y'all some money for y'all's trip.  
4 Again, congratulations. That'll be done at a later  
5 time, at the end of Council. Hope y'all have a good  
6 trip. Thank y'all very much.

7 And we're going to move on. If my fellow  
8 Council members will indulge me, I want to -- like to  
9 amend this part. We've gotten ADA proclamation  
10 coming in. They're coming in town Thursday, so we'd  
11 like to -- I'd like to at this -- make a motion to  
12 amend to read a proclamation on ADA thing. Ms.  
13 Wilson makes the motion and Mr. Crowder seconds it.  
14 All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed  
15 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

16 At this time I'd like -- on July 26, 1990,  
17 President George H.W. Bush signed into law the  
18 Americans with Disability Act (ADA) to ensure that  
19 civil rights of people with disabilities. Pledge ??  
20 to establish a clear and comprehensive national  
21 mandate for the elimination of discrimination against  
22 individuals with disabilities. On July 26, 2015, we  
23 will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the  
24 signing of the ADA. The ADA has expanded  
25 opportunities for Americans with disabilities by  
26 reducing barriers and changing perceptions and  
27 increasing full participation in the community lives.  
28 However, the full promise of the ADA will only be  
29 reached if we remain committed to continue our  
30 efforts to fully implement the ADA. On the twenty-  
31 fifth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities  
32 Act, the Anderson County Council celebrates and  
33 recognizes the progress that has been made by  
34 reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion  
35 and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA  
36 compliance.

37 Now therefore, be Anderson County Council do  
38 hereby reaffirm to continue to work towards full ADA  
39 compliance. Put that in the form of a motion.

40 TOM ALLEN: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any  
42 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion  
43 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
44 motion carries unanimously.

45 That part of our Council meeting  
46 presentation will be over with. We'll reconvene back  
47 at 6:30 to start our regular Council meeting.  
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49 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ENDED AT 6:15 P.M.)**

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KIM POULIN  
LEON HARMON  
RITA DAVIS

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the regular meeting of June 2nd of Anderson  
3 County Council to order. At this time I'd like to  
4 ask Councilmen Francis Crowder if he'll lead us in  
5 the Pledge and the Invocation. If we would, we'll  
6 all rise.

7 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY**  
8 **FRANCIS CROWDER)**

9 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number  
10 3, approval of minutes. First will be minutes of the  
11 May the 8th special meeting. Are there -- I know  
12 we've got one correction to be made. Mr. Harmon will  
13 elaborate on it in a second. Are there any changes  
14 or corrections to be made to the May 8th meeting?  
15 Ms. Wilson?

16 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. On page 7,  
17 line 3, it should read so there are so many of you.  
18 And then on page -- that's all for May 8th. Thank  
19 you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? At this time  
21 I'll let Mr. Harmon -- we've got a change of Roman  
22 numeral to a number. Mr. Harmon.

23 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is  
24 a somewhat technical change, but to conform the  
25 minutes to the infrastructure agreement, on page 5,  
26 line 24, the reference to 2.01(a)(6), the 6 should be  
27 a Roman numeral. Small Roman numeral vi instead of  
28 the number 6.

29 CINDY WILSON: So Mr. Chairman, I forgot  
30 one. I'm sorry. I think this is on the -- on page  
31 6, the name Gautsch should be spelled G-a-u-t-s-c-h  
32 on line 50. It was misspelled.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? We have a  
34 motion to make those changes corrections?

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: I make a motion we accept  
36 them.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes the  
38 motion to accept those changes.

39 TOM ALLEN: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in  
41 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
42 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Now,  
43 moving on to Item number 3(b) May 19th, 2015 meeting.  
44 Any changes or corrections to be made?

45 CINDY WILSON: May I?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: On page 24, line 17 there  
48 should be a comma after accel/decel before turn. And  
49 then on page 7 -- oh that's of the next meeting. I'm  
50 sorry.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Anything else?  
2 Anyone else? We have a motion to accept with those  
3 changes?  
4 CINDY WILSON: So moved.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Second by Mr.  
6 Allen. All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
7 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
8 unanimously.  
9 Moving on to Item 3(c) May 22, 2015 special  
10 meeting. Any changes, Ms. Wilson?  
11 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. On page 7, I  
12 think we talked so much about meals m-e-a-l-s and m-  
13 i-l-s it got confusing for our transcriber, but on  
14 line 43, it should be money for meals, m-e-a-l-s.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? Anybody  
16 have -- anyone else? Can we have a motion to move  
17 those forward?  
18 FRANCIS CROWDER: Make a motion.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a  
20 motion, Ms. Wilson seconds. All in favor of the  
21 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show  
22 the motion carries unanimously. Thank y'all very  
23 much.  
24 Moving on to citizens comments, number 4.  
25 Mr. Harmon.  
26 LEON HARMON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Two  
27 citizens are signed up. First person signed up is  
28 Gerald Sloan.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Please address the  
30 Chair, and state your name and district. You have  
31 three minutes. And please this first go around will  
32 be items that's on the agenda.  
33 GERALD SLOAN: Okay. My name is Gerald  
34 Sloan and I live in District 5 and I want to make a  
35 comment on the proposed road fee. And I hope some of  
36 that will be answered tonight, but my three biggest  
37 concerns are, one, when will the public be -- get all  
38 the information on this tax? And I call it a tax  
39 because you can change the name, you can dress it up  
40 how you want to, but it is what it is. My second  
41 concern is, will businesses located inside the city  
42 or inside the county be subject to this also? My  
43 biggest concern is will motorcycles be assessed the  
44 same fee as vehicles, considering they don't cause as  
45 much damage to the roads as vehicles and other larger  
46 conveyances. And those are my concerns, and like I  
47 said, I hope I can get those answered tonight.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.  
49 LEON HARMON: Elizabeth Fant.  
50 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District



1       3. I'm speaking on items number 8, 9, 12, 13.  
2       Financial. I'm going to say more at the public  
3       hearing, but I think we really need to look at what  
4       we're doing with taxes. Last meeting I reported that  
5       there's now going to be a fifteen percent additional  
6       sewer fee, a four percent additional water fee. On  
7       the radio this afternoon I heard that Blue Cross/  
8       Blue Shield is going up twenty-six percent on  
9       insurance. Many companies that have been recruited  
10      for this Obamacare, are going belly-up. Duke Power  
11      is supposed to go up forty percent more by 2016.  
12      Folks, we can't afford to do that. I stopped by a  
13      friend's house last night that I hadn't heard from.  
14      Was a little bit concerned. And before I could even  
15      get out of the car she met me with, they're going to  
16      raise the taxes again. They're going to add twenty-  
17      five dollars for a tax fee for the vehicles. I said,  
18      well, I said, it's not a done deal yet. They're  
19      discussing it. She was irate. This is a seventy-  
20      three year old widow who works two days a week,  
21      sometimes three days a week right now just to make  
22      ends meet. She said, I can't afford it.

23             Also on the way home, I saw an ambulance go  
24      into a friend of mine's yard. I called her neighbor  
25      to see what was going on. This is an eighty year old  
26      woman who lives alone. Children are not around.  
27      Spouse dead. And the neighbor said that she was  
28      taken into emergency room last night because she was  
29      dehydrated and hadn't been eating. This woman is  
30      choosing utilities instead of food.

31             Now, this fourteen point five billion  
32      dollars that you all are talking about for a building  
33      is bogus. We don't need that and we don't need a two  
34      hundred and sixty-five thousand dollar ball park  
35      right now, either. You all were elected to help the  
36      citizens of Anderson County and that's what you need  
37      to be doing. And all this other stuff needs to be  
38      cut. Period.

39             TOMMY DUNN:             Anyone else?

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

41             TOMMY DUNN:            Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

42             Next Item 5, Presentation of Calvary Home for  
43      Children. Mr. Greg Skipper.

44             GREG SKIPPER:          Good evening, Mr.  
45      Chairman, Council men and women. Thank you for  
46      having me tonight. I certainly do appreciate the  
47      opportunity to bring before you the good news of  
48      Calvary Home for Children and the great things that  
49      our Anderson County is involved in; one of those  
50      being the home that is right here in Anderson County,

1 just off of Simpson Road.

2 So I wanted to tell you tonight, just start  
3 with a few numbers. People often ask me how do you  
4 spend your money? Eighty-three percent of our money  
5 is spend for the children, thirteen percent is spent  
6 on administration and four percent is spent on fund  
7 raising. People often also me about the numbers and  
8 where we receive our funding from. Thirty-three  
9 percent of our funding comes from individuals.  
10 That's our highest percentage. Our lowest percentage  
11 is from organizations, that is at five percent. We  
12 receive eight percent of funding from DSS, other --  
13 about ten percent each of churches, foundations, and  
14 businesses and events.

15 Tonight I also want to tell you just about  
16 some of our children and some of the things that are  
17 going on in their lives. We have a great opportunity  
18 to teach and train our children wonderful things.  
19 One of those things that we train our children is to  
20 be considerate. Several months ago, right at  
21 December, I was running errands with some of the  
22 children and we had stopped at the gas station. And  
23 as all teenagers love to do, they love to go in and  
24 get a little treat from the gas station. So I handed  
25 a twenty dollar bill to one of our teenagers. They  
26 went in and get their treat and she came back and she  
27 handed me her money back, and -- my change back. And  
28 I said, no, you just keep that. And as we were  
29 running errands, we stopped at Walmart, and of  
30 course, one of my favorite organizations, the  
31 wonderful bell ringers were out ringing for the  
32 Salvation Army. As we were walking in, our little  
33 Alice, our teenager, she stopped right there at the  
34 bell. She reached in her pocket. She pulled out all  
35 that was given to her and she put it in the bucket.  
36 And I thought, you know, what a great story of how  
37 she considers others more than she considers herself.  
38 She gave all that she had.

39 A few weeks ago, our house parents had taken  
40 our children down to Caters Lake. One of their  
41 favorite stops is to stop at Caters Lake and feed the  
42 ducks. And there was a family there that had a  
43 little girl in a wheelchair. And one of our little  
44 girls was asking about this girl in the wheelchair.  
45 That's a curious thing for children to do and to see  
46 others in a wheelchair. And little Patti said to our  
47 house mom, what's wrong with her? And our house mom,  
48 seeing an opportunity to train our children toward  
49 compassion, our house mom just walked Patti right up  
50 to her and started a conversation with her. Found

1 out a little bit about her life and just wished the  
2 best for her. When Patti had left with our house mom  
3 and the other children, they had a great conversation  
4 about what it means to not afraid of people who are a  
5 little different. Not to be afraid of those that  
6 might act a little differently, may have a little bit  
7 of a challenge in their life, but to be compassionate  
8 towards those that are a little different.

9 Little Chris came to us about a year ago and  
10 he was -- at that time, he was received at Calvary  
11 Home and was our twelfth placement through the  
12 Department of Social Services. Little Chris was five  
13 years old. As we discovered and cared for him and  
14 loved him and trained him, we had the opportunity to  
15 realize that little Chris was in much need of higher  
16 care than we could offer him. And so, in meeting  
17 with counselors and psychologists, little Chris was  
18 diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder; at  
19 five years old. These are the things that we see  
20 often now at Calvary Home.

21 Whereas, twelve years ago when we first  
22 started we would receive children whose families  
23 perhaps were in a difficult situation; their  
24 utilities had to be turned off, or they didn't have  
25 running water. Now we're seeing children come into  
26 care because of significant life challenges that they  
27 have. His thirteenth placement was a hopeful home  
28 that could adopt him and his two sisters. That did  
29 not work out. It disrupted. And so the DSS case  
30 worker called us again and said little Chris has  
31 never done better than at Calvary Home for Children.  
32 And so they placed him again for the fourteenth time  
33 at Calvary Home. Because of his level of care and  
34 for some time while he was with us, we couldn't  
35 receive more children, because of the love and care  
36 that he required. And it's absolutely our pleasure  
37 to take care of little ones from Anderson County and  
38 doing this.

39 Sam came to us, having been at five other  
40 foster homes, and Sam said to me one afternoon,  
41 what's the difference between Calvary Home, Mr. Greg  
42 is that at Calvary Home I don't feel like a guest in  
43 somebody's home. I feel like family.

44 And y'all, I just wanted to say thank you.  
45 Thank you for your support and meeting the needs of  
46 little children, young and old. We have several  
47 teenagers on campus right now. Just want to say  
48 thank you for your support and just want to share  
49 with you a little bit of our vision that we have for  
50 the ministry of Calvary Home and going forward.

1           This picture, I'm not sure if you can see  
2     it, but it's a drawing of our campus. And you'll  
3     notice that this drawing that we have before us is a  
4     rendering that is our vision. And that is in part to  
5     continue building more homes for children as we  
6     currently have. We have three homes and one of our  
7     ideas -- one of our visionary ideas -- is to build a  
8     foster home neighborhood that we would build these  
9     homes -- these Charleston style homes -- that we  
10    would rent to families that are committed to not only  
11    fostering children but adopting children and  
12    therefore establishing a foster home neighborhood.  
13    That is something that has not been done in the state  
14    of South Carolina. It has been done rarely  
15    throughout the state. But it's something that we are  
16    very interested in because this year alone we've had  
17    to turn away seventy-three children. Now not all  
18    seventy-three children would be a good fit for  
19    Calvary Home. We know that. We understand that.  
20    But out of those seventy-three children that we could  
21    not receive, we are going to diversify the way in  
22    which we care for children and part of our vision is  
23    to certainly see another home for children built and  
24    possibly even a foster home neighborhood. We're very  
25    excited about that.

26           Appreciate the opportunity to present this  
27    to you and share this vision with you. Certainly  
28    want to thank Council member Ms. Gracie Floyd. She's  
29    been a phenomenal supporter of Calvary Home, as you  
30    all have, and we appreciate it. Be delighted to  
31    answer any questions that you might have and would  
32    just say thank you again.

33           TOMMY DUNN:           Anyone have anything. Mr.  
34    Allen?

35           TOM ALLEN:           Just a quick question. Do  
36    you know where -- since you deal with foster children  
37    -- do you know where the state ranks in the number or  
38    the county ranks in the number of foster children?  
39    Nationwide or statewide?

40           GREG SKIPPER:        You know, typically, as  
41    in unfortunately, many cases, South Carolina is  
42    towards the bottom. I know that in past years there  
43    have been improvements made towards that end in  
44    foster care. I know that with the recent departure  
45    of Ms. Lillian Koller as the state director, some of  
46    the numbers that she had produced for the state  
47    senate judiciary committee were skewed. And so we're  
48    not sure if those numbers were very accurate or not.  
49    So, to not answer your question specifically, we know  
50    that we need improvement. And we certainly are

1 delighted to be able to be a part of that improvement  
2 and the way that we treat and care for our children  
3 through our house parents.

4 TOM ALLEN: Thank you.

5 KEN WATERS: I have one question. I  
6 think a month or so ago you had some volunteer work  
7 out there. How did that go? You had quite a few  
8 volunteers supposed to been out there, how did that  
9 -- maybe two months ago?

10 GREG SKIPPER: Sure, with twenty-two  
11 acres and six buildings, and you're also looking at  
12 the director of maintenance, so we love our  
13 volunteers. And our volunteers come on campus and  
14 they help us with landscaping, weeding, mowing,  
15 painting. We have a gentleman who is helping us with  
16 some new tile that's going into the floor. So with a  
17 non-profit world, as y'all are very aware of, you  
18 either have to raise money or save money. Volunteers  
19 help us save money. And so we are delighted to  
20 utilize the services of our volunteers.

21 KEN WATERS: Thank you.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
23 Thank you and appreciate what all y'all do.

24 GREG SKIPPER: Thank you, sir.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Moving on to  
26 Item number 6, discussion of Tri-County Technical  
27 College building funding. Rita Davis.

28 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.  
29 Chairman. Tri-County Technical College, as you know,  
30 is contemplating constructing a forty-two million  
31 dollar student success center. They have buildings  
32 as much as Anderson County buildings, some of them  
33 are getting old. And so versus spending millions of  
34 dollars to upgrade those buildings, they want to  
35 build a forty-two million dollar building. They  
36 presented this at the luncheon, the budget luncheon  
37 that Tri-County Tech extends an invitation to Council  
38 every year, and this year they gave a presentation on  
39 that. With your indulgence, sir.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

41 RITA DAVIS: This will recap briefly  
42 what they are contemplating. They have fifteen  
43 million in reserve in anticipation of this project,  
44 so that leaves twenty-seven million. They are asking  
45 the three counties to come together and help fund  
46 that twenty-seven million. As you know, statutorily,  
47 Anderson County is committed to fifty percent, Oconee  
48 twenty-five, Pickens twenty-five. So you'll see that  
49 fifty percent of twenty-seven million is thirteen and  
50 a half million, of course. We have on deposit with

1       them a little over nine hundred thousand. So  
2       consequently, they would borrow on our behalf about  
3       twelve point six million dollars. And I put the  
4       numbers down below it. They are expecting it to be a  
5       JEDA bond. They're working -- talking and working  
6       with their attorney currently. Currently the rate is  
7       about three and a quarter percent. We're going to  
8       extend it as long as possible which will be about  
9       twenty years. So roughly the payment would be about  
10      a million dollars. That's going to probably be about  
11      one point three mils by the time that the millage is  
12      required to be assessed. It will not be assessed  
13      next budget year, the year that Council is thinking  
14      about; '16. It will be the '17 fiscal year that if  
15      Council decides to approve this and the other two  
16      counties come along, then it would probably be about  
17      a one point three million -- one point three mils.  
18      That's about six -- five and a half, six dollars on a  
19      hundred thousand dollars house.

20             But Tri-County is asking for a commitment at  
21      this time because they have four authorities that  
22      they have to go to. Committee on Higher Education,  
23      State Budget and Control Board and two others that  
24      they have to go to and present their plans, present  
25      their financing, and so consequently they need this  
26      letter to even get that process started. Of course,  
27      if they get all four authorities to approve it and  
28      they get the general bond lined up, then it would  
29      come -- the Council would have to, in the budget  
30      ordinance for fiscal year '17, approve the millage.  
31      You would basically instruct our county auditor to  
32      put on the levy sheet that one point three mils. So  
33      it's currently two point nine mils. So you would  
34      then add one point three.

35             TOMMY DUNN:             Rita, and Rusty, if I  
36      could, much of this, what you've given us, could be  
37      what you say a worse case scenario because they are  
38      trying to get money from the state, is that not  
39      right, Mr. Burns?

40             RUSTY BURNS:            That's correct.

41             TOMMY DUNN:            And for next year -- and  
42      also with the growth going to take care of some of  
43      this.

44             RITA DAVIS:            Most definitely. That's  
45      what -- each and every year we have growth.

46             TOMMY DUNN:            And it ain't -- and it's  
47      not just necessarily -- I know you got different ways  
48      to fund this, but ain't just necessarily saying  
49      you're going to put another mil on, just saying we'd  
50      be this money ever how we choose to get the money.

