

State of South Carolina    )  
County   of           Anderson    )

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: If you would at this time  
2 we'd like to call the presentations part of our  
3 Council meeting of December the 15th to order. And at  
4 this time I'd like to make a note for thing,  
5 everyone's here. Ms. Floyd's here. She's going to  
6 sit down with the administrator so she don't have to  
7 get up and down right now. Appreciate that. At this  
8 time I'd like to start off; Mr. Crowder.

9 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir. May we  
10 stand. I'd like to have a moment of silent prayer for  
11 a very special person who actually attended many  
12 Council meetings. I don't know if you remember him,  
13 Jim Kappler. Jim was a ceramic engineer by background  
14 from Missouri. He made numerous suggestions to us. I  
15 went back and looked through my email and saw the last  
16 one which was on the month of October. One of the  
17 suggestions that he made was for, when there was an  
18 amber alert that all the bank signs would also issue  
19 an amber alert. And if you notice, that has been  
20 accepted. So he did make numerous contributions. So  
21 at this time I ask my fellow colleagues if we would  
22 have a moment of silent prayer for not only Jim, but  
23 his wife and three daughters. May we pray. Amen.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Crowder.

25 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Be moving on to Item number  
27 3(a) Resolution R2015-062; Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
29 Anderson County is so blessed to have so many  
30 extraordinary citizens and this is a resolution to  
31 Recognize and Honor Mrs. Ashley Fowler Brady for her  
32 selection as South Carolina Association of  
33 Veterinarians, Veterinary Technician of the Year for  
34 2015.

35 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ashley Brady was named the  
36 Veterinarian Technician of the Year for 2015 by the  
37 South Carolina Association of Veterinarians on October  
38 18th, 2015; and

39 **WHEREAS**, as the Department Head of Tri-County  
40 Technical College Veterinary Technician Program, Mrs.  
41 Brady spearheaded a service learning program with Big  
42 Oaks Farm to give students firsthand knowledge when  
43 working with animals; and

44 **WHEREAS**, her many other contributions include:  
45 Board member of the South Carolina Upstate Equine  
46 Council, Tri-County Tech's organizer of the J.D.