1                   RITA DAVIS:           That's right.  
2                   TOMMY DUNN:           Right.  
3                   RITA DAVIS:           And I would say, you know,  
4                   we could issue the bond and give them the money as  
5                   construction proceeds, but then that would go against  
6                   our legal debt margin and typically we just let them  
7                   roll it up and we pay them annually for that.  
8                   TOMMY DUNN:           Ms. Floyd.  
9                   GRACIE FLOYD:        Rita.  
10                  RITA DAVIS:         Yes, ma'am.  
11                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Bond money, if they float  
12                  that bond, you know, they would have to pay it and we  
13                  would pay them to pay the bond. Okay.  
14                  RITA DAVIS:         Yes, ma'am.  
15                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Our portion of that money  
16                  will come from?  
17                  RITA DAVIS:         Millage. Their millage.  
18                  Tri-County Tech.  
19                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Millage. Yeah. So if --  
20                  it's sort of like -- it's sort of like we're going to  
21                  give them -- we agree to pay five dollars to them  
22                  through the millage but a dollar of that milage money  
23                  will go to them to pay the bond. Is that it? Did I  
24                  get it correct?  
25                  RITA DAVIS:         That is correct.  
26                  GRACIE FLOYD:        That is correct. Way I  
27                  heard it. Thank you.  
28                  TOMMY DUNN:         Anyone else? I'd just  
29                  like to say we seen the presentation and it's been in  
30                  the works for I guess for four years or better and  
31                  due to the economy and whatnot, and talking to Dr.  
32                  Booth and them, held off on this. And they've got to  
33                  do some -- their thinking of it is if y'all was at  
34                  the presentation that I was at, it's they've got to  
35                  spend some money, major money on some remodeling,  
36                  HVAC and electrical stuff to update the building they  
37                  got now. Their engineers and architects tell them it  
38                  would be, you know, sort of throwing good money after  
39                  bad money on things, and they are terribly  
40                  overcrowded in their student center and their  
41                  cafeteria now. Trying to get this.  
42                  And we just enjoyed a big success I think  
43                  TTI and other endeavors and got some more in the  
44                  works and I dare to say, as y'all well know, we  
45                  wouldn't have the success we got if it wasn't for  
46                  Tri-County Tech pulling up and doing the training  
47                  they got. One thing definitely specially is the  
48                  McLaughlin group that's here in town. So I think we  
49                  need to support this. Dr. Booth is waiting to get  
50                  started on this because this is going to be, like

1 Rita says, or Ms. Davis, this is going to take a year  
2 in the making just to get through the state stuff and  
3 that's no guarantees that that'll happen. Anyone  
4 else? Ms. Wilson?

5 CINDY WILSON: So there is the  
6 possibility to arrange further funding from other  
7 sources.

8 TOMMY DUNN: And they're trying that.

9 CINDY WILSON: Okay. And do we know  
10 whether the projected cost is a firm cost or we're  
11 going to be looking at change work orders and a lot  
12 of additional.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Well, all we're committing  
14 ourselves to is this. If they were to come up with  
15 something else, I mean, I would look at that's their  
16 thing. You know what I'm saying. This is all we're  
17 committing to.

18 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waters.

20 KEN WATERS: Yes, I plan to support  
21 this because looking how far the Tri-County has  
22 really helped the county out by working with some of  
23 the career centers and seeing where we were at five  
24 years ago and where we're at now and the jobs that  
25 we're attracting and how much they've been a part of  
26 that, I think this is a good thing and we need to  
27 help them out with that. Thank you, sir.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

30 GRACIE FLOYD: In a way, we don't have a  
31 -- we don't have a choice in supporting this. Either  
32 we support it or if we don't support it they're going  
33 to move on without us because it's in the agreement  
34 that we have with them when they first started the  
35 Tri-County Tech thing that Anderson County would be  
36 responsible for fifty percent of the cost of  
37 whatever. This is a new thing they're putting in on  
38 us with this thing here. But either we support it or  
39 either we support it. Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, that's a good  
41 point. If it goes through -- if we don't support it  
42 and it goes through and they do it anyway, the  
43 students from Anderson County would be paying more.  
44 They'd be making up the difference. You're right.  
45 Anything else? Have a motion to move this forward?

46 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen makes the  
48 motion, Mr. Waters second. Any further discussion?  
49 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
50 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries



1 unanimously.  
2 Moving on to Item number 7(a) Ordinance  
3 third reading 2015-014, an Ordinance requesting to  
4 rezone ~10.68 acres (091-00-08-001) located at 2825  
5 Lebanon Road, in Council District #4 from PD (Planned  
6 Development) to R-A (Residential - Agricultural).  
7 Do we have a motion to move this forward?  
8 TOM ALLEN: So moved.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Allen to  
10 move forward and second Mr. Waters. Are there any  
11 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion  
12 show of hands. You got something, Ms. Floyd? I'm  
13 sorry.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I was just trying to  
15 send him a message that I need help with ---  
16 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
17 show of hands again please. All opposed. Show the  
18 motion carries unanimously.  
19 Moving on to Item number (b) 7(b) 2015-015,  
20 an ordinance for adoption of the Highway 81 Overlay  
21 District Comprehensive Plan Amendment, to include all  
22 zoned properties or portions of properties that are  
23 within 500 feet of the centerline of Highway 81 and  
24 directly access Highway 81; bounded to the northwest  
25 by the centerline of Scotts Bridge Road, to the  
26 northeast by the centerline of Long Road, and to the  
27 south by the centerline of Reed Road, and matters  
28 related thereto. We have a motion to move this  
29 forward?  
30 TOM ALLEN: Moved.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Allen and  
32 second by Ms. Wilson. Now, any discussion? Mr.  
33 Crowder.  
34 FRANCIS CROWDER: I don't know if it's  
35 appropriate or not, but is there any way that we  
36 could at least give this ordinance a name? I'd like  
37 to give it the name of the Gateway to Anderson  
38 Ordinance. May I make that in the form of a motion?  
39 TOMMY DUNN: Make that motion to add  
40 that and move this forward with that?  
41 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes sir, yes sir.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Crowder and  
43 second Ms. Wilson. Now, any discussion? Mr. Forman,  
44 you see any problem with that?  
45 MICHAEL FORMAN: No, sir.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, you see any  
47 problem with that?  
48 LEON HARMON: No, Mr. Chairman.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else? All in  
50 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed.

1 Show the motion carries, Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr.  
2 Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in favor.  
3 And Ms. Floyd opposes.

4 Moving on to Item number 8. Thank you, Mr.  
5 Forman.

6 MICHAEL FORMAN: Yes, sir.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Got this. Moving on to  
8 Item number 8 Finance Committee budget  
9 recommendations. Let me just say -- I would like to  
10 do this -- naturally when it comes to the budget  
11 ordinance on second reading anybody can make  
12 amendments or motions or whatnot, but on the Finance  
13 recommendations in talking to Mr. Crowder and other  
14 people, I think it would be best -- he's going to,  
15 him and staff's going to highlight some of the  
16 recommendations. Won't be no votes taken on this  
17 from -- on the Finance recommendation stuff. Give  
18 Council time to look at the -- some of us haven't  
19 seen fully what they talked about. Give time to take  
20 this and digest this and study it and the full  
21 Council will be having a budget workshop next week to  
22 discuss this and whatever we've got to do along these  
23 lines to fit it. In the meantime give Council  
24 members time to digest this and get with staff and  
25 get their questions answered and understand  
26 everything fully. Ms. Floyd?

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I don't understand  
28 what you want us to do. Now he's going to give us  
29 the recommendation made by the Finance Company.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Finance Committee, yes,  
31 ma'am.

32 FRANCIS FLOYD: But we don't have to say  
33 anything about it?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. You can talk  
35 about it. I'm just saying we're not going to vote on  
36 nothing, on the recommendation tonight. It wouldn't  
37 be right when somebody just seeing this and asking  
38 them to vote on something they've just seen, I don't  
39 think.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we can ask  
41 questions and we can discuss it.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: But it'll be no vote as we  
44 usually do with the Finance Committee  
45 recommendations.

46 TOMMY DUNN: That's right, on this  
47 part. On the other part of the Finance  
48 recommendation -- on the budget thing. On the other  
49 things we will be voting on the Finance thing, but on  
50 this tonight, I think we need -- everybody needs to

1 have a time to study it and to look at it and take  
2 things. We'll have a full meeting, too, to digest  
3 this. Mr. Crowder.

4 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Thank you,  
5 Chairman. Just to bring you up to date on the  
6 history of the evolution of this proposal.  
7 Approximately two to three months ago you, as  
8 Chairman, approached me and said I would like for the  
9 Finance Committee to be equivalent to a South  
10 Carolina House Ways and Means committee and go  
11 through the budget or proposal by the distinguished  
12 Mr. Rusty Burns, our Administrator, and make some  
13 recommendations to Council. And so, based upon that,  
14 we began the process.

15 Now this has been a long, drawn out process,  
16 but it was long drawn out by design because we wanted  
17 to make sure that we carefully understood what was  
18 contained in the budget and how we might achieve one  
19 of the goals that Chairman Dunn, you, gave to me.  
20 That goal was to, number one, prevent us from having  
21 to pass a budget that had a two mil tax increase.  
22 The Administrator's budget had a two mil tax increase  
23 in it. The second golden objective of the Finance  
24 Committee was to actually prevent from having to  
25 continue to spend approximately two point four  
26 million dollars a year into the fund balance of our  
27 county. For the last two years, not counting the  
28 future year that we have, we've been averaging about  
29 two point four million dollars being needed in order  
30 to make the budget balance. And that same amount is  
31 proposed in the original budget that you have in the  
32 blue book. So the committee began to go through and  
33 look at some of the items that were subject to  
34 consideration to be changed from the book. Now keep  
35 in mind, what you see in this page are the changes to  
36 this book. So this is not the budget for Anderson  
37 County Council.

38 Now, if you will recall, one of the major  
39 discussions was about raises for our employees. And  
40 Anderson County does have wonderful employees. And  
41 so there were different opinions as to how we might  
42 approach that, ranging from a two percent across the  
43 board raise and a yearly cost of living increase down  
44 to other iterations. In fact, I think there were  
45 about eleven of them. And one of the things that we  
46 considered was based upon the study that was done by  
47 a consultant that was commissioned by Mr. Burns and  
48 his staff that studied the pay grade structure and  
49 the pay for employees at different levels in Anderson  
50 County government. And in that study he recommended

1       that we give people an across the board raise and  
2       also a cost of living raise, which was going to cost  
3       the county approximate two plus million dollars.

4               The Finance Committee did not feel like we  
5       would be able to meet our objective of reducing the  
6       budget so that we would prevent from raising taxes if  
7       we gave that level of salary increase. So what is  
8       contained in your proposal tonight for your  
9       consideration next week -- we're not voting on  
10      anything -- is to give raises in the following cost  
11      centers, based upon the recommendations out of the  
12      consultant's book; not based on us. Those are the  
13      treasurer's office, the finance, the assessor's, the  
14      register of deeds, planning and community  
15      development, the IT department, animal shelter, the  
16      detention center and the sheriff's. And so, we asked  
17      Ms. Davis and her staff to come up with what would be  
18      the amount of money that would require to give those  
19      people a raise in pay. I think you have -- did you  
20      bring tonight, Ms. Davis -- oh yeah, the list of the  
21      people -- well not people but positions?

22             RITA DAVIS:       Yes, sir. We have them.

23             FRANCIS CROWDER:  Would you pass those out?  
24      So that everybody will be fully knowledgeable about  
25      what positions would be affected to get these  
26      recommended raises. All right. No, not this. I  
27      need the -- thank you for that, too. But -- all  
28      right. Here are the people; and you will see down at  
29      the bottom there would be forty-four deputies and  
30      thirty-two communication operators. So you would see  
31      ten animal caretaker I's and two animal caretaker  
32      II's. Well, you can read as good as I can. So the  
33      basis for addressing the issue of pay raises was  
34      contained -- is contained in this recommendation for  
35      Council to consider.

36             GRACIE FLOYD:     Mr. Chair?

37             TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, ma'am.

38             GRACIE FLOYD:     Can we stop and ask  
39      questions before we get too far and forget the  
40      questions we need?

41             TOMMY DUNN:       Let him finish up the pay  
42      raises and then you might ask to take questions,  
43      okay? Go ahead with pay raises, Mr. Crowder.

44             FRANCIS CROWDER:  Well, actually that's all  
45      about pay raises. What I wanted to do was, if I  
46      might, go through the categories, because we're not  
47      going to go line by line on this.

48             TOMMY DUNN:       Well, let's see Ms. Floyd,  
49      if you got any questions on the pay raises stuff.  
50      Pay raise thing. Ms. Floyd.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I do have questions on the  
2 pay raises. The -- in the budget, there was a line  
3 item in the budget for pay raises. What's her name  
4 ---  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Rita.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Rita. Ms. Davis.  
7 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Is that  
9 correct?  
10 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. There was.  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: What was that line item?  
12 How much was the line item for pay raises?  
13 RITA DAVIS: Six hundred and forty  
14 thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Six hundred and forty  
16 thousand three hundred sixty dollars. Okay. The job  
17 titles that I have here that the Finance Committee  
18 selected to give pay raises to totals how much?  
19 RITA DAVIS: Well, funny you should  
20 ask. If you look at this -- do you have this eight  
21 and half by fourteen sheet, ma'am?  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, but you see, I  
23 haven't looked at it. I don't know what's on it or  
24 how to read it.  
25 RITA DAVIS: It's one line that will  
26 answer your question. The very last line.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Line 27?  
28 RITA DAVIS: Page one.  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Is it line 27? Two  
30 hundred and fifty seven thousand dollars?  
31 RITA DAVIS: That's recommended to take  
32 that away. So to answer your question three hundred  
33 and eighty-three thousand three forty would be  
34 getting these employees up to the minimum of the new  
35 paygrade.  
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, the other  
37 employees, that we have, you know, with us. They  
38 wouldn't get anything at all, am I correct?  
39 RITA DAVIS: Under -- if this sheet  
40 were passed, that is correct.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: If this budget should  
42 pass, with the Finance Committee's recommendation,  
43 the other employees wouldn't get any raise at all.  
44 Is that correct?  
45 RITA DAVIS: That's my understanding.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Now,  
47 they have gone, I think with the last five years  
48 without getting anything, any money, any increase,  
49 any longevity, no raises, no nothing. Has it been  
50 five years? Now, I know, I know that we have done

1       some things in the back room where we pull in people  
2       and we'll say, well, we'll give him or we'll give her  
3       but we haven't done it across the board with  
4       everybody.

5               RITA DAVIS:               Well, we have. The year  
6       ---

7               GRACIE FLOYD:       I forget the five hundred  
8       dollars we gave them one year. Was it five hundred  
9       or six hundred?

10              RITA DAVIS:           Five hundred in December  
11       of 2013, yes, ma'am.

12              GRACIE FLOYD:        '13, they got five hundred  
13       dollars.

14              RITA DAVIS:           Yes, ma'am.

15              GRACIE FLOYD:        Everybody got five hundred  
16       dollars. That's it. Okay. Was there any other time  
17       ---

18              RITA DAVIS:           The year we're in now,  
19       those making less than fifty thousand was given a  
20       thousand dollars and then everybody over that was  
21       sloped from two percent all the way down to point  
22       five, so if you made more, you got less.

23              GRACIE FLOYD:        Uh-huh (affirmative).  
24       Okay. Now, in the -- the six hundred and forty-three  
25       dollars and sixty cents, that equated to everybody  
26       getting a two percent raise.

27              RITA DAVIS:           Yes, ma'am.

28              GRACIE FLOYD:        Now, also in the budget --  
29       also in the budget did we not have fourteen point  
30       five million dollars in there for a new building?

31              RITA DAVIS:           Yes, ma'am.

32              GRACIE FLOYD:        Okay. Now if we backed  
33       that out ---

34              RITA DAVIS:           No, ma'am. At the current  
35       time that is not backed out on these sheets.

36              GRACIE FLOYD:        That's -- okay. That's  
37       all right. But if we should back that out, fourteen  
38       point five million dollars, we should take that away  
39       ---

40              RITA DAVIS:           Yes, ma'am.

41              GRACIE FLOYD:        --- then that would give  
42       more money for something else, right?

43              RITA DAVIS:           That's a fair statement,  
44       yes, ma'am.

45              GRACIE FLOYD:        Okay. Now we have a bond  
46       that we are settling.

47              RITA DAVIS:           Yes ma'am.

48              GRACIE FLOYD:        We've got a bond. I think  
49       the bond comes from -- darn it, what was that bond  
50       for?

1                   RITA DAVIS:           2005 general obligation  
2     bond. It was for the Pendleton and Powdersville  
3     library.

4                   GRACIE FLOYD:       Library; that's right.  
5     Now if we -- if we take the money that -- if we do  
6     not float the fourteen point five million dollars for  
7     another bond and if we take the money that we're  
8     going to get from the library, since we don't have to  
9     pay it anymore, could that not at least give them a  
10    two percent raise?

11                  RITA DAVIS:        Yes, ma'am.

12                  GRACIE FLOYD:       Good. Thank you.

13                  TOMMY DUNN:         Mr. Crowder? Anybody else  
14     have any question on pay raises? Mr. Crowder.

15                  FRANCIS CROWDER:    All right. Well, the  
16     second consideration that we had, Mr. Allen suggested  
17     after we got through talking about salaries, that we  
18     begin a line by line review of the budget. So we  
19     began a line by line review. So I will not go into  
20     all of the line by line items, but if you will look  
21     at your sheets, you will begin to see all of the  
22     actions that the Finance Committee is recommending  
23     for your consideration, which basically consists of  
24     one of two actions.

25                  Number one to either delete -- well, not  
26     award new positions to the budget. We felt like that  
27     if we were in a period that we needed to be  
28     conservative that we should not add new positions to  
29     the budget although we did concede that some were  
30     possible. And so we left positions in the budget.

31                  Obviously that then brought along the  
32     associated retirement, social security, Medicare,  
33     insurance costs in here. So you will see numerous  
34     items where that is contained.

35                  The third kind of items that we did outside  
36     of positions was to actually go through and do a line  
37     by line item of the operating and maintenance cost of  
38     the budget. So there were several things that we  
39     thought that we could address. Number one, we felt  
40     like the overtime amount of pay that was being  
41     allocated to the people in the 9-1-1 Center was out  
42     of bounds and that we needed to turn that over to the  
43     Administrator for him to do a study to determine if  
44     the people in that department could be put on a  
45     different schedule so as not to ---

46                  TOMMY DUNN:         Excuse me, Mr. Crowder.  
47     Would you -- on the overtime money, or Rita, where  
48     this is at on this sheet here, Rita?

49                  RITA DAVIS:         Where is it, sir?

50                  TOMMY DUNN:         Yeah, just where I can

1 keep up.  
2 RITA DAVIS: Well that's on 20 and 21,  
3 sir.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Chairman.  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: My confusion started when  
7 he was talking about new employees, something, I  
8 don't know what -- when he started referring to this  
9 page, I was lost. He said something about not hiring  
10 new people or ---  
11 TOMMY DUNN: He's talking about that  
12 was the consensus to start with, with the Finance  
13 Committee was not to have any new positions. That a  
14 fair statement?  
15 FRANCIS CROWDER: Not all new positions. We  
16 did leave some new positions in.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Can we  
18 discuss the new positions so we'll know?  
19 TOMMY DUNN: The new positions -- Ms.  
20 Davis, what new positions were left in this -- were  
21 recommended by the Finance Committee?  
22 RITA DAVIS: The media team is deleted  
23 on line 2.  
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Line 2.  
25 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we on this page here?  
27 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: On line 2. What I read  
29 Administrator retirement state.  
30 RITA DAVIS: Row 2. Here we go, I beg  
31 your pardon. Line 5, row 5.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It says delete  
33 media team.  
34 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: And that's everything that  
36 goes with it.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, and that's everything  
38 that goes with the media team.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: As far as social security  
40 and all that.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
42 RITA DAVIS: That's the fringes on  
43 those other lines.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. Well,  
45 I'm glad that's not a done deal, because I have a lot  
46 of questions about what was in the newspaper. It was  
47 said that we were going to cut out the parks. It was  
48 said that we were going to take 9-1-1 and move it to  
49 the -- under the -- under Mr. Burns. It was said  
50 that there would be a two mil increase in the budget.



1 All right. All this stuff is getting out. And I've  
2 gotten a lot of phone calls about the twenty-five  
3 dollar road tax fee. And it's getting out the way it  
4 is because we are not talking about us and what we  
5 are doing. We are allowing the newspaper to print  
6 whatever they think that we said. We're allowing the  
7 radio station doing our talking for us. We should be  
8 able to talk for ourselves. Charter is no longer  
9 with us to get the news out. So to not have our own  
10 sports media -- our own sports media so folks can sit  
11 there and see us talk about these things and explain  
12 these things is bad. We need our own media team. Or  
13 folks are going to think that the Finance Committee  
14 chair said let's cut the parks out. And my question  
15 that's been coming to me is are we going to start  
16 with the Civic Center? That's the most expensive  
17 one. That should have been on the television so  
18 folks could have heard the entire explanation. I  
19 think that that's one thing in our next session that  
20 we would want to think about a little more. I thank  
21 you, Mr. Chairman.

22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Let me just, let Ms. Davis  
25 -- Ms. Davis, what positions did the Finance  
26 Committee recommend?

27 RITA DAVIS: In the general fund?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Their  
29 recommendation.

30 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The general  
31 fund that would be taking a part time administrative  
32 assistant in the coroner, making that a full time  
33 position, so that's not a full cost. That's the only  
34 one in the general fund. The media team, the litter  
35 crews and the flood plain manager were asked to be  
36 removed; however part time dollars were put back for  
37 the litter.

38 TOMMY DUNN: It's not general fund  
39 since special revenue -- storm water.

40 RITA DAVIS: Right. Storm water, there  
41 was two positions requested and they took the  
42 inspector out, left the administrative assistant  
43 because Mr. Batson said that he would prefer to have  
44 that one. And then, oh yeah, then there's a right-  
45 of-way technician that was left in, in sewer.

46 TOMMY DUNN: And I believe part time  
47 money was left in for a litter team.

48 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, that's what I  
49 said, part time money was put back in for a litter  
50 crew.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, that's that. Now  
2 Mr. Crowder.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I'd like to set the  
4 record straight. Number one, I never said, close all  
5 the parks. I resent that.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Newspaper said you did.

7 FRANCIS CROWDER: I did not say close all the  
8 parks. I said we may need to consider, based on the  
9 requirements that we may have to comply with ADA,  
10 consider whether we need to close half the parks.  
11 Now it's one thing to say I say close them and  
12 another thing to say consider. That's a difference  
13 between daylight and dark. Okay. And so, you know,  
14 it's kind of like the gas tax. I resent somebody  
15 saying that I'm proposing a gas tax and I want to  
16 exempt myself. I know that was what was alluded to,  
17 but that was just a degree of sympathy for people who  
18 are elderly. And I would never vote to exempt  
19 myself. You think I need to exempt myself from a  
20 twenty dollar tax on two cars? I don't hardly think  
21 so. So, I mean, I don't care what it said in the  
22 paper.

23 But Mr. Chairman, I thought we were going to  
24 hold the discussion to being able to not line by line  
25 go through this. Now, if you want to do that, I'm  
26 ready to stay here ---

27 TOMMY DUNN: We don't want to go line  
28 by line, but I think we've got some questions to be  
29 cleared up. We need to be able to do that. Let Ms.  
30 Wilson -- I think Ms. Wilson had a comment or  
31 question. Let her have the floor.

32 CINDY WILSON: Well, I have to first of  
33 all say thank you to our Finance Committee team and  
34 the staff and everyone working on this. It is a lot  
35 to slog through. And there's some things that I've  
36 looked at that I thought about later. And on the  
37 media team, I wanted to request where we have the  
38 permitting and charter channel costs, I don't see  
39 that up here, but it was projected to be around fifty  
40 thousand. And the acquisition of equipment if we go  
41 forward with a media team is also an additional fifty  
42 thousand. So I think at some point we need to add  
43 those in to be considered.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma'am. Mr.  
45 Crowder.

46 FRANCIS CROWDER: Keep in mind, I say again,  
47 again and again, thank you Chairman, that these are  
48 only suggestions from the Finance Committee. We  
49 realize that all this stuff is subject to change.  
50 This is not the gospel according to John 3:16. My

1 goal -- may I finish?

2 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

3 FRANCIS CROWDER: I'm not through.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

5 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. My challenge  
6 from the Chairman was to go about how we could  
7 orderly prevent from a two mil tax increase. And  
8 secondly how to prevent from taking from the fund  
9 balance two point four million dollars. Now, if you  
10 go to the last pages of these things, you will see  
11 that the Finance Committee was a hundred percent  
12 successful in those two goals and objectives.

13 Now there may be arguments about the  
14 components of how we got there and that's fair game.  
15 I don't mind that. But when we finished we actually  
16 increased the fund balance by over five hundred  
17 thousand dollars. Going from a negative to a  
18 positive five hundred thousand dollars. And secondly  
19 we eliminated at least one or two mils in toto. So  
20 may I now continue ---

21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I have a question.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Just let him get a little  
24 bit further and we'll come back. We'll get everybody  
25 to get discussion.

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. If we want to  
27 go, you know, we can go down the Administrator --  
28 well, development standards. We denied that request.  
29 We denied -- well, we added additional money for  
30 information technology and the associated retirement,  
31 social security, medicare. We added additional money  
32 for the environmental enforcement for part time  
33 litter people and the associated social security,  
34 medicare and personnel because we wanted to support  
35 Mr. Cole's movement for the litter summit. In the  
36 Administrator's, we moved three hundred thousand  
37 dollars out of one budget into his budget -- out of  
38 the 9-1-1 budget into his budget so that we would not  
39 be spending four hundred and eight-seven thousand  
40 seven hundred and seventy dollars overtime. Can you  
41 imagine paying that kind of overtime? And so, then  
42 we then -- you see the three hundred thousand moving  
43 into his budget and then you see the three hundred  
44 thousand dollars coming out of the four hundred and  
45 eighty-seven thousand. Then along with that, we  
46 could then reduce the associated retirement, social  
47 security, medicare that went with those hopefully  
48 potential cost savings of three hundred plus thousand  
49 dollars. We reduced the public works dues by five  
50 hundred dollars. We reduced the dues of the Fleet

1 Services. We reduced the cost of living raise by the  
2 two hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars that we  
3 just talked about when my opening statements about  
4 salaries instead of being given across the board two  
5 percent being done according to the study of the cost  
6 centers that needed their people upgraded.

7 Turning to the second page, we took the  
8 money that had been in the budget for all of our  
9 asphalt paving out of the general fund -- and that's  
10 what you see the negative amounts there -- and then  
11 with the hypothesis that we might have -- with the  
12 hypothesis that we might have a road tax of twenty  
13 dollars, exempting nobody. Especially Francis M.  
14 Crowder.

15 All right. We're now on line 35. If you  
16 will recall, when we approved the money -- when we  
17 approved the money for the phone system, voice-over  
18 internet protocol -- do I need to stop, Chairman?

19 TOMMY DUNN: No, go ahead. I'm sorry.

20 FRANCIS CROWDER: No problem. We're on line  
21 35. When we approved the additional money to go to a  
22 voice-over internet protocol from the phone company,  
23 we were spending a large amount of money and we were  
24 told as a result of putting in the voice-over IP,  
25 that we could save good size money. So we are  
26 subtracting the hundred thousand dollars out of that  
27 so that we can -- because, see, the money's scattered  
28 all through the budget. You just see one item there;  
29 it's over five, six hundred thousand dollars in the  
30 budget scattered here, there and yonder. So the  
31 Finance Committee looks to Mr. Burns and his staff to  
32 go throughout the entire budget and reduce the phone  
33 bill by a hundred thousand dollars in multiple cost  
34 centers. Here he's just showing it in one. Then in  
35 the building and maintenance we cut out meals, we cut  
36 out some travel, we cut out some lodging, we cut out  
37 some registration fees. In fact, Council went -- I  
38 mean Finance Committee went so far as to say we  
39 recommend to Council that we disallow any out of  
40 state travel unless it's totally required and that  
41 would be -- that prerogative or approval of that  
42 would be given to the Administrator so that we would  
43 not be having people going on trips to Florida,  
44 Arizona, Timbuktu, taking along four or five people  
45 at a time; saving money. Okay? Keeping on.

46 All right. So then we cut out some -- in  
47 the transportation division, we cut out meals,  
48 travel, lodging and registration. In Fleet Services  
49 we cut out travel, lodging, registration. In  
50 building and codes we cut out meals, travel, lodging

1 and registration. Now that doesn't mean we cut out  
2 all that money. We just cut out some of that money.  
3 Then we get down to Fleet Services. They had a  
4 position that was vacant now and so we asked that it  
5 be deleted from the budget and remain vacant in the  
6 amount of twenty-four thousand eight hundred and  
7 forty dollars. That being brought along the savings  
8 of social security, medicare and health insurance.

9 So now we go to the next page. The next  
10 page is -- well, we're actually out of the general  
11 fund now. Okay. We're out of the general fund.  
12 We're into the wastewater management. In wastewater  
13 management we decreased the amount of money that was  
14 going to be required to be transferred to the storm  
15 water program out of wastewater. As you'll recall  
16 Anderson County does not charge a fee to support its  
17 wastewater fee and we're having to constantly  
18 transfer money out of wastewater to fund the  
19 wastewater -- well, take it out of sewer to fund  
20 wastewater. So in the deliberations we stated that  
21 we could actually transfer less money out of the  
22 wastewater management. Then, of course, that then  
23 affected the fund balance of wastewater and we also  
24 cut out thirteen hundred and fifty dollars of  
25 registration fees. In the storm water, we cut out  
26 one of the personnel requests which Council already  
27 knew about because we had discussed it in one of the  
28 budget workshops where the question was asked of Mr.  
29 Batson, if you had to choose between an inspector, or  
30 whatever it was, and the administrative assistant, he  
31 chose the administrative assistant. So the forty-  
32 seven thousand dollar cut is the cut showing that.  
33 So that meant then that we were -- no longer needed  
34 that money up in the wastewater and so therefore we  
35 decreased the amount of money needing to be  
36 transferred by forty-seven thousand six eighty-five,  
37 which if you look above on line 60, that positive and  
38 that negative equal each other out. So you know,  
39 we're saving money over in the wastewater management  
40 budget.

41 Now here's some changes that the  
42 Administrator made since this budget came out. These  
43 are the Administrator's recommended changes. He  
44 requested that we have twenty-five hundred dollars  
45 more for advertising for the Farmers Market. He  
46 requested the following items about the coroner is --  
47 our current coroner actually works, for lack of a  
48 better word, part time and now I believe it's  
49 Abbeville County and Oconee County, is that right?  
50 Abbeville County and Oconee County want us to hire a

1 full time coroner -- I mean a coroner -- not coroner,  
2 medical examiner to do autopsies because Piedmont  
3 Pathology no longer wants to do autopsies. So those  
4 counties are going to transfer monies in to us to  
5 offset the increase in money that we would have to  
6 pay him to be full time. Now the amount of money  
7 actually is fund balance neutral and it does not cost  
8 the county any more money to pay this fellow full  
9 time at a higher salary because the other two  
10 counties are going to be paying that differential.

11 Then we have the Administrator, which is on  
12 line 67, the Administrator on line 67 wants to add  
13 five thousand dollars for part time and that's so  
14 that when either his secretary or Kim are out they  
15 can have some coverage. And I believe that one of  
16 the Council members up here previously said that  
17 might be a good idea. On line 68 purchasing, they  
18 actually want to promote the buyer associate --  
19 assistant -- the buyer to an assistant manager. Then  
20 the transportation division wants two thousand one  
21 hundred fifteen dollars for one employee to receive a  
22 five percent raise and for two employees to receive  
23 another five percent raise. The assessor's office  
24 wants to be able to change the salary schedule for  
25 one of his staff which would cost twenty-three  
26 hundred and ten dollars. The magistrates are being  
27 required -- we're required by state law, I believe  
28 that's right, isn't it? State law? State law?

29 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

30 FRANCIS CROWDER: State law. We're being  
31 required out of county's monies to pay the  
32 magistrates a five percent increase. So if you will  
33 see that sixty-four hundred and forty-five -- six  
34 thousand four hundred and fifty dollars is for that.  
35 Development standards, we need to give the employee  
36 that's in that department a five percent increase in  
37 salary. In the animal shelter we need a caretaker I  
38 and a caretaker II, they're being recommended for an  
39 increase in their salary which would cost nineteen  
40 hundred and ninety dollars in the budget. All right.  
41 The coroner's office, that's part of the discussion I  
42 just got through having, where we would increase his  
43 full time salary because we're now getting in the  
44 additional hundred thousand dollars from the other  
45 two counties.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Increase the coroner's  
47 full time salary.

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: So he would be a full time  
49 person. All right. Then in the Fleet Management we  
50 increased that eight thousand two hundred fifty-five

1 dollars to cover increases that we actually -- this  
2 Council approved back in April. This Council  
3 approved some raises right here in April, so this is  
4 the amount of money to make that happen for two  
5 employees. All right. The assessor's office ---  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Where is the raises for  
9 the two employees that was -- the salary was  
10 increased back in April? Where is that? Can you  
11 show it to me? Two fourteen?  
12 FRANCIS CROWDER: That was eight thousand  
13 two hundred and twenty-five dollars.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Eight thousand -- now  
15 you're on that committee, right? That's how you  
16 knew. Okay. To cover increase. Okay. All right.  
17 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Now we're on  
18 line 76, Building and Codes.  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Excuse me,  
20 Mr. Chairman.  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, the  
23 Administrator's -- this is the Administrator's  
24 budget. We ---  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Recommendations. This is  
26 changes since we got them.  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Recommendations. Okay.  
28 All right. Now why is this -- if we did this four  
29 twenty-six fifteen last budget year, why is it back  
30 in this budget year?  
31 TOMMY DUNN: Got to add money to take  
32 care of the salaries increase.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: For this -- I understand,  
34 I understand. But now, what about the upgrades? The  
35 -- if you come down a little further, that's  
36 assessor's office, but the budget showed that the  
37 Administrator had some upgrades in there, in his  
38 budget, and I don't see them here.  
39 TOMMY DUNN: That was up in one before  
40 that Mr. Crowder, I believe just named, going to be  
41 and assessor's office I believe was one of them.  
42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I haven't gotten to  
43 the assessor's office yet.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: I know, you're talking  
45 about the Administrator's budget. But I didn't see  
46 the -- I don't see the upgrades in there that was in  
47 there for the Administrator's office. And it did  
48 have upgrades in there.  
49 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am, and they're  
50 still in the blue book. And ---

1 GRACIE FLOYD: But is it on this sheet?  
2 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. This is just  
3 changes to the blue book.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand that. I  
5 understand that.  
6 RITA DAVIS: Oh, you're thinking that  
7 we might should have changed it?  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon?  
9 RITA DAVIS: You were asking did we  
10 change it?  
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, that's for the  
12 upgrades will stay in that budget.  
13 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now the upgrades  
15 are for salary changes, right? Some more salary  
16 changes, right?  
17 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we gave two  
19 people in his office raises last year, last year's  
20 budget. And we put it back in there for this year's  
21 budget.  
22 RITA DAVIS: Two years ago, yes, ma'am.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And now, he's got  
24 upgrades in there for some more salary raises in his  
25 office.  
26 RITA DAVIS: Yes, one of them got  
27 promoted. Yes, ma'am.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But the rest of  
29 them -- the rest of them won't get a salary raise.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: Don't know if they will or  
31 not.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Okay. All right.  
33 You're going too fast for me. You're going too fast  
34 for me. This is the first time I've seen this. I  
35 don't understand half of what's going on.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, that's the  
37 reason we're not going to vote on this tonight. We  
38 have plenty of time to answer questions.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand. And I do  
40 appreciate that, Mr. Chairman, because I've got a lot  
41 of questions.  
42 TOMMY DUNN: And should, and we all  
43 should and I believe it's appropriate, like I said  
44 get with staff and get your questions answered.  
45 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, no, I want my  
46 questions answered by the people who made -- I'd like  
47 to have my questions answered by the people who did  
48 this. Because the staff can't answer that.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: That would be the  
50 Administrator. He ---



1 GRACIE FLOYD: And the Finance Committee.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: No, this is all  
3 Administrator proposals.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But we just got off  
5 of the Finance Committee and I didn't get a chance to  
6 answer all the questions I had, you know. Maybe I'll  
7 just give it up this year.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: And we'll get ---  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: And maybe I'll just try it  
10 again next year.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: We'll going to get you the  
12 answers. Promise you.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: This is so confusing.  
14 This is terrible.  
15 FRANCIS CROWDER: I want to make sure  
16 everybody clearly understands. I called Mr. Dunn  
17 this morning and made the suggestion that we only go  
18 through the budget this afternoon and not require any  
19 vote so that we could give members of Council and  
20 people, citizens of Anderson County, time to look at  
21 all of this and digest it; and you concurred. Is  
22 that not right?  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.  
24 FRANCIS CROWDER: So I don't want anybody  
25 going away from here thinking about that we're trying  
26 to push this thing through, because that's not the  
27 case. That's not the case.  
28 All right. Anyway, going back to line  
29 number, well, 57 plus or whatever it is. 76 plus  
30 where you see fifty-six thousand nine sixty-five.  
31 There's a request that we have -- provide a building  
32 inspector due to this new housing program that we're  
33 supposedly going to be awarded two point four million  
34 dollars but we don't know anything about yet, right?  
35 Conceptually. So he feels like to be able to manage  
36 that program he would like to have another person in  
37 building inspection that would facilitate that  
38 program. All right. The next item is in the  
39 assessor's office, they need money for changes,  
40 upgrades, two hundred fifty-five dollars. In the  
41 magistrate's office they need eight hundred fifty-  
42 five dollars for fringes on the magistrate's  
43 increases. In the development standards they need  
44 three hundred and forty dollars to give an employee a  
45 five percent review, job review. In the item 80,  
46 state -- that's in purchasing department. They need  
47 money for state retirement because of the promotion  
48 there. Item 81, again, this is all state retirement.  
49 You know, we started with state retirement on item  
50 77. Animal shelter, we need two hundred and fifteen

1 dollars. In the coroner's office we would have to  
2 increase the state retirement by fifteen thousand  
3 three hundred and ninety dollars. In transportation  
4 division we would have to increase retirement by two  
5 hundred and thirty-five dollars. Going to the next  
6 page in Fleet, we would have to increase eight  
7 hundred -- nine hundred and fifteen dollars for state  
8 retirement.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder?

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir.

11 TOMMY DUNN: I think all this is due to  
12 their ---

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: All of this -- yes, sir.  
14 That's what I was fixing to say.

15 TOMMY DUNN: So I don't think we need  
16 to go down and read every line.

17 FRANCIS CROWDER: I don't think -- all these  
18 are either social security, medicare, health  
19 insurance.

20 TOMMY DUNN: It's due. You got to do  
21 -- you got to make adjustments in the budget  
22 Administrator about something else you got to do.

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: Fine. And if you go to  
24 the next page, you have more of that, all the way  
25 down to line item number 145. Line item 145, County  
26 Council needs twenty-three thousand eight hundred  
27 dollars put in their budget under professional  
28 services so that we can re-codify our ordinances and  
29 resolutions -- well, our ordinances because it's been  
30 some time since that's been done and so consequently  
31 for us to be in compliance with the state library,  
32 and others who codify our ordinance, we got cost  
33 estimates and the cost estimate to do that service  
34 was twenty-three thousand eight hundred dollars.

35 The Sheriff has some interest that needs to  
36 be paid out and we'll see on the next page what that  
37 is. On the next page you will see revenue fund  
38 balance. Now I want you to look at this. This is  
39 for the general fund. Going into this thing at first  
40 reading, the fund balance was what? A negative two  
41 point four eight five million dollars. If all these  
42 things that we just talked about gets passed, it's a  
43 positive two point three three million dollars. All  
44 right. Anyway, going on. We've got some  
45 reclassifications of revenue from property tax which  
46 will reduce our general fund revenue by one mil. And  
47 you can see the property tax, which is the delinquent  
48 portion and the vehicle portion and the homestead  
49 portion because those are the components that make up  
50 our general fund. Then we've got on line 152, we've

1 got seventy-five thousand dollars, which is  
2 recognized local contribution to be received from the  
3 medical examiner -- earlier I said a hundred -- I'm  
4 sorry, it's seventy-five thousand. I reckon, you  
5 know, I make mistakes, too. That's why I got it on  
6 paper. All right. Then the special revenue you will  
7 notice that this is monies that we give the  
8 solicitors and all of these things are because of the  
9 need for -- to pay the solicitor actually a little  
10 bit more money and some also health insurance but if  
11 you look at items 156 through 162, that's all health  
12 insurance. Then if you take a look at 163 and 164,  
13 those are the adjustments to the fund balance for the  
14 VBOR program under the Sheriff and the VBOR program  
15 under the solicitor. So those fund balances are  
16 affected. Then we get down to the airport and there  
17 we're -- it was requested that we allocate less money  
18 for health insurance. Health insurance when the E 9-  
19 1-1 Center actually went up a hundred dollars, fund  
20 balance of the 9-1-1 Center actually went up a  
21 hundred dollars, I don't think we'd argue with  
22 balances going up. The Family Court special revenue  
23 office supplies, actually we're going to spend less  
24 money. EMS health insurance actually went up. Fund  
25 balance for EMS is, you see that's another hundred  
26 and forty-five dollars but that's to pay for -- well,  
27 to adjust the hundred and forty-five dollars for  
28 health insurance. They're taking it out of fund  
29 balance. Then the Project Machine, you'll remember  
30 Project Machine, which is now TTI; okay, we got a  
31 litany of monies allocated to us from other sources  
32 that are pass-through money but they have to come  
33 through our budget. And those monies are from the  
34 closing fund of the Department of Commerce, from the  
35 ARC grant in the amount of two point five million  
36 dollars which Mr. Burns, the grant wizard, got for  
37 us. I actually never believed he could do it in the  
38 time, but congratulations you did it. And so, that  
39 large amount of money actually represents that litany  
40 of money that's pass-through money for construction  
41 in progress to build that roads and infrastructure  
42 that we've committed to for the TTI project.

43 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Yes.

45 LEON HARMON: You're at 45 minutes. I  
46 don't know if you want to extend time.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, time's up? We need to  
48 extend this to finish this up. I make a motion we  
49 extend it fifteen minutes. Second Ms. Wilson. All  
50 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed.

1 Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr.  
2 Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in favor.  
3 Ms. Floyd opposes. Mr. Crowder, go ahead.

4 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir. The next  
5 line item is actually showing where part of the grant  
6 money came from two point four million. The next  
7 item actually shows where some money came from for  
8 Project Machine. Now we get into this two point four  
9 million dollar grant that we got -- and here it show  
10 three point five million dollars -- which is it? Two  
11 point four or three point five million?

12 RUSTY BURNS: Three point five.

13 FRANCIS CROWDER: Three point five. All  
14 right. Three point five for housing. All right.  
15 We're supposed to get. We have not gotten it yet.  
16 This is a placeholder account in the event that we do  
17 get that. So that'll be three point five million  
18 dollars. Now the other items, 176 on, show where  
19 that money's going to be distributed out of the three  
20 point five million dollars. Three hundred and  
21 twenty-four thousand's going to Appleton Equinox, one  
22 hundred and forty-nine is going to Belton. One  
23 forty-nine is going to Broadway, one forty-nine is  
24 going to Gossett Street, one forty-nine -- no, two  
25 forty-nine six twenty-eight to Homeland Park, one  
26 forty-nine to Honea Path, one seventy-four to Iva,  
27 three forty-nine to Morning Side or one forty-nine to  
28 Pendleton, one twenty-four to Piedmont, and one  
29 twenty-four to Williamston; Williamston-Pelzer-West  
30 Pelzer. Well, that's five hundred and twenty-four  
31 thousand.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

33 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please explain  
35 to me or have Ms. Davis explain to me what is the  
36 neighborhood initiative program where we're spending  
37 all this money? What is that, please?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, that's that  
39 grant we're supposed be getting, haven't got yet, but  
40 supposed to be getting.

41 RUSTY BURNS: The grant we applied for.  
42 We worked with the Treasurer's office and Building  
43 Department to come up with a list of all the  
44 dilapidated houses in Anderson County. This grant  
45 would allow us to spend two and a half million  
46 dollars taking these houses down all across the  
47 county and we would do it on those lists. And those  
48 numbers that you see and the areas you see are the  
49 areas that were targeted.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. This is the money

1       that you've been telling us about that we may get to  
2       help clean up the neighborhoods, right?

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

4               GRACIE FLOYD:       I knew about that, but I  
5       have never seen it broken down to who was going to  
6       get what before. This is the first here. Okay.  
7       This will call for, I guess, it will be a meeting  
8       between you and me on how these numbers were figured  
9       up. You know, who's going to go into -- how much is  
10      going to go in each district.

11              RUSTY BURNS:       And they came from a list  
12      from the Treasure's office, delinquent properties and  
13      Building and Codes, houses that are ready to be taken  
14      down.

15              GRACIE FLOYD:       We need to talk, okay.  
16      Thank you.

17              RUSTY BURNS:       No problem.

18              TOMMY DUNN:        Thank you. Mr. Crowder.

19              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yes, sir. Thank you.  
20      Yeah, I noticed that none of the money's being spent  
21      in District 1. But anyway, public defender has an  
22      increase need for insurance, so that's five hundred  
23      and forty-five dollars. And now, here's that  
24      fourteen dollars we talked about on the other page  
25      where the Sheriff needs to take fourteen dollars out  
26      of millage. Then the Sheriff also needs to take one  
27      point two million dollars to decrease his capital for  
28      interest payment. Now, we need to go back. You say,  
29      well, what is this? Remember in the lease, capital  
30      lease agreement that the staff put together, the  
31      Sheriff decided instead of buying his cars he was  
32      going to lease them. Okay. Well, this is his  
33      payment towards the lease. This is his pro rata  
34      payment towards the lease. All right. Then we've  
35      got transfer out to road fee. All right. Rita,  
36      remind me, what is that? Oh, I know, I know what  
37      that is -- no, what is that? What is that one  
38      thousand -- one million dollars transfer out for the  
39      road fee.

40              RITA DAVIS:        That's that match, sir,  
41      that would go into this fund if Council voted on a  
42      road fee, we would have a special fund dedicated for  
43      District paving only. That million would go into  
44      that fund.

45              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Oh, yeah. Thank you  
46      ma'am.

47              RITA DAVIS:        Yes, sir.

48              FRANCIS CROWDER:   So, you will recall in the  
49      supplemental budget that we had one million dollars  
50      set aside that was going to be used for matching C

1 funds. So this money is being squirreled or placed  
2 in this particular budget. Well, it's going to be  
3 eliminated due to district paving being moved to a  
4 new fund. And so now we turn around and we're going  
5 to transfer that money out to road fee. So it's just  
6 a wash.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: I've got a question.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Floyd.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. First of all,  
10 if he's talking about the road fee here and the money  
11 that we voted on in the last budget that we were  
12 going to take and do our roads with; okay. That was  
13 last year's budget. Now I see it in this year's  
14 budget. Kind of help me understand that.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Money hasn't been spent.  
16 We got to carry it over. It's a carry-over.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: It's a carry-over into  
18 this year's budget. Okay.

19 TOMMY DUNN: The budget we're working  
20 on, yes, ma'am.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, all right. Now, do  
22 we have in this year's budget the money that we're  
23 going to put on top of this?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, it's in -- it  
25 is in there and also the matching money for the C  
26 fund money, as Mr. Crowder just talked about. You  
27 know, give them a million and you get a million back.  
28 So really that million turns into two million.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I understand that,  
30 but what I'm confused about is this. This is last  
31 year's budget money right there and we just transfer  
32 it to this year but what about 19 -- I mean 2016-17  
33 road money. Where is that?

34 TOMMY DUNN: All of this ain't last  
35 year's money, carry-over. This is the -- see road  
36 fee?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Confused.

38 KEN WATERS: Mr. Dunn?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Want to help her out,  
40 Rita?

41 GRACIE FLOYD: Going to help me out, Ms.  
42 Davis?

43 RITA DAVIS: Right, that road fee would  
44 be. It would generate about three and a half million  
45 dollars next year.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: But my question is this,  
47 if last year if we put -- we took out of the last  
48 year's budget, let's say twenty dollars. We took  
49 that out, all right, and we transferred it to this  
50 year's budget.

1                   RITA DAVIS:           Yes, ma'am.  
2                   GRACIE FLOYD:       Now, where is the money  
3   for the road fee for this year?  
4                   TOMMY DUNN:        It's not in there, Ms.  
5   Floyd, because this is recommendations, this is --  
6   that's in this book.  
7                   GRACIE FLOYD:       That's in that book?  
8                   TOMMY DUNN:        That's right. It's only  
9   about changes.  
10                  GRACIE FLOYD:       Okay. Good.  
11                  KEN WATERS:         Mr. Dunn?  
12                  TOMMY DUNN:         Yeah.  
13                  KEN WATERS:         May I? Just looking at  
14   this, this would be the new proposed fee for -- if it  
15   were to pass.  
16                  TOMMY DUNN:         That's right.  
17                  KEN WATERS:         One of the things in  
18   looking at these figures, each district, what you  
19   pay, that's what you would be spending in your  
20   district, is that correct? Looking at these figures?  
21                  TOMMY DUNN:         No, not necessarily.  
22                  RITA DAVIS:         No, sir.  
23                  TOMMY DUNN:         Little bit more  
24   complicated formula than that what you all it.  
25                  KEN WATERS:         Well, I was just looking  
26   at what, you know, what was written here. It appears  
27   to me that what you would actually pay out of your  
28   district you would be able to keep up with what each  
29   car -- if you have a car and you pay twenty dollars,  
30   then that twenty dollars would go towards your  
31   district, is that correct?  
32                  FRANCIS CROWDER:    No, that has currently not  
33   been discussed. But that is a wonderful point,  
34   because I raised the point in the Finance Committee  
35   that the money should stay in the district in which  
36   it's raised because, heretofore, District 1 has not  
37   got its equitable share of the road money. Y'all  
38   remember that.  
39                  KEN WATERS:         That's correct. And what  
40   you're saying is correct now. In looking at this, in  
41   the old formula ---  
42                  TOMMY DUNN:         What you're talking about,  
43   that's not in there. That's not it.  
44                  FRANCIS CROWDER:    No, it is the same  
45   formula.  
46                  KEN WATERS:         It's the same formula?  
47                  RITA DAVIS:         Yes, sir.  
48                  KEN WATERS:         I'm getting more money, so  
49   I'm happy with it.  
50                  TOMMY DUNN:         Go ahead, Mr. Crowder.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: Okay. Well, going back to  
2 line 189 -- 191. From 191 down to 198 this is where  
3 you see the money that would -- from the road fee;  
4 that's the twenty dollars. Should Council pass it --  
5 we haven't passed it -- so don't nobody say, well,  
6 it's passed. That's just plugged into the budget so  
7 that we can say how does the budget stand and where  
8 can we either cut or add to. So this is the  
9 recommended by Mr. Burns and them. What they've done  
10 is they've included like District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,  
11 7; those are actually calculated on the old way that  
12 monies were distributed and not hopefully -- I hope a  
13 new way that would say, if people paid the tax in  
14 that district, that the road fee ?? I know some  
15 people are not going to like that, but, you know.  
16 District 1 wants its equal share and I'm sure  
17 District 7 wants his equal share, but you know.  
18 Anyway, this is just here for discussion.

19 Okay. Now we go down, we've already done  
20 199. Well, we did 200, too. 201, well, we did that,  
21 too. Now we get to 202. 202 -- remember the ENI  
22 project? The ENI engineering project that we did.  
23 When Mr. Burns and them negotiated with them about  
24 how much they could count on the state or grants to  
25 -- would be matched for them to come here. Well,  
26 regrettably Mr. Burns advised me that a hundred  
27 thousand dollars of that is tied up in the current  
28 budget and the people are wanting their money now;  
29 that they've been promised the money and that's been  
30 a good while ago. So he is asking us to fund this  
31 money -- fund the hundred thousand dollars with the  
32 expectation that hopefully we will get that back from  
33 the new senate version -- well, the new South  
34 Carolina budget that they're haggling over. And to  
35 do that, we would then have to take that hundred  
36 thousand dollars -- that's what line 203 is -- we  
37 would take that hundred thousand dollars out of the  
38 fund balance that we have for the infrastructure  
39 fund. Then we get to the debt service. Well, the  
40 2008, you know, basically the additional thousand  
41 dollars is to adjust financing fees required. 2005,  
42 that -- taking nineteen thousand dollars out of fund  
43 balance to decrease the usage of fund balance due to  
44 FILOT, because we're going to transfer part of that  
45 debt over to FILOT instead of using fund balance, so  
46 that's what the next item is. You see nineteen  
47 thousand and twenty thousand dollars to offset it.  
48 Because we would be using fee in lieu of money  
49 instead of fund balance money.

50 On the next item page, we're just about



1       there. Capital projects, all right, we have -- this  
2       is money for the four thousand dollars -- we're  
3       reducing -- that reduction is due to the fact that we  
4       did not recommend the position in Building and  
5       Grounds. So we're actually not having to spend that  
6       much money, so then, therefore, on the next line item  
7       we're actually able to add ---

8               RITA DAVIS:            ??? We were removing -- go  
9       ahead, sir.

10              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Ahh.

11              RITA DAVIS:        We're just shifting it  
12       from the capital to CIP. We're just adding it to the  
13       CIP line item for Building and Grounds to potentially  
14       use on buildings. And taking it out of the capital  
15       lease.

16              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yep. Okay. Thank you.

17              RITA DAVIS:        Yes, sir.

18              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Thank you, ma'am. Then we  
19       go to wastewater. Wastewater, we're increasing the  
20       salaries for wastewater. Well, we actually decrease  
21       -- no we're increasing it so that one of the  
22       employees that we gave a raise to on 4/26, that  
23       increase in salary can be contained in this new  
24       year's budget.

25              TOMMY DUNN:        Mr. Crowder, if you can,  
26       just to sort of speed things up. 2009 -- I mean, 209  
27       to 213 that's just salary adjustments. As far as and  
28       all the fringes, retirement social security,  
29       medicare. And going to 214, wastewater management  
30       lease, that's the Pendleton agreement. That's  
31       supposed to come up about the new agreement that Mr.  
32       Allen and Mr. Burns and Derrick Singleton and our  
33       attorney, Mr. Harmon, has been working on, correct?

34              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yes, sir.

35              TOMMY DUNN:        And next will be storm  
36       water. And that's what we put in -- he's  
37       recommending because of the increase in monitoring,  
38       two hours professional services, engineering thing,  
39       is that not correct?

40              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yes, sir.

41              TOMMY DUNN:        Fund balance would be the  
42       wastewater management. You want to explain that.  
43       And next is storm water, would be engineering --  
44       engineering fees.

45              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yes, sir.

46              TOMMY DUNN:        And last solid waste, that  
47       would be again, would be adjustments as far as health  
48       insurance; is that not correct?

49              FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yes, sir.

50              TOMMY DUNN:        And insurance. Just

1       trying to heat this thing up because everybody's  
2       going to have questions I know this -- about getting  
3       this thing. Is anything else?

4               FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah, can we take a break,  
5       please sir?

6               TOMMY DUNN:       Yeah, I'm just trying to  
7       finish this up right quick before we start something  
8       new. Y'all got anything -- any more discussion going  
9       to be on that? Because what I'm getting at, we got  
10      to add some more time, because we went an hour.

11              FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. I'm through.

12              TOMMY DUNN:       Tom, is it all right with  
13      y'all if we finished up with this? Got any questions  
14      or whatnot? Y'all good? Mr. Cole? Good, Ms.  
15      Wilson? Ms. Floyd?

16              GRACIE FLOYD:     Yes, may I? We going to  
17      take a break?

18              TOMMY DUNN:       I was going to say if we  
19      finish up with this we'll take a break and we'll come  
20      back and start on the next thing.

21              GRACIE FLOYD:     Okay, all right. I've got  
22      some questions. I've got some questions on this road  
23      fee. There is something that is not jiving.

24              TOMMY DUNN:       We can talk about that on  
25      the budget. We can talk about that next time on the  
26      budget if you want to. Road fees.

27              GRACIE FLOYD:     Next item?

28              TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

29              GRACIE FLOYD:     I can bring that back.

30              TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, ma'am.

31              GRACIE FLOYD:     Great. Good.

32              TOMMY DUNN:       No objection, we'll take a  
33      short break.

34                               **(BREAK 8:06 PM TO 8:16 PM)**

35              TOMMY DUNN:       Moving on to Item number  
36      9(a) Ordinance second reading, 2015-016, budget of  
37      the second reading. And this will be a public  
38      hearing to start with. We'll go into a public  
39      hearing. Anyone wishing to address this, please  
40      address the Chair, keep things on the budget. At  
41      this time it'll be a public hearing. Anyone wishing  
42      to step forward, please step forward now and state  
43      your name and district and address the Chair.

44              ELIZABETH FANT:   Okay. I already had this  
45      prepared. A little bit of it has changed because of  
46      observations tonight. But generally most of it still  
47      stands. I'm going to make some people mad tonight so  
48      what's new? Observations that have been learned from  
49      the budget and County Council meetings. Every  
50      department think its needs are the most important and

1       urgent. Nobody seems willing to do with less. The  
2       proposed budget is full of fat. Departments ask for  
3       an average of thirty percent more than they need so  
4       when the budget is cut departments are still  
5       sufficiently funded and every year they ask for  
6       increases. And every year each department spends  
7       down its balances in various accounts by end of year  
8       transfers. So next year they can justify the need  
9       for more money. There should be lots of money left  
10      in accounts for fuel since the gas prices went down  
11      considerably. The County is taxing for all the bells  
12      and whistles while the small towns are suffering.  
13      The County buys all the new expensive and often  
14      unnecessary items. The towns are using twenty year  
15      old stuff, being minimally staffed, and lacking  
16      structural updates. The system is inequitable for  
17      towns. The county keeps creating parks and event  
18      centers, money is budgeted for upkeep, but the towns  
19      do not have adequate funds for upgrades or upkeep for  
20      their recreation projects.

21             The FILOs are smoke and mirror. Every new  
22      addition or plant requires roads, sewer upgrades,  
23      more permits, more county paperwork by more  
24      employees, hence more money which we as taxpayers  
25      pay. The taxable growth is already eaten up before  
26      the product arrives. Example, our permit department  
27      now needing additional personnel to deal with those  
28      permits. And with the temp agencies handling the  
29      staffing, the new workers are not getting the  
30      promised salaries which were to fuel constituent  
31      spending like building a house or buying a car which  
32      should provide county tax income which was to offset  
33      the FILO, fee in lieu of tax. So we as citizens pick  
34      up the burden. We haven't been hit with that yet --  
35      most of that -- it's coming. Lots of mandate costs  
36      are forced on us from the federal government, which  
37      does not pay the money -- provide the money to pay  
38      for same. The same applies to state money. Right  
39      now the state is relinquishing responsibility for  
40      roads that the county -- us -- will now pay for.  
41      Powdersville has an unfair advantage. No city taxes.  
42      It takes a long time for the Sheriff's deputies to  
43      make calls there, which hurts other areas needing  
44      assistance. They need to incorporate so they are  
45      treated equally fair to other towns. The Sheriff's  
46      deputies do not pay for job clothing, car, gas; most  
47      take the vehicle home. Their benefits include paid  
48      health insurance. I understand the morale is low.  
49      Maybe it's too much money spent on high dollar  
50      vehicles, other bangs and whistles, instead of

1 salaries. County paid training can advance entry  
2 level pay quickly if deputy has initiative. County  
3 officials only make -- that's you -- you only make  
4 the decisions or place the order or the invoice, but  
5 we, the taxpayers, pay for it.

6 We need a three year moratorium on building  
7 and spending on new products and personnel. We are  
8 still paying for the unused parking garage, the annex  
9 building, the Townsend, the re-do for the solicitor,  
10 the Sheriff's emergency center, the EOC, including  
11 seventeen thousand dollars for each chair.  
12 Ridiculous.

13 Our County Council has six Republicans and  
14 none of you, in my opinion, are acting enough  
15 conservatively. You're just going along with  
16 bureaucracy and growing government. This fourteen  
17 point four, or fourteen point five billion dollar  
18 debt is just an example of that. We did not elect  
19 you to do that. Live up to your word. I've given  
20 you some examples tonight of friends of mine who are  
21 hurting miserably. They are just a few of the  
22 examples of the people that I talk to. Many of the  
23 people that I deal with in my animal rescue  
24 organization are seniors who have lost their spouses,  
25 their children are grown, they have no one to care  
26 for them, they may have a pet who is their solace and  
27 they can't even afford to get services for their  
28 pets. Why should we, as citizens, why should we pay  
29 for more expansion, more buildings, more staff, more  
30 computers, more everything on your wish list, when  
31 citizens can't pay for their own needs with their  
32 meager income and high taxes. Forty percent of  
33 individuals are dependent on government. I read in  
34 the church bulletin this week that one senior in five  
35 over sixty-five lives yearly on a salary of seven  
36 thousand five hundred or less. Folks, that's twenty  
37 dollars a day for everything that they have to  
38 provide for. Adding more taxes will make more people  
39 fall into the lower income tax bracket who will then  
40 need more assistance and will -- then we'll have to  
41 charge more taxes to pay for that.

42 Instead of growth, which requires more  
43 everything, try helping the citizens who are paying  
44 your bills now and who can't afford to pay for these  
45 very things in their own budgets. Help the people  
46 who are already here. Give us a raise by not adding  
47 taxes. Provide tax incentives for people who own  
48 empty business buildings. Give incentives for people  
49 who want to rent them. That creates stability and  
50 jobs. And it helps stop ghost town syndrome in empty

1 shopping areas. Help small towns survive. I might  
2 add that on Fant Street, from down here at the  
3 hospital up to where you get to Ingles, I've counted  
4 no less than ten empty buildings right there on that  
5 one street. Most people had to pay extra income  
6 taxes in April because of the Obama health tax and  
7 I've already reported to you tonight the twenty-six  
8 percent more in health insurance is coming down the  
9 pipeline.

10 Our county employees have gotten raises for  
11 three years because the county, the taxpayers -- us  
12 -- have picked up the additional health care costs.  
13 That's a raise because they're not having to pay for  
14 it. Add that to last year's bonus and a raise the  
15 year before. They may not be getting everything they  
16 deserve, or that we would like to give them, but my  
17 plumber, my heating and air person, my landscape  
18 person that cuts my grass, they're not getting it  
19 either. All the citizens are getting is higher  
20 costs. Higher utility, a proposed gas tax, car fees,  
21 higher school tax, higher hospitality tax, sewer  
22 fees, trash truck fees. We cannot afford any more  
23 taxes. We cannot afford any more taxes.

24 I hope Council members will really consider  
25 this. Consider their position and stop where we are,  
26 take a look at how things are, help us to go forward  
27 and not just go forward with government. Either that  
28 or a chance to give citizens a chance to recover from  
29 this recession, because the average person hasn't.  
30 Or are you just going to play along with the  
31 bureaucracy game, adding taxes and debt and therefore  
32 prolonging the difficulty for your taxpayers, the  
33 constituents. We will be watching you and preparing  
34 to replace you with citizens who will represent our  
35 voice.

36 DENNY FLOYD: Good evening, I'm Denny  
37 Floyd, District 5. Appreciate you allowing me to  
38 have time to speak tonight. I'm here not for the  
39 fact that I can't afford to pay my taxes, not for the  
40 fact that I can afford to pay an increase you may  
41 want to put on us. What I'm here for is for the  
42 people that cannot afford it. That's why I came.  
43 Because if you noticed I haven't been here much. But  
44 I'm not through for those people out there. They do  
45 matter to me.

46 You know, the rumor had went around and  
47 obviously it's not a rumor, that there is a proposal  
48 to increase taxes. There's a proposal to increase --  
49 put twenty-five dollar tax on cars, vehicles. Well,  
50 I got my county tax bill due May 31st, just past, and

1     it was for a 2009 Camry, nothing fancy, and it was  
2     two hundred and ten oh four. Well, I gave that car  
3     to my daughter, who lives in Greenville. Her tax  
4     bill was a hundred and eighty-four seventy-eight for  
5     the exact same car with the exact same miles. It was  
6     the exact same car. Which is a difference we're  
7     looking at of twenty-five twenty-six that it costs us  
8     more to live in Anderson County. Well, I know what  
9     you're thinking; they got five hundred thousand  
10    people and we got almost two hundred thousand. They  
11    got more people paying taxes. Well, twenty-five  
12    dollars more in taxes makes a big difference in the  
13    number of people. Real quick. Now, you're  
14    discussing possibly to add twenty-five dollars more  
15    to it. So not only at that point would we be paying  
16    twenty-five twenty-six, we'd be paying fifty dollars  
17    and twenty-six more for a vehicle than what  
18    Greenville County does. Well, you way over made up  
19    what the five hundred thousand compared to our two  
20    hundred thousand. We got a problem in Anderson  
21    County. It's spending. It's mismanagement. You get  
22    money -- I've heard every one of y'all brag about,  
23    brag about bringing in these businesses, giving these  
24    fee in lieu of and selling us on the fact that it's  
25    going to be paying two hundred jobs at seventeen  
26    dollars an hour average. And we just keep giving it  
27    away and giving it away and we got -- oh, we're doing  
28    wonderful. We're doing wonderful. We've got more  
29    people living in Anderson County now. That means  
30    more people with those salaries are spending money  
31    here and paying taxes and that's -- came from y'all.  
32    I'm only repeating what y'all have said. And they're  
33    paying taxes. Well, if you were correct in what you  
34    were saying, why are you proposing another tax  
35    increase on us, like you been doing in the past few  
36    years. It don't equal out. Something's not coming  
37    out right.

38           And maybe a few of you haven't made that  
39    statement specifically, but some of you have and  
40    you're on the Council together, so I'm speaking as a  
41    whole. It just doesn't equal out. You're spending  
42    more then you should be spending and you don't mind  
43    using your people, the taxpayers, as your personal  
44    money pit. You're taking from us. It might not  
45    sound bad, eight dollars if we go up a couple of mils  
46    on a hundred thousand; it's only eight dollars. It's  
47    only eight dollars. It's only twenty-five dollars.  
48    The state's only adding another what, twenty, twenty-  
49    five, thirty dollars. The federal's only adding  
50    another, I don't know ten, fifteen more dollars.

1       It's only money. I got news for you. It's not.  
2       You're talking about money that will affect people  
3       going to the grocery store. And I'm telling you the  
4       seniors -- she's right, the seniors are being hit  
5       hard. Now, every one of you up there, I hope, you  
6       make pretty good money. Or you have money. So if  
7       you go up twenty-five dollars, it's not going to kill  
8       y'all. You're doing just fine. I think I've kind of  
9       heard that comment, along that sense. It's not going  
10      to hurt y'all. But there's people out there who are  
11      going to suffer dearly. This is the time for you to  
12      prove those people actually matter. Talking about  
13      more money to draw -- for roads. You people, except  
14      for one, this Council, excluding one, voted a couple  
15      of years ago to take Road and Bridge money out of a  
16      fund, what most people will call a slush fund, out of  
17      their supposedly slush fund, thirty thousand dollars  
18      to build a restroom in their district. But now, it's  
19      such a major problem that we need to go up twenty-  
20      five dollars on a vehicle. Well, in some families  
21      they got two vehicles. The two families -- two  
22      people working together may only be making thirty-  
23      five thousand dollar a year, but it takes two  
24      vehicles to go to two different jobs. You just hit  
25      those people even harder. Now it's fifty dollars  
26      extra on top of that. It might not hurt y'all, but  
27      there's a lot of people out here it does. And that's  
28      not just our seniors, there. We're talking about our  
29      people who's graduating high school, who's in their  
30      early twenties, just starting out with their family.  
31      Think about them. You were young once. Not unless  
32      you were born with a silver spoon in your mouth, then  
33      you understand. They have a hard time. When you add  
34      fifty dollars more to them, you just about destroy  
35      them. They have to do without most of the time  
36      necessities to do what they need to do.

37             I just want y'all to take the time to think.  
38      It's only eight dollars here. But eight dollars to  
39      me and you is not going to kill us. But some people  
40      it's really hurting. I've listened to some of the  
41      stuff on this budget -- and I'm not going to get into  
42      what I said the proposal -- I'll tell you what, just  
43      normal common sense would tell you something's wrong  
44      with some of that stuff that comes out. Just normal  
45      common sense. I have no idea, I haven't seen it, but  
46      I'm only going by just normal common sense listening  
47      to it. I have a family I've raised. I've had to  
48      work hard my whole life. So I know what a dollar  
49      means to me and my family. So I had to use good  
50      common sense. I don't have the education I guess

1 most of y'all have. But just plain old me, it don't  
2 make sense.

3 I think I've pretty much covered about what  
4 I kind of wanted to come out with. What Ms. Fant  
5 said, you know, some of it you might want to blow  
6 off. But I tell you what, some of it she said you  
7 ought to take to heart. Really to heart. There's  
8 people hurting. Get away from your crowd, your  
9 friends, the people you associate with. Get out here  
10 to the people that normally you wouldn't run with  
11 maybe and see how bad they're hurting. It is a  
12 problem.

13 Now to me, I'm not sure, but people want to  
14 propose stuff like this, if you're on that Council,  
15 obviously you're not thinking about running for  
16 reelection because there's a lot of movement in this  
17 county going on. If you notice and you get out here  
18 with real people, you'll see there's a movement  
19 starting to happen here in Anderson. You always  
20 heard the thing about the Taxpayers Association.  
21 Well, I'm sure you ain't worried about them because  
22 most of them are so old they can't do nothing. But  
23 guess what, they were smart enough to start working  
24 this past year that we've got sort of a little bit of  
25 fountain of youth starting to come in. You need to  
26 be concerned. Nobody wants to take you out up there.  
27 I don't want to take you out, Mr. Dunn. If you do  
28 your job, I'll support you any way I can. And I'll  
29 promise you that publicly. Just do what's right for  
30 the people. Thank you.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at  
32 all? Hearing none, the public hearing will be  
33 closed.

34 Do we have a motion on the floor we can get  
35 this and have some discussion? Ms. Wilson makes a  
36 motion to move forward. Mr. Waters seconds it. Now  
37 open the floor for discussion.

38 CINDY WILSON: May I?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

40 CINDY WILSON: First of all, on page 7  
41 there is a typo. It refers to a 2014 general  
42 obligation bond. The bond that's proposed is 2015.  
43 And I wanted to quickly run down some other  
44 perspectives that might help all of us understand.  
45 In reference to the media component ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Wilson,  
47 that typo, is that in the budget book or in the ---

48 CINDY WILSON: It's in the ordinance.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Ordinance, ordinance,  
50 okay.



1 GRACIE FLOYD: Where is it?  
2 CINDY WILSON: Page 7. It's in the  
3 ordinance, it's in the book and it's in what we've  
4 been given previously. But just -- I'm just going to  
5 run down some things that might make it a little  
6 simpler. This doesn't address anything but a few  
7 items that might make it a little clearer. The  
8 proposed bond is a fourteen and a half million dollar  
9 bond. And the debt service, which would begin I  
10 guess shortly after it would be floated, would be one  
11 million three hundred and thirty-one thousand five  
12 hundred. And I'm suggesting that before we determine  
13 to do that, that we take the one million that we've  
14 already appropriated over here at the Bailes building  
15 to demolish and abate the asbestos and then the  
16 million and a half dollars that we appropriated to  
17 also either purchase a building or begin building. I  
18 believe that there is a lot more research as to the  
19 needs of the county and possibly selling some of the  
20 other sites that we have that don't meet the needs,  
21 but I believe it really does require that we take the  
22 eight to ten months that it will take to get the  
23 building down and site prepped to look at that. And  
24 then there may even be a big offer for that site --  
25 who knows -- or maybe an offer of a partnership and  
26 we might not need the fourteen and a half million.  
27 So that's one point -- one million three hundred and  
28 thirty-one thousand five hundred that we could take  
29 out of consideration right away.

30 We've already discussed some of the  
31 overtime. I just went down because so much of  
32 reporting on budgets focuses on cuts and increases  
33 and I'm proposing that we consider simplifying it.  
34 Perhaps what we need to do is look at keeping the  
35 increases, taking them away except for some of the  
36 really desperately needed areas, and put them back at  
37 the current budget. Because that's where so much  
38 confusion results. If we took the overtime component  
39 -- that's a line item and keep it at its current six  
40 hundred and twenty-three thousand five hundred and  
41 ten dollars, that would be a hundred and twenty-eight  
42 thousand a hundred and ten dollar savings. If we  
43 keep our advertising budgets as current, then we  
44 would save fifteen hundred -- fifteen thousand seven  
45 hundred dollars. If we reduce proposed dues and  
46 subscriptions increases that would save five  
47 thousand. If we reduce the food account back to  
48 current, that would save nine hundred dollars. If we  
49 reduce the meals account back to the current of  
50 thirty-seven thousand five hundred and fifty-five

1 dollars, that saves seventeen thousand a hundred and  
2 fifteen dollars. If we reduce the telephone -- I  
3 think Mr. Crowder's already gone over this one, that  
4 we proposed -- from the proposed across the board of  
5 six hundred and seventeen thousand eight hundred and  
6 thirty dollars back to the current of five hundred  
7 and ninety-five thousand five hundred and ninety-five  
8 dollars, that's a hundred thousand dollar savings.  
9 If we reduce travel to the current of forty-nine  
10 thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars, that's a  
11 five thousand three hundred and forty-five dollar  
12 savings. If we reduce lodging to the current fifty-  
13 six thousand five hundred and eighty-five dollars,  
14 that's a thirteen thousand six hundred and fifteen  
15 dollar savings. If we reduce registration fees to  
16 the current twenty-nine thousand and fifteen dollars,  
17 that saves seventy-three hundred and thirty dollars.  
18 And taking out the TV, the media center, and even  
19 putting back the development standards requested  
20 person who could be cross-trained to deal with flood  
21 plain issues and development standards and storm  
22 water, my guess is we would save a million eight  
23 hundred and twenty-four thousand six hundred and  
24 fifteen dollars, just from those few things that we  
25 could consider.

26 So I'm just throwing this out as another  
27 offering. I went home last night after our Finance  
28 Committee meeting and I thought through what we've  
29 done -- and Mr. Crowder you have done an incredibly -  
30 - almost sacrificial work in trying to come up with  
31 ideas, too. But again so much of budget  
32 considerations really -- we could focus on not  
33 increasing current budgets, because I know we did  
34 start out thinking of doing zero based budgeting and  
35 we didn't get that. We got a budget book with a lot  
36 of added expenses. And we know that we want our  
37 employees to have good health insurance and so forth  
38 and obviously that's going up dramatically. I don't  
39 think a lot of businesses in the private sector can  
40 offer what our county offers our employees. So this  
41 was just some ideas that I wanted to throw out. Thank  
42 you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
44 Anyone else? Mr. Allen?

45 TOM ALLEN: Did you say there's going  
46 to be another meeting coming up in the near future  
47 ---

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, next week, we're  
49 going to have -- everybody get -- I hope -- my vision  
50 everybody take this -- these recommendations and

1 other things, soak them in. I hope they'll get with  
2 the Administrator and his staff to answer questions  
3 and whatnot, and then we'll have a meeting next week  
4 to go over in detail.  
5 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Because at that  
6 meeting I'd like to suggest at that meeting that this  
7 road fee be possibly pulled out as a separate item.  
8 Because I've had a lot of calls, too, that people are  
9 upset with this.  
10 TOMMY DUNN: Keep, keep -- wait a  
11 minute, excuse me, this road fee, keep in mind it's  
12 not in the budget.  
13 TOM ALLEN: Right, right.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: And so, it would be a  
15 separate item if it would have to be ---  
16 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. And I'd like to  
17 leave it that way. All right. Thank you.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. Ms. Floyd?  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm  
20 going to ask you a series of questions. Okay? It  
21 would help me.  
22 TOMMY DUNN: Uh-oh.  
23 GRACIE FLOYD: You'll do fine. They're  
24 easy. Okay. Is the fourteen point five million  
25 dollars for a new building and the two hundred and  
26 ninety-five thousand dollars for the Dolly Cooper  
27 Park still in the budget?  
28 TOMMY DUNN: It's in this one, yes,  
29 ma'am.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Still in the budget.  
31 Okay. That's a yes. Is the movement of the 9-1-1  
32 from the Sheriff to the county in the budget?  
33 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
34 GRACIE FLOYD: That's not in the budget.  
35 Okay. Is the twenty-five dollar vehicle fee in the  
36 budget?  
37 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Is the fact that we  
39 should cut the budget to exclude parks in the budget?  
40 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is the two mil  
42 increase in the budget?  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
45 TOMMY DUNN: As we look at it now.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's what I'm  
47 talking about. All right. You shouldn't have said  
48 now.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.  
50 GRACIE FLOYD: I was on a roll there.

1 The thing is, if we vote tonight on the second  
2 reading of the budget, we are voting -- all right, if  
3 all six of y'all vote tonight on the second reading  
4 of the budget, you're voting for the fourteen point  
5 five million dollars.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: You're also voting for the  
8 two mil tax increase.  
9 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: If you vote on this budget  
11 tonight. Is the salary for our employees' increase  
12 at two percent in the budget?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: That's the only good  
15 thing. That's still in the budget.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. All  
18 this other stuff that we heard tonight -- okay, wait  
19 a minute is the media -- that three media team still  
20 in the budget?  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: That's in the budget. So  
23 if we vote on the budget tonight, we'll be voting for  
24 the media too, right?  
25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Are we  
27 going to, at the next meeting, or at the workshop,  
28 will we be voting to take some things out of the  
29 budget then?  
30 TOMMY DUNN: We'll be voting to take or  
31 add. Yes, ma'am.  
32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: Make recommendations for  
34 third reading. Yes, ma'am.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: That was my mistake.  
36 We'll be making decision whether to take in or out at  
37 the next meeting.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: In or out, yes, ma'am.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: But if we vote on this  
40 budget tonight, we're voting on fourteen point five,  
41 we're voting for the salary increases at two percent,  
42 and we're voting on the mil increases at two point --  
43 excuse me -- at two point -- it's a two mil increase,  
44 right?  
45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, all right. Mr.  
47 Chairman, if I should hold my comments -- okay, I  
48 just got through telling Ms. Davis, I am not as smart  
49 as a lot of you up here, okay. I've got a degree in  
50 accounting, but it's not the accounting that y'all

1 do. Okay. I've got three degrees. Most of mine is  
2 in common sense. I don't have the kind of smarts  
3 y'all have because I can't go through this budget and  
4 say, well, if we do this is that going to be one  
5 point figure -- one point five million dollars that  
6 we can move to the next level and we can subtract  
7 this but that's a wash. I have to talk in plain  
8 people language. Now let me tell y'all something, if  
9 I don't understand what y'all talking about, I talk  
10 more plain people than y'all do, and the plain people  
11 don't understand neither. So what I'm ready to do  
12 here, I am going to ask you, as my Chairman.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: And I've been on this  
15 Council for sixteen years and I have always respected  
16 and supported my Chairman except one. But I'm asking  
17 -- as my Chairman, if I just sit here tonight and  
18 vote the way I feel like it should go, are we going  
19 to have time to go back through this thing and let's  
20 talk about it in plain people language?

21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.  
22 That's why I want everybody to feel comfortable and  
23 as I said earlier today, if it takes two or three  
24 more meetings, whatever it takes. Thank you. Anyone  
25 else?

26 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair? Yeah, I kind  
27 of like what Ms. Floyd was saying, there are some  
28 things we've discussed in the budget that I disagree  
29 with that will need to be changed. But those are  
30 things we can discuss at the budget meetings coming  
31 up. Whether we vote for or against.

32 TOMMY DUNN: I want to make sure  
33 everybody understands, too. Anybody on this Council  
34 tonight has got a right to make a motion to amend the  
35 budget to do anything tonight. And there will be  
36 plenty of time, what you call it. I would like to  
37 have, like I said, I don't know if you can do it in  
38 one meeting. But to vet this, for everybody to soak  
39 this in, because I don't know how -- I've kept up  
40 with it pretty good, but I've got some questions and  
41 I've been working with staff. Like I said, I almost  
42 lost my part time job coming here the last few days  
43 working on stuff and getting some questions. But to  
44 vet this thing out, I've got a whole list of stuff  
45 that I would like to see, you know, make  
46 recommendations on as far as, you know, anywhere from  
47 the sewer. The Finance Committee has done a good  
48 job, what they was asked to do and whatnot, but as I  
49 said to start the whole Council will get -- be a  
50 whole array of things. It's just like, you know, the

1 car fee, you know, it needs to be -- it needs to be  
2 -- it was an item to get out to try to put some money  
3 back on -- to get some money from roads to solve a  
4 problem. Columbia's not solving the problem. They  
5 ain't going to solve it. They talking about giving  
6 us a few more -- a little bit more money but that's  
7 going on the state roads. And, yes, we can pull some  
8 things to get some of that state money to put on  
9 county roads, but permanent -- at least a plan to put  
10 in thing about a road fee. I'm not advocating I'm  
11 for it, I'm just speaking in pros and cons about it,  
12 but I told people I'm weighing this. And I hear  
13 people talk about, you know, twenty dollars here and  
14 twenty dollars -- I understand, I've got to pay this  
15 -- anything we do I have to -- we have to pay too.  
16 So if somebody was talking, I was talking to somebody  
17 the other day, you know, you hit a pothole and it  
18 knocks your alignment out of your car, that's going  
19 to cost to fix too. That's just something other.  
20 Something you got to look at.

21 To answer the gentleman's question, you  
22 know, no doubt about it, it's a tax. But difference  
23 between calling something a tax and a fee, is you get  
24 to take that fee off on your income tax in a year and  
25 where with the other one, you don't. Motorcycles or  
26 not, I think the way I interrupt it, the way I see  
27 it, they're going to check that, would be anything  
28 motorized driving on the road as far as such would be  
29 a motorcycle or motor home. Moped would have to be  
30 -- I don't know how it was registered. You know what  
31 I'm talking about. I don't know how that's  
32 registered or not about a moped would count on that  
33 or not. Questions, you know, people need to know and  
34 get out what you call it. And this is what it is and  
35 what this is all about to debate it and look. You  
36 know, I've had people from all spectrums. I've had  
37 people call me and emailed me that's had ten vehicles  
38 in the family and said, you know, they want the roads  
39 fixed. And I've got some, no doubt about it, said  
40 you know, if they put twenty dollars on them, it's  
41 going to put them in the poor house.

42 So you know, you've got to take all this  
43 into consideration and look at it and do what's best  
44 you think for Anderson County as a whole and that's  
45 what I intend to do. And I know each and everyone,  
46 too, got their priorities and about doing and so  
47 hopefully we can get that. But I also want to say,  
48 you know, prioritize each Council member. I think  
49 when we got to do something for our employees. I  
50 mean, I just think that's a thing we're losing good

1 people and stuff. Ms. Floyd's brought up, it's been  
2 mentioned in budget things another thing about moving  
3 9-1-1 Center back under the Administrator and moving  
4 the Sheriff's budget back under the thing. That's  
5 something that needs to be talked about next thing.  
6 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't bring that up.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: I'm talking about the 9-1-  
8 1 thing. You asked was that in here.  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But I didn't bring  
10 it up.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: You didn't bring it up to  
12 ask -- I mean you brought it up tonight to ask the  
13 question.  
14 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay.  
15 TOMMY DUNN: But also, the Sheriff's  
16 millage at all coming back in the general fund. And  
17 the staff's got a report on this and I've asked him  
18 to get up some information to give to the Sheriff the  
19 whole Council about the pros and cons. And all this  
20 discussion was started out about trying to get some  
21 pay raises for our county employees the best way.  
22 And I've also asked staff closure to look at we've  
23 had this number's been bandied about, about overtime  
24 pay for 9-1-1 dispatch. Well, you know, to me you  
25 can't just say I'm going to cut out X amount of  
26 dollars for overtime without a plan. I've asked  
27 staff to come up with a plan how you going to staff  
28 9-1-1. I looked today and was astonished at some of  
29 the salaries that's being paid down at 9-1-1 when you  
30 add overtime. You realize if we cut out overtime,  
31 it's just a food for thought, and this will be  
32 presented at our next thing. If you cut out  
33 overtime, and I'm not saying we should or shouldn't,  
34 I'm just saying we cut out overtime and we implement  
35 a pay raise, bring it up to what the consultant said,  
36 do you know they'll be taking -- most everybody down  
37 there will be taking a pay cut. I repeat that, most  
38 everybody down there will be taking a pay cut. So  
39 that's something you got to -- you got to look at and  
40 you got to think about funding. But the main thing  
41 is, you got to staff the 9-1-1 Center. And get it  
42 and have a schedule in place that will work. And  
43 let's do it and can't come up at the last minute I  
44 want that to happen and I've asked that to be looked  
45 at and implemented and work out with the people and  
46 powers that be and I hope that will be something we  
47 discuss.  
48 Another thing is, you know, when we talk  
49 about our roads and just what you call it. How many  
50 miles of roads have we got in Anderson County? And

1     what kind of shape they in. Mr. Cole asked that  
2     question I think today and wanting a thing on this.  
3     You know, and keep in mind, very well may be getting  
4     a lot more miles whether we like it or not, be handed  
5     to us through the state. We've got to take care of  
6     stuff. So there's things that we got to do, each  
7     person, and I challenge each person to look at the  
8     recommendations of the Finance Committee. They  
9     prioritized things. Get with staff and ask questions  
10    and what not. I'll be glad to meet with anybody that  
11    thinks that I can help or whatnot. And talk to them  
12    and be prepared to meet next week. You know, it's  
13    just like the litter. The litter in Anderson County  
14    is an atrocious problem. Shameful. There's not --  
15    good thing about it is it's not just look to Anderson  
16    County, it's a statewide problem. And it's not just  
17    somebody just trash blowing out of the back of a  
18    pick-up truck. People's literally rolling down the  
19    car window and throwing it out. You don't pick up  
20    half empty beer cans, drink cans, stuff like that. I  
21    don't know if this figure's true or not, but at the  
22    litter summit I got to attend a small few minutes of  
23    it the other day, for about thirty, thirty-five,  
24    forty minutes, and when I was there the figure was  
25    bandied about a half million dollars a year or  
26    greater we spending on -- causing us on litter. So,  
27    you know, if we can put something on that and it's  
28    got to start with education and education catching  
29    some folks that's throwing it out and advertising  
30    that they get the book throwed at them. And that's  
31    what we need to get. We also need to keep our county  
32    looking good, whatever it might take. You know, I  
33    was -- Mr. Cole wants a litter team. I appreciate  
34    the Finance Committee at least getting us a part time  
35    thing to look at. Another thing I want to look at  
36    and discuss and have a thing about if we take that  
37    money instead of on part time, this was brought up to  
38    me, get somebody from the Sheriff's office, pay one  
39    person there. How many inmates could they have?  
40    They might could have one person, but they might give  
41    us -- they might be able to watch over five or six  
42    more inmates go out and pick up trash. Might be more  
43    bang for your buck. Things like that what we got to  
44    look at and talk about and get out.

45           Keep in mind I'm a firm believer you don't  
46    need a brand new F250 pickup truck to ride around and  
47    pick up trash in. Got to have a way on. So you  
48    know, there is work to be done, getting there and you  
49    know, we've got, the way I look at it, whatever the  
50    rest of the majority of Council feels, we got to end



1 of this month to get a budget passed. So whatever it  
2 takes on the time frame. I yield the floor and open  
3 it up to anyone else.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: I'll hold mine until -- I  
5 will hold my comments, criticisms, and anything else  
6 till the next meeting, but you promised I would get a  
7 chance to talk.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Everybody will, yes,  
9 ma'am.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm not talking about  
11 everybody, I'm talking about Gracie Floyd now, will  
12 get a chance to talk.

13 TOMMY DUNN: But you want everybody to  
14 have a chance, though, Ms. Floyd.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Of course, I do. I wish  
16 that they would speak up and say something. I wish  
17 they would. That's my dream for Anderson County.  
18 For each one of us to stand on our own two feet. And  
19 before God and man, and say what needs to be said.  
20 Election or no election. That's what I say.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

22 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

24 CINDY WILSON: I will vote for the budget  
25 to get us moving forward, but if we can't get some  
26 major things straightened out by third reading, I  
27 can't support it.

28 TOMMY DUNN: I understand perfectly and  
29 just like me I went on record and I'll say now, I'm  
30 going to vote for this budget tonight and move the  
31 process forward, and I voted it for the first time,  
32 but I will not vote for a two mil tax increase. And  
33 I think there's better ways to do it and I've said  
34 that from the get-go. And each your own got to think  
35 about, you know, I'm not going to -- I wish it would,  
36 but I don't think nobody is going -- a budget that  
37 passes all seven people is going to say, wow, that's  
38 a great budget. I can promise you that ain't going  
39 to happen. Hasn't happened since I've been on  
40 Council neither, Ms. Floyd.

41 CINDY WILSON: Maybe as we work through  
42 this big project, we can look at maybe there might be  
43 some departments in areas that it might be useful to  
44 try to do a zero based budget with them just a few  
45 segments to get it moving along.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen brought up the  
47 very first of this process about just leaving things  
48 where they was at last year's levels. And that can  
49 work on some things. Some things can even take a  
50 decrease. But some things we can't for the simple

1 reason we just talked about tonight, if no other  
2 reason just because we gave pay raises last year or  
3 salary adjustments and they got to be equated for.  
4 But you know, one thing I do want to say and  
5 everybody's got their own opinion about stuff and  
6 they can throw out stuff just like tonight. You  
7 know, we had somebody come up here and one minute  
8 talking about this, that and the other, people's  
9 opinion on government. Well, you can't have it both  
10 ways. You can't sit here and want the government to  
11 hold you hand and give you everything and then on the  
12 next hand cut everything out. Because we can cut  
13 four, five million dollars out of this budget, but  
14 services is going to go lacking. And that's what you  
15 got to keep in mind. That's just a fact. Everybody  
16 look at.

17 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman?

18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

19 KEN WATERS: A lot of people don't  
20 realize how long we've been working on this budget  
21 or beating our heads against the wall. This is not  
22 something you just sneeze at. Two o'clock in the  
23 morning. How many of you were up at two o'clock this  
24 morning? That's good. That's good. I was up at two  
25 o'clock this morning looking at this budget. Lot of  
26 things in there that I'm not going to like. Some  
27 things that I'm going to vote for that I don't like.  
28 Bad as I hate to say it, one day we're going to need  
29 a building. Two million or fourteen million. We  
30 don't know yet. We're going to have to look and see.  
31 But we're going to need it. We're going to have to  
32 plan for that. We're going to have to plan for what  
33 kind of building it is. Because we're going to need  
34 room. We're growing.

35 As far as roads, I have a lot of town hall  
36 meetings. I listen to my people and I explain to  
37 them what we're doing down here. Anybody's welcomed  
38 to come to it that wants to. They're concerned about  
39 their roads. Matter of fact, the town hall meetings  
40 that we had got two of the roads in my district  
41 paved. They weren't county roads. They were state  
42 roads. I'm proud of that. This here job there's a  
43 lot of time goes in it and we work hard for your  
44 money. And I'm proud of that. Just like I said,  
45 next town hall meeting will be in September and  
46 you're more then welcome to come.

47 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Any discussion  
49 before we vote? Mr. Crowder.

50 FRANCIS CROWDER: I reckon, you know, I

1 wasn't going to say anything, but my distinguished  
2 colleague from District 7 made a rule -- or a valid  
3 point about in the future what -- we're going to need  
4 a building. Now, when I look out there and look at  
5 those seats that we have, those remind me of seats at  
6 the Gloria Theater in Ninety Six, South Carolina.  
7 They remind me of something sixty to seventy years  
8 ago. When I walk into this place and then I go down  
9 to Anderson City Hall, the Administrative building,  
10 it's like going from daylight -- I mean from dark to  
11 daylight. Or going out to the district 5 building.  
12 Or even going up to Tri-County Tech. Have you ever  
13 walked into their Administrative building? I mean,  
14 it's big time. You go into their conference room,  
15 it's big, big time. And yet, tonight, in less than  
16 fifteen minutes, we voted to finance a twelve point  
17 five million dollar building beginning next year from  
18 somebody up yonder. So, that's all I have to say.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor  
20 of the motion, show of hands. The second reading of  
21 the budget. Second reading of the budget. All in  
22 favor of the budget, second reading. All opposed.  
23 Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen,  
24 Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson in  
25 favor, and Ms. Floyd opposes. Thank y'all.

26 Moving on the next Item number 10 (a)  
27 R2015-017, an Ordinance requesting major amendments  
28 to a Midway Ridge Planned Development statement of  
29 Intent on 12.81 acres located on Midway Road. Mr.  
30 Forman. We will have a public hearing on this after  
31 Mr. Forman enlightens Council and the public.

32 MIKE FORMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
33 This is a planned development that has been brought  
34 before you request for major amendment. The request  
35 actually is for three amendments, two of which were  
36 considered by the zoning administrator to be minor  
37 changes so were handled administratively. Those  
38 being the change to add an eighteen inch brick water  
39 table and to add the monument signs to the front.  
40 The major change as you see before you is a request  
41 to revise the allowable square footage in the planned  
42 development from eighteen hundred to twenty-one  
43 hundred square feet to a range of eighteen hundred to  
44 twenty-eight hundred square feet. The staff has  
45 recommended approval for this request. The District  
46 1 zoning advisory group has recommended approval by a  
47 vote of three to zero with one absent. And Planning  
48 Commission has recommended approval of this request  
49 by a vote of four to zero with two absent. Thank  
50 you, sir.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time  
2 we'll be going into a public hearing. Anyone wishing  
3 to speak to this matter, please step forward and  
4 state your name and address the Chair. Anyone at  
5 all?

6 SHAWN KRUGLEWICZ: Hello. Good evening.  
7 Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council, for this time  
8 this evening. I'm Shawn Kruglewicz, I represent the  
9 builder in this development and I just want to speak  
10 on two major changes. One is the square footage  
11 range from eighteen to twenty-one hundred square  
12 feet. We feel like that range is such a small range  
13 in development that if we increase our square footage  
14 from twenty-one to twenty-eight hundred square feet,  
15 we can add larger homes to the community. We can  
16 also add, right now with eighteen hundred to twenty-  
17 one hundred square feet, we can only build two floor  
18 plans, which we feel like if we can increase the  
19 square footage we can build up to seven floor plans.  
20 So we feel like two versus -- is less appealing  
21 versus having seven floor plans and make the street  
22 and the value of the community more appealing.

23 As far as the brick and one other change is  
24 the houses to the brick are stone fronts with vinyl  
25 sides and rears. What we'd like to do is just  
26 clarify the front of the homes to be stone or brick  
27 accent versus full brick. We feel like the plain  
28 brick fronts, we feel like the textures with the  
29 stone accent and the different textures would be more  
30 appealing to today's home buyers. As far as the  
31 vinyl sides, we would like to offer, like he said, is  
32 the eighteen inch water table of stone, or brick  
33 water table around the sides of home and the rears of  
34 the homes. We really feel like that will increase  
35 the street appeal of the community.

36 With these small changes we really feel it  
37 will create more visibility and appeal in the  
38 community with the increase in floor plans and  
39 eighteen inch brick watertable along the sides of the  
40 home. I want to thank you for your time this evening  
41 and consider this, this evening. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

43 RANDY BREWER: Good evening. My name is  
44 Randy Brewer. And I'm the developer of this  
45 subdivision. I want to thank the Council. We've  
46 been here before in January and were denied. Since  
47 then we've had three meetings with the district  
48 person there, Mr. Crowder, and Mr. Burns and also one  
49 with Mr. Dunn, in an effort to try to adjust our  
50 request to something that the Council would feel, you

1 know, meet into the product and be satisfactory to  
2 all. The only other -- two other things and I want  
3 to thank the three of you guys for your time and  
4 trying to work with us. Other two things that I  
5 wanted to mention, for some of you folks that maybe  
6 are not builders, and I'm not a builder. I used to  
7 do some building but not -- but an eighteen hundred  
8 to twenty-one hundred square foot window is so  
9 narrow, like Mr. Kruglewicz said, it doesn't give  
10 them much floor plans, but the -- you know, it's what  
11 I would like, what he would like, but more  
12 importantly it's what the home owner would like. I  
13 mean a garage -- that's only three hundred square  
14 feet and a garage is four hundred or more. It -- to  
15 me it means that if you bought a house at twenty-one  
16 hundred square feet and you -- I was running a  
17 special on sun rooms or Florida rooms, you couldn't  
18 get one. Now, you could have a screened in porch on  
19 the back, but you couldn't close it in. It just  
20 gives the homeowner more choices so that the value --  
21 if the whole subdivision were restricted to three  
22 hundred square feet, which is what the original  
23 people put in on the PUD, and I don't know that they  
24 knew what they were doing, but I think in years to  
25 come, if you only had homes in there between eighteen  
26 hundred and twenty-one hundred square feet, that the  
27 value of those homes is not going to be comparable to  
28 other homes in the area. And it's going to look  
29 pretty much like a carbon copy, almost a HUD  
30 development.

31 But I thank you for your time. Oh, one  
32 other thing. Since we were -- it took us, almost six  
33 months to get back. We've asked for these two  
34 changes. We added the borders around the sides and  
35 the back at the behest of some of the Council members  
36 to try to do something for the sides and the back  
37 and going from twenty-one hundred to twenty-eight  
38 hundred square feet. If that's not acceptable to the  
39 members of the Council, if there's some other  
40 alternative that you could recommend tonight that you  
41 could tweak, that we could tweak, I'd rather do that  
42 and know what is acceptable than to take another  
43 three or four months to come back. If you would I'd  
44 appreciate that. Thank you very much.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else  
46 wishing to speak on this matter? Anyone at all?  
47 Hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Do we  
48 have a motion? Let me ask Mr. Forman, if we were to,  
49 as the gentleman said, to tweak something or other,  
50 or ask to be tweaked, if we table this tonight and

1 bring it back, would that be a problem with that?  
2 MIKE FORMAN: No, sir.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: Does he get one more last  
4 chance to see if we can come up with a compromise or  
5 something or other, work on something or other?  
6 MIKE FORMAN: Yes, sir, that would be at  
7 the ---  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Instead of waiting three  
9 or four months. What's involved?  
10 CINDY WILSON: May I ask a question, not  
11 being a builder, but a water table is simply a facade  
12 rather than a crawl space?  
13 TOMMY DUNN: My understanding, and I  
14 don't want to take -- all of it's slab. Water table  
15 would be up so high and then you have a ledge what  
16 they call a water table all the way around the house.  
17 CINDY WILSON: So it's still on slab.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.  
19 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?  
21 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: I was waiting for a motion  
23 to move it. I would have made it if I had known, you  
24 know, we have -- usually there's others to do that.  
25 But ---  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I'll be ---  
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Why would we want to delay  
28 it?  
29 TOMMY DUNN: My personal thing is I  
30 yield to the distinguished Council member from  
31 whoever's district it is. I think Mr. Crowder. And  
32 I think he's got some things he's trying to do. So  
33 I'm not saying we will, but the whole thing as a  
34 consideration for the people who was here tonight,  
35 instead of waiting another -- to keep beating a dead  
36 horse, to have a meeting with them and Mr. Crowder  
37 and see if something can be worked out. And if not,  
38 it won't be. But I mean I think it's -- won't cost  
39 nobody a dime to have a meeting. I'm all for  
40 communication.  
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But see, I just  
42 misunderstood because I thought that they were saying  
43 they had the meeting with you and with ---  
44 TOMMY DUNN: They have had a meeting  
45 and they have made some changes but I think as he  
46 said, suggested, the -- need to tweak something  
47 they'd rather see us -- have a meeting and get it  
48 tweaked instead of just getting it voted down. We  
49 haven't met in several months. In fact I was a  
50 little surprised to see it on the agenda. I make a

1 motion we table this.  
2 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.  
3 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, I'll withdraw  
4 mine and let Mr. Allen.  
5 TOM ALLEN: I was just going to ask,  
6 is there something tweakable?  
7 TOMMY DUNN: I think there might be.  
8 TOM ALLEN: Okay. It can be done.  
9 Because ---  
10 TOMMY DUNN: I'm not saying there are.  
11 I'm just saying might be.  
12 TOM ALLEN: They made a good  
13 presentation. I think they're, you know, trying to  
14 get this thing to move along. If there's -- I don't  
15 want to drag them out if there's no answer to it.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: All I'm saying, we'll try  
17 to give it the next meeting night.  
18 TOM ALLEN: Okay.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: That or the alternative  
20 might be -- nobody might not like, is what I'm just  
21 saying. In all fairness to what you call it. And  
22 I'm not saying nothing can be, I'm just trying to get  
23 something or other if it can be worked out or not. I  
24 make a motion we table this until next meeting.  
25 KEN WATERS: Second.  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Second. All in favor of.  
27 All oppose. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
28 I'm sorry, you opposed?  
29 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm opposed, yeah.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. Okay, I'm  
31 sorry. Show the motion carries Mr. Waters, Mr.  
32 Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder, Ms. Wilson in  
33 favor, Ms. Floyd opposed.  
34 Okay. Moving on next, ordinance to amend an  
35 agreement for the development of a joint county  
36 industrial and business park (2010 park) of Anderson  
37 and Greenville counties. Mr. Harmon, you want to  
38 take this?  
39 LEON HARMON: Yes, sir. This is an  
40 ordinance to add four projects in Greenville County  
41 to the Anderson Greenville Multi-County Park. They  
42 are currently listed by code names because an  
43 announcement has not been made, but the actual names  
44 of the projects would be added to this ordinance at a  
45 later time.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Go through this, ain't  
47 nothing to it. We're just a pass-through for  
48 Greenville, more or less, right?  
49 LEON HARMON: That's correct.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: They do the same for us.

1                   LEON HARMON:           They do the same for  
2   Anderson. We would receive revenue off of these  
3   projects consistent with the multi-county park  
4   agreement.  
5                   MITCHELL COLE:       Mr. Chairman?  
6                   TOMMY DUNN:         Yes, Mr. Cole.  
7                   MITCHELL COLE:       Move we accept.  
8                   TOMMY DUNN:         Mr. Cole makes a motion  
9   move we accept. Have a second? Mr. Allen. Any  
10 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show  
11 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
12 carries unanimously.  
13                  Moving on to item number 11. Report from  
14 the Finance Committee.  
15                  ROBERT CARROLL:    Yes, sir. The first item  
16 we have is pickup trucks for the Sheriff's office,  
17 and sent out for bids. Low bid was Edwards Auto  
18 Sales for one forty-three five hundred and fifty.  
19 And per code we checked state contract pricing to  
20 compare and we can buy the same vehicles on state  
21 contract for about twelve thousand dollars less so  
22 we're recommending award to Vic Baily Ford for one  
23 hundred thirty-one thousand six hundred fifty-eight  
24 dollars.  
25                  FRANCIS CROWDER:   Finance Committee  
26 recommended this to move forward to Council.  
27                  TOMMY DUNN:         Coming from Finance  
28 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion?  
29 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
30 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
31 unanimously. Mr. Carroll.  
32                  ROBERT CARROLL:    The next item is for two  
33 trucks. And the low bidder again was Edwards Auto  
34 Sales, eighty-six thousand seven hundred. We  
35 compared state contract pricing and that price is  
36 with Vic Baily Ford for eighty-four thousand two  
37 hundred dollars. Staff recommends award to Vic  
38 Bailey.  
39                  TOMMY DUNN:         And Finance Committee  
40 recommended?  
41                  FRANCIS CROWDER:   Yeah, Finance Committee  
42 recommends those.  
43                  TOMMY DUNN:         Coming from Finance  
44 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion?  
45 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
46 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
47 unanimously. Moving on, Mr. Carroll.  
48                  ROBERT CARROLL:    All right. The next item  
49 is for nine -- originally nine unmarked vehicles.  
50 Low bidder was Anderson Ford for three hundred



1 thousand six hundred ten dollar and thirty-five cent.  
2 We had also bid out two -- you'll see the next page  
3 there in your back up -- bid out two Chevrolet Tahoe  
4 vehicles. We got no responses on that. So we would  
5 like to go back and add those two vehicles over to  
6 the nine that was bid out, making that eleven. And  
7 you'll see the notation on there, so we're  
8 recommending award to Anderson Ford here in Anderson  
9 for three hundred sixty-seven thousand four hundred  
10 twelve dollars and sixty-five cents.

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee  
12 recommends those to Council.

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

18 ROBERT CARROLL: The last item is for ten  
19 marked vehicles this time, and recommend award to  
20 Anderson Ford, three hundred fifty-nine thousand  
21 eight hundred thirty-eight dollars.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee  
23 recommends these, Chairman.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Again, coming from Finance  
25 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion?

26 GRACIE FLOYD: ???

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.  
28 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
29 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
30 unanimously.

31 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

33 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Burns, or Rita, would  
34 you all like to do the transfers?

35 ???: ???

36 TOMMY DUNN: Yep, that'll be good.

37 FRANCIS CROWDER: Can we just take all of  
38 them, sir, and see if there are any controversial?

39 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I say,  
40 everybody just look at them and see if there's  
41 anything on the budget transfers. Got any questions  
42 or comment, we'll try to get them answered.

43 ???: ???

44 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah, we do, we are --  
45 well, we're holding to the supplemental information  
46 that has been provided to us. So we need to vote on  
47 the ones that are -- all of them other than the two  
48 that are held. Well, actually two and then we tabled  
49 one.

50 RITA DAVIS: Right. Number 13, we had

1 to -- you were moving to full Council.

2 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah.

3 TOMMY DUNN: 13 was moved to full --  
4 okay, we'll get them, we'll get those three next. Do  
5 the other ones now. Be 13 and what's the other two  
6 numbers?

7 FRANCIS CROWDER: 15 and 20.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Hear any comments on them?  
9 Hearing none, all in favor. These are the ones we're  
10 voting on, ones coming from the Finance Committee,  
11 recommended from Finance. All in favor of the motion  
12 show of hands of these transfers. All opposed like  
13 sign. Show it carries.

14 Now, Ms. Davis, you got two on there that  
15 was tabled, my understanding.

16 RITA DAVIS: My records show just one,  
17 number 13 ultimately was the only one that the  
18 Finance Committee did not take a vote on. They said  
19 let's move it to full Council and let them vote on  
20 it.

21 TOMMY DUNN: 13?

22 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
24 question? The original budget for that item was  
25 thirteen hundred. Plus they had a twelve hundred  
26 dollar food budget. Now, what was the last transfer  
27 we made for them? Before this one? Was it sixteen  
28 hundred?

29 RITA DAVIS: Sixteen hundred. Yes,  
30 ma'am.

31 CINDY WILSON: Sixteen hundred? So if  
32 you add thirteen hundred and sixteen hundred, that's  
33 twenty-nine hundred. And then you've got three  
34 thousand. That's over five thousand. That makes it  
35 fifty-nine hundred.

36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Chairman, the Finance  
37 Committee moved these to you for consideration. I  
38 will tell you I will be voting against that transfer.

39 TOMMY DUNN: This is item number 13, is  
40 that correct?

41 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Explain that, Rita, for  
43 everybody, other Council members that's not on the  
44 Finance Committee.

45 RITA DAVIS: Staff is asking three  
46 thousand dollars be moved from repairs to vehicles to  
47 meals in emergency services department. That was for  
48 like the senior officials luncheon workshop that they  
49 had and the exercises with the South Carolina  
50 Management Division and Homeland Security personnel

1 talking about grant compliance. It's just various  
2 meetings, is my understanding, related like to the  
3 LEPC, they sponsored division guard exercises. So  
4 it's not just that department eating. The Sheriff  
5 came and described it. It's a network; it's the fire  
6 chiefs and everybody gets together.

7 TOMMY DUNN: I know what the LEPC is  
8 and I know what the visiting guard. Council members  
9 were at that if I'm not mistaken. What was -- how  
10 much money has been spent out of that budget?

11 RITA DAVIS: To date, sir, my records  
12 show -- just one second, if you don't mind. That  
13 would be two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Has been spend to today?

15 RITA DAVIS: But we've got some bills  
16 that we need to pay, like the Tucker's Restaurant  
17 bill that's still awaiting this transfer.

18 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yeah. See, that's the  
19 point, Chairman. The bills have already been  
20 encumbered prior to the money being appropriated.  
21 The whole budgetary process falls apart if people  
22 feel like they can go ahead and spend money and not  
23 have an appropriation, so consequently I will not be  
24 voting for that item.

25 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Let Ms.  
28 Wilson first.

29 CINDY WILSON: Don't forget, they were  
30 budgeted at thirteen hundred for meals. Plus they  
31 have a budget for food at twelve hundred. So I mean,  
32 there are not that many departments in the county  
33 that have that much food and without -- at the  
34 expense of sounding tacky, there's a whole lot of  
35 eating going on over there. It's over the budget.  
36 You've already got thirteen hundred base budget, you  
37 transferred sixteen hundred last month. And now  
38 they're requesting another three thousand this month.  
39 Fifty-nine hundred dollars on a thirteen hundred  
40 dollar budget. That's just really outrageous that  
41 they would be that uncaring about the budget process.  
42 Thank you.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Not being on the Finance  
45 Committee, I had some questions I would have asked.  
46 For example, was it short to begin with? What did  
47 they request at the beginning of the last fiscal  
48 year? Did they request the money -- enough money to  
49 cover everything that they knew would be taking place  
50 and they weren't given that amount?

1                   Number two, was it something that came up  
2     within the realm of what they do? Having people come  
3     to Anderson County for the training or just whatever.

4                   Number three, when did they ask for this  
5     money? Was it before the event, during the event or  
6     after the event and it just took so long for them to  
7     get it. If these -- if this or whatever it was --  
8     and not being on the committee I don't know --  
9     whatever it was, if it was something to promote them  
10    or to promote Anderson County or to help us fare  
11    better than we do in the state, then let's -- let's  
12    have a whole lot of eating going on. I don't see --  
13    you can't always do a budget down to the last penny.  
14    Maybe some of you all can, but I can't. Thank you.

15                  CINDY WILSON:       Mr. Chairman?

16                  TOMMY DUNN:         Ms. Wilson.

17                  CINDY WILSON:       Last year actual in the  
18    food account, they spend eleven hundred and eighty-  
19    two dollars and sixty-four cents. The budget this  
20    year was twelve hundred. At six months they'd only  
21    spent seven hundred and forty dollars and some odd  
22    cents over there. Then going down to meals, they  
23    spend twenty-four hundred and fifteen dollars and  
24    seventy-five cents over there last year and this year  
25    they have a thirteen hundred dollar budget. So even  
26    with sixteen hundred that had already been  
27    transferred, that's twenty-nine hundred. So, anyway.

28                  TOMMY DUNN:         Let's keep in mind, I  
29    don't like the process of, as Mr. Crowder said,  
30    spending money and asking for forgiveness afterward  
31    or whatnot. What's the deal with that, Ms. Davis?  
32    Can you explain that or anything on that?

33                  RITA DAVIS:         ???

34                  TOMMY DUNN:         I think about four or five  
35    of us was there. And there was a whole slew of  
36    people, dignitaries or soldiers and veterans of war  
37    things that was at that thing and it was very well  
38    perceived. I've got no problem with that. I've got  
39    no problem with the LEPC money. I know who all  
40    benefits and goes to it and the good work they do,  
41    but I'm just saying they should ask for it -- the  
42    transfer before. Don't do it and then just say I'm  
43    going to ask for the transfer. That's what I got a  
44    thing -- that's what I got a problem. But we got --  
45    and I want to make sure, Mr. Burns, this don't happen  
46    -- if we can pass the word on, this don't need to  
47    happen. They need to ask for the transfer of the  
48    money before the money's spent. Wherever they need  
49    to do, if we need to call a special meeting that  
50    needs to happen.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: I don't want to belabor a  
2 point, but I think we had this exact same, for the  
3 lack of a better word, discourse last year about this  
4 cost center. So this is a repetitive thing and not  
5 only last year, but even the year before that. So  
6 you know, it's kind of like, well, slap my hand but  
7 I'm going to do it again. Slap my hand but I'm going  
8 to do it again. Slap my hand but I'm going to do it  
9 again. I give up. So anyway. Thank you.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Let Mr. Cole go, if you  
12 don't mind. Mr. Cole.

13 MITCHELL COLE: Based on them adhering to  
14 the rules and regulations, I would say let's go ahead  
15 and approve the transfer. I'll make a motion.

16 TOMMY DUNN: We need to get something  
17 on the floor. Do we have a second? Second Mr.  
18 Waters. Now Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: I was just trying to think  
20 what this thing is or was, but you know what it  
21 sounds, you know, they should not have come -- they  
22 should not have spent the money they didn't, but it  
23 sounds to me like heavy handed. You know, I would  
24 resent -- I would resent having to crawl -- having to  
25 go before somebody and say, can I please have some  
26 money to do such and such. It should be a way that  
27 our people can feel free to go to our Administrator  
28 to get some funds approved for some of the stuff that  
29 they need. You know, why is it they have to come to  
30 us, Mr. Chair, to get some ---

31 TOMMY DUNN: That's our ordinance. The  
32 way our ordinance is wrote.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Maybe we need to take a  
34 look at that ordinance, because if we're making  
35 people do this, it's not the right thing to do.

36 TOMMY DUNN: But still it needs to be  
37 -- a process needs to go through.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Right, yeah, but ...

39 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

40 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair, and I agree  
41 with what -- everything you've said, that we do have  
42 a process to go through and you shouldn't go ahead  
43 and spend dollars before you have them. But Rita, I  
44 would ask, this money they're asking for, is this to  
45 pay bills that have already been accrued?

46 RITA DAVIS: Just at least one I know  
47 of, sir. And they were trying to anticipate for  
48 June, is my understanding, for LEPC meetings.

49 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So it's got to be  
50 paid. Some amount of that has to be paid anyway.

1 And I know some of this is for per diem and that's  
2 when they travel to other cities or states or  
3 whatever for meetings, that comes out of there, also?

4 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. My  
5 understanding is most of them come to here and we  
6 sponsor the meetings with the grant personnel.

7 TOM ALLEN: Okay. And sometimes I  
8 know -- and I'm not making excuses for them, and I'm  
9 not saying they should try to circumvent the system,  
10 but I know due to the nature of their business, they  
11 hold a lot of meetings as a regional emergency  
12 operations type thing. Just like the Red Dragon  
13 exercises and stuff like that. It's kind of the  
14 nature of their business that they sponsor these  
15 things. Sometimes we ask them to sponsor them. So I  
16 think if we've got bills that have to be paid, I feel  
17 it is kind of the nature of their business. We do  
18 need to look at the system. They should not go ahead  
19 and expend this money before they have it. But I  
20 think this time around, I'll agree with Mr. Cole, and  
21 then we put our foot down and say no. Thank you.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Or we improve the  
23 ordinance so they won't have to come to do that.  
24 They can go to the Administrator, who should be able  
25 to approve these things for him. Yeah. For them.

26 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Continuing to belabor the  
29 point. We also have a rule that when our employees  
30 go to seminars and things of that nature, if their  
31 meals are included in the cost of their attendance,  
32 they're not supposed to put money on charge -- I mean  
33 put expenses on charge cards for meals that are  
34 simultaneous. The same department did that, I think  
35 it was over a hundred dollars, and the meal was  
36 already covered. So it's a serial chronic issue and  
37 I don't think it's fair to the other department heads  
38 who try hard to stay within a budget and try to  
39 follow our rules, to give this special latitude to  
40 this department. I don't think that's setting a good  
41 example. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor  
43 of Mr. Cole's motion show of hands.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: The motion is that we ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: That we move on and accept  
46 this and pay for it. And adhere to the rules. But  
47 pay the bills.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Pay for the bills.

49 TOMMY DUNN: And this is mainly, Rita,  
50 the one's that's outstanding is the Tucker's bill

1 that was at the airport; they had a general come in  
2 and everybody else. All in favor of Mr. Cole's  
3 motion. All opposed. Show the motion carries Mr.  
4 Waters, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole in  
5 favor; Mr. Crowder and Ms. Wilson opposed.

6 Moving on. Mr. Burns or Mr. Crowder either  
7 one, do we need -- do we need 11(c)?

8 FRANCIS CROWDER: Do we need what?

9 TOMMY DUNN: 11(c) Executive Session.

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion we go into  
12 Executive session for personnel matters. Make a  
13 motion, second by Mr. Cole. All in favor of the  
14 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show  
15 the motion carries unanimously. Step back here.

16 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 9:35 TO 9:37 PM)**

17 CINDY WILSON: ... received information  
18 and made no votes. Thank you.

19 KEN WATERS: Second.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson and  
21 second Mr. Waters. All in favor of the motion show  
22 of hands. All opposed like sign. Mr. Crowder, you  
23 voting in favor of that? Show the motion carries  
24 unanimously. At this time can I entertain a motion  
25 do we move with the personnel recommendations that  
26 the Administrator made on the two positions?

27 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. We have  
29 a second?

30 CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

35 Moving on number 13. Is there something we  
36 need to do there, Mr. Crowder?

37 FRANCIS CROWDER: ???

38 TOMMY DUNN: Number 14, requests by  
39 council members. Yes, sir. Okay.

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: Get my pad back. All  
41 right. We actually have some transfers. Rita, you  
42 want to do these transfers? Why don't we say -- why  
43 don't y'all look at them and see if you have any  
44 questions. Several of them are significant  
45 transfers. For example, there's one significant  
46 transfer -- two significant transfers. One for  
47 thirty thousand dollars and one for forty thousand  
48 dollars for overtime. Then there's another  
49 significant transfer, at least in my idea, six  
50 thousand dollars for additional office supplies. And

1 then we have a transfer for six thousand two hundred  
2 and ninety-two dollars for capital. So I think these  
3 were all items we just moved forward to Council, did  
4 we not and we did ---

5 RITA DAVIS: Sir, I believe those were  
6 actually covered up in -- under 11(b). Yes, sir.  
7 Whenever we were talking about the Finance Committee  
8 meeting of May 22nd?

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: So what he did was he just  
10 brought those back to us?

11 RITA DAVIS: He did, yes, sir.

12 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's what that was.  
13 That's why I said no to start with.

14 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I thought.  
15 Just wanted to make sure.

16 Okay. Moving on to Item number 14, requests  
17 by Council members. I'll start tonight. District 5,  
18 out of recreation account, would like to appropriate  
19 fifteen hundred dollars to the soccer team that was  
20 here tonight. Put that in the form of a motion.

21 TOM ALLEN: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Second  
23 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the  
24 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show  
25 the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Cole?

26 MITCHELL COLE: Nothing at this time.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole. Mr.  
28 Crowder?

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir, I have at least  
30 one. I would like to appropriate twenty-five hundred  
31 dollars out of my district 1 Recreation account to  
32 the recreation group that was here tonight, the  
33 soccer team.

34 CINDY WILSON: Second.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
36 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of  
37 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
38 carries unanimously. Yes, Mr. Crowder?

39 FRANCIS CROWDER: I do have one more. I  
40 have one from a group called Mill Town Players. This  
41 is a group that is starting a -- like a Flat Rock  
42 Theater group, if you're familiar with North Carolina  
43 Playhouse up in Flat Rock, over in this area and  
44 they're to be highly commended. These are very, very  
45 professional people that are working over there.  
46 They are an offshoot from groups that have worked  
47 with several production companies over in Greenville  
48 County, some of which live down in the Piedmont area.  
49 And so I would like to recommend one thousand dollars  
50 out of my recreation account for the Mill Town



1       Players.  
2               CINDY WILSON:       Second.  
3               TOMMY DUNN:        Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
4       further discussion?  
5               CINDY WILSON:       By the way, they're ten  
6       dollar tickets, so it's affordable for everybody to  
7       attend.  
8               TOMMY DUNN:        All in favor of the motion  
9       show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
10              FRANCIS CROWDER: May I make one other  
11       comment?  
12              TOMMY DUNN:        Yes, sir.  
13              FRANCIS CROWDER: See, that venue's not even  
14       in my district, so that shows that I do try to  
15       cooperate with some of my other fellow Council  
16       members who've used all their money.  
17              TOMMY DUNN:        Really appreciate that.  
18              CINDY WILSON:       Thank you, Mr. Crowder.  
19              TOMMY DUNN:        Ms. Wilson?  
20              CINDY WILSON:       District 7 is zeroed out.  
21       You know we have four towns and all kinds of stuff,  
22       more than a lot of the other districts, and I'm very  
23       grateful to Mr. Crowder and to all of you who pitch  
24       in sometimes. Thank you, very much.  
25              TOMMY DUNN:        Thank you. Ms. Floyd?  
26              GRACIE FLOYD:       Okay. No, I don't have  
27       any that I can think of at this time.  
28              TOMMY DUNN:        Thank you. Mr. Allen?  
29              TOM ALLEN:         Yes, Mr. Chair. I have  
30       two. Out of my recreation funds, what little bit's  
31       left, I'd like to give five hundred dollars to the  
32       soccer team, the girls' soccer team that was here  
33       tonight. And the second one is two hundred dollars  
34       to the Upstate Warrior Solution that helped us with  
35       the air show. Those two.  
36              TOMMY DUNN:        We have -- Ms. Wilson  
37       seconds. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion  
38       show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
39       motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr.  
40       Allen?  
41              TOM ALLEN:         That's all.  
42              TOMMY DUNN:        Mr. Waters?  
43              KEN WATERS:         Yes, I'd like to -- from  
44       the District 6 recreation account appropriate six --  
45       five hundred dollars to the girls' soccer team for  
46       the regional championships.  
47              TOMMY DUNN:        Have a motion from Mr.  
48       Waters. Second by Mr. Cole. Any further discussion?  
49       All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
50       opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

1 unanimously.

2 Moving on Administrator's report.

3 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.  
4 Chairman.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.

6 Moving on Item number 16, citizens comments.  
7 Mr. Harmon.

8 LEON HARMON: The first citizen signed  
9 up is Elizabeth Fant.

10 ELIZABETH FANT: I want to echo Ms.  
11 Wilson's remarks about the Finance Committee,  
12 particularly Mr. Crowder. He's worked really long  
13 and hard on these figures. But so has Cindy Wilson.  
14 I mean she's great about comparing this figure to  
15 last year's figure and they've done a great job with  
16 that. My only complaint about that whole process --  
17 and Mr. Crowder told us tonight what happened -- my  
18 only complaint was that all of a sudden all this  
19 appeared under the Finance Committee that the budget  
20 consideration and now you've told us that Mr. Dunn  
21 asked you two months ago to do it that way. It would  
22 have been a whole lot better, Mr. Dunn, if you had  
23 advertised to the public that that was going to  
24 happen so that we understood what the process was  
25 going to be, because never before has the Finance  
26 Committee taken over those responsibilities. It  
27 would have cleared up a whole lot of muddy water and  
28 a whole lot of hurt feelings.

29 Again, talking about how things really are  
30 compared to how we want them to be or how they  
31 sometimes appear to be as far as economic development  
32 and so forth. I also heard on the radio today that  
33 the GDP, the gross national product, for the months  
34 January through March was down a negative minus point  
35 seven percent. That's how we make our money when we  
36 sell stuff to other countries. So if we're in the  
37 negative land, that's not good.

38 Also I heard on the radio that the feds have  
39 decided that they're not going to raise interest  
40 rates right now because the economy is not stable  
41 enough. So despite the fact that it looks like we've  
42 got development going everywhere, things are not  
43 hunky-dorey.

44 And as I mentioned before, Blue Cross is  
45 going to go up twenty-six percent more in insurance  
46 premium costs. Energy, Duke Power has said they're  
47 going to go up forty more percent -- forty more  
48 percent -- by 2016. Now, where are these folks,  
49 especially seniors, how are they going to pay for air  
50 conditioning and heat? You tell me how. Fifteen

1 percent more on the sewer bill. Four percent more on  
2 the water bill. Yes, eight to ten dollars per mil  
3 doesn't sound like a whole lot, but you add all this  
4 up and it's a huge amount for somebody who's on a  
5 fixed income. We can't just keep wanting to have  
6 parks and wanting to have buildings without somehow  
7 or another cutting in order to pay for it. The  
8 average employee for Anderson County who, say, makes  
9 sixty thousand dollars, there's about thirty-eight --  
10 maybe not quite that much -- fringe benefits added to  
11 it. So one employee, an average employee, makes over  
12 a hundred thousand dollars a year.

13 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

14 ELIZABETH FANT: Thank you.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Next.

16 LEON HARMON: Denny Floyd.

17 DENNY FLOYD: Denny Floyd, District 5.

18 This county in the last twenty years has grown in  
19 population. And in Anderson County to grow in  
20 population means pay more taxes. Kind of wrong  
21 I think, but that's what it means here. Reassessment  
22 costs people more money even in down economy. Solid  
23 waste, fees are up. That's a tax. Appreciate it we  
24 can take it off taxes though. So, some of the  
25 comments that was made earlier -- but what services  
26 will be cut if we take care of our roads, our  
27 infrastructure, if we take care of our police  
28 department and our fire departments, what the  
29 governments supposed to, tell me what cut of --  
30 services are going to be cut. I'll be glad to know  
31 what's going to be hurting that you're responsible  
32 for in Anderson, South Carolina. If you take away  
33 all this money -- I do appreciate Ms. Floyd bringing  
34 up the fact about the fourteen million dollars  
35 because she really don't see where it would hurt not  
36 to spend the fourteen million dollars on a new  
37 building and give it on pay raise. How about if we  
38 just not use fourteen million dollars and worry about  
39 the citizens who's paying that money to you to start  
40 with. There's a lot of things I've heard today and  
41 I'm telling you, I wish you'd go back and listen to  
42 it. I really do. I think you'd realize you're  
43 either doing what you're told or you definitely don't  
44 know how to manage. All you got to do is sit and  
45 listen to yourself. There's a problem going in  
46 Anderson County. We spend a lot of money. We got  
47 all this stuff coming in, all this money that's  
48 supposed to be so grand, but yet, you want to raise  
49 our taxes. I'm glad you don't want to vote for a two  
50 mil tax increase. Mr. Chairman, that's really good

1 and I do appreciate it because a couple years ago you  
2 voted for a tax increase that was so high it was  
3 against the state law. I do appreciate you not  
4 wanting to raise it now. See, y'all have taken our  
5 money and keep taking our money. There's things have  
6 showed, indicators, that you shouldn't need that  
7 money because you've got the growth that should be  
8 giving you the money. But yet, you take your growth,  
9 you spend it and then come for more. That's not how  
10 you're supposed to do it. That is not how you're  
11 supposed to do it. You can talk to a few hundred of  
12 your constituents, but I'll tell you what, there's  
13 more than a couple of hundred in your areas. I'm  
14 telling you there's more than a couple hundred in the  
15 areas and you know it. But don't believe that's all  
16 going to do it. Ms. Floyd, I know you're not worried  
17 and I'm glad for that, about -- but if y'all keep on,  
18 it can cost you -- I'm talking about as far as voting  
19 and stuff, elections.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Talk to the Chair, Mr.  
21 Floyd, if you're talking and want to address  
22 somebody. Not ---

23 DENNY FLOYD: I'm sorry. I'll address  
24 the Chair. I will. I'll address the Chair.

25 TOMMY DUNN: I appreciate that.

26 DENNY FLOYD: But, yeah, what Ms. Floyd  
27 got up, Mr. Chairman, and said, hey, she's right.  
28 But the rest of you, you need to think about it  
29 because there is a movement going on in Anderson  
30 County and Greenville County, and Pickens County.

31 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: That's time.

33 DENNY FLOYD: Y'all have a good evening.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, comments from  
35 Council members. Mr. Waters.

36 KEN WATERS: Great week last week for  
37 Anderson County. Hate that people missed that. The  
38 air show that came in, a lot of people out there  
39 enjoyed it. Wished I could have been there myself.  
40 And not only that, the announcement for TTI. Great  
41 future out there on the interstate. Got a lot of  
42 things -- a lot of good things happening and just  
43 happy to be a part of it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

45 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, just two  
46 quick items. First of all I want to thank Mr.

47 Crowder for the work that he's done on working on the  
48 -- working in the Finance Committee and on the budget  
49 and stuff. I mean he really went through that thing  
50 line by line and I know it was very difficult work.

1                   Second thing is, I noticed the -- it was  
2 mentioned how much health care costs maybe going up  
3 and I just happened to hear that on the radio when I  
4 was coming in to the meeting tonight and it seemed to  
5 be ranging any place from eighteen to thirty-nine  
6 percent increase in health care costs in various  
7 states. And they mentioned states like Ohio, South  
8 Carolina, Maryland, New York, and so on. So it does  
9 sound like there's going to be a significant health  
10 care increase coming up unless something happens very  
11 soon. Those were the only two comments I had, sir.

12               TOMMY DUNN:           Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

13               GRACIE FLOYD:        Yes. I guess I'm going to  
14 do something I don't usually do. I'm going to toot  
15 my own horn. Nobody worked harder on this budget  
16 this year than I did. I had meetings with each and  
17 every staff, every department in the -- in this  
18 county. I invited my colleagues to come to these  
19 meetings with me, but not one of them attended. I  
20 did it by myself. And I did it because I needed to  
21 know. It was a different budget year. Never before  
22 have I sat aside and let somebody else recommend to  
23 me what I should vote for and what I shouldn't vote  
24 for without my knowing what was going on. I wasn't  
25 going to let that happen. So I know the budget. I  
26 worked hard on the budget as well. I probably know  
27 some stuff that y'all don't know about the budget.  
28 Next year when we have our budget, let's get  
29 together. Let's take the time to get together.  
30 Let's not leave it up to two or three people to  
31 decide our budget and to get information that we  
32 don't have. That's number one.

33               We had a litter control thing here called  
34 Keep America Beautiful. It was good. It worked.  
35 And then we got rid of it. I never did figure out  
36 why we got rid of it. When we did, it got trashy  
37 again. And now -- when we had the Keep America  
38 Beautiful we had plenty of people getting out there  
39 picking up trash because we had volunteers. I picked  
40 up trash up on the Old Town/New Town. I picked up  
41 trash on the alphabet streets. I picked up trash on  
42 Broadway Lake. I picked up trash in Homeland Park.  
43 And I picked up trash on my street. The idea for the  
44 summit, whatever you call it, was a good one, but you  
45 know that we had more county people there than we had  
46 volunteers. Let's go back. Let's get real again.  
47 Let's go back to what we had on Keep America  
48 Beautiful.

49               A man called me just as I left the house  
50 today to say that we need full time people. We need

1 to go back to the Keep America Beautiful thing. I  
2 told him that you wouldn't listen to me. I told him  
3 that he needs to be down here and he needs to tell  
4 you that himself.

5 Also, also -- there was something I had to  
6 say. The media team. Folks, we need that media  
7 team. District 1 got upset about the paper saying  
8 that it was across the headline, Crowder, we need to  
9 get rid of more parks. I don't know if he said it or  
10 if he didn't say it. All I know is the paper said he  
11 said it. So that's what we are letting happen to us.  
12 We need our own media system here so the news can get  
13 out as it really is. Just like you talk about the  
14 city and how well the city is doing and the buildings  
15 and yeah, yeah. But the city is doing things to  
16 improve the city. They have their own media people  
17 there for them that will help them. They spend the  
18 money where it needs to be spent and they have that  
19 hospitality tax. It kind of -- it rubs me wrong that  
20 out of that fourteen point five million dollars,  
21 there's two hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars  
22 in there for Powdersville's Dolly Cooper Park, when  
23 if Powdersville would help us pass that hospitality  
24 tax, they could have the money to fix up two parks.  
25 Did you read in the newspaper where the city of  
26 Anderson purchased their old county education  
27 building and they purchased it for a hundred and  
28 ninety-nine thousand dollars that was generated in  
29 one month -- one month -- from the hospitality tax.  
30 But Powdersville, I have been told, has said they  
31 don't want to do that. But yet they want to put the  
32 cost of their parks on the backs of the taxpayers  
33 through that fourteen point five million dollars.  
34 Let's get real. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole.

36 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, Council, I  
37 would -- I've been trying to talk to my constituents  
38 and anybody I can talk to who have a positive take on  
39 what's going on in the county and try to get them in  
40 here to give their take on what's going on. And I  
41 would challenge each one of you to try to do that,  
42 too. And see if we can't get some positive comments  
43 coming to the -- out of the Council meeting.

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

46 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
47 Keep America Beautiful was previously funded at about  
48 three hundred and twenty thousand a year. Their  
49 department head was making over seventy thousand a  
50 year. They may have been cleaning up elsewhere but

1 they were not paying attention to District 7 and they  
2 only showed up -- one of the mayors called me very  
3 upset because they came over to her town and made a  
4 big deal out of picking up trash that she claimed  
5 that they brought their own trash and put it in bags  
6 on the sidewalk and dogs got in it. So she was not  
7 pleased with Keep America Beautiful.

8 But now to go to something positive. Did  
9 y'all know we have a rising star in our midst? Our  
10 cameraman Dustin Owens has a radio show and he's  
11 putting on a free concert at the Civic Center. So  
12 thank you, Mr. Burns, for making that possible. He  
13 is doing this over ??? across from the Civic Center  
14 and it's from six to eight Sunday. Live American  
15 Music from Dustin Owens and the First Amendment.  
16 Picnickers are welcomed. Children and pets are  
17 welcomed. And I think that's a wonderful start. And  
18 he does have a really neat program on Saturday  
19 evenings with a lot of -- just a variety of awesome  
20 American music. So, thank you. We're going to look  
21 forward to seeing more of our cameraman delving into  
22 the music profession. Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I'll be short  
24 because I know it's getting late. I just want to  
25 say, first of all, I want to thank everybody that  
26 participated in the litter summit. Hope to build off  
27 it and do good. Also want to thank everyone for the  
28 past weekend I believe they picked up -- had a litter  
29 pick-up around and very thankful for that and all the  
30 county employees and all the citizens for doing that.  
31 Want to thank all the volunteers and the staff that  
32 worked over that didn't have to, but done all the  
33 things for Memorial weekend. Don't think about it,  
34 they could be home with their families. They're out  
35 putting out chairs and podiums. I want to thank  
36 that. Also want to thank all the volunteers and all  
37 the staff and everything for the air show. I think  
38 it was greatly success at the airport.

39 Now I want just real brief -- if I didn't  
40 feel passion about that I wouldn't keep you here.  
41 But some people feel like if they just say it enough,  
42 it's going to happen. I've been hearing that since I  
43 been on Council, the world's coming to an end, the  
44 sky's falling. I know it's not where it needs to be  
45 yet, but the economy's looking better. Look at the  
46 state. The state just got a budget over three  
47 hundred million dollars windfall of last year. We  
48 have growed. We definitely growed our things. And  
49 for some people that don't think, I know some people  
50 don't believe it, but don't just ride by First

1     Quality, get out and touch it. Feel it, it's there.  
2     It's not a mirage. It's there. Same with McLaughlin  
3     over used to be Santeen. It's a plant. That's real.  
4     Them people are getting jobs, they're getting there.  
5     They've got another -- I think was it fifty or a  
6     hundred welders, they're looking for, Mr. Burns?

7             RUSTY BURNS:             One hundred.  
8             TOMMY DUNN:             My point being though, was  
9     we in this thing, the car fee we're talking about --  
10    the car tax. Do y'all know how much Anderson County  
11    gets off car tax when y'all write that check for  
12    cars, how much money Anderson County gets off of it?  
13    What the state done to the car things? What did the  
14    state do to local aid to subdivisions? The state's  
15    got smart. They figured out what they can do. Pass  
16    the buck to the counties and they look like good  
17    guys, well, we didn't do this. We're fine. So  
18    that's what's happening. And we having to figure out  
19    a way to pay for this stuff. And to make sure it  
20    gets done. Those are just simple facts.

21            Another thing, I don't remember, and I want  
22    you to correct me, when we voted for a tax increase  
23    that the state law -- it was against state law. But  
24    what people don't never want to give you credit for,  
25    whether you like it or not, what this Council did do,  
26    was to vote for a one mil tax decrease two years ago.  
27    Now let's give -- if we're going to throw mud, let's  
28    throw some good things, too, to talk about. Those  
29    are just absolutely -- those are facts. You might  
30    not like them, but those are facts. And then we're  
31    talking about there ain't but so much and if we want  
32    to get talking about sewer, water, which Anderson  
33    County has got -- I wish we did. We don't have one  
34    thing to do with water. If we could do -- I think if  
35    I look around for whatever reasons, every small town  
36    around us is raising the water and the sewer and it  
37    isn't Anderson County's responsibility to keep these  
38    small towns up. I think we do a good job of  
39    supporting them when we can. But some of y'all ought  
40    to go to their meeting if you want to preach to the  
41    choir about their sewer fee going up and their water  
42    fees going up and what you call it. So it is things  
43    about it. And I can name a list of services that  
44    would be hurt and that ain't counting all the state  
45    mandates that we've got to give. Just the  
46    magistrate's pay raises, this pay raises that we've  
47    got to do and got to fund. Very easy for a few of  
48    you to come here and start throwing stones, but let's  
49    just speak the facts and get on. And I'm off my  
50    horse. This meeting will be adjourned.



1 KEN WATERS: Thank you, sir.  
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3 **(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:05 P.M.)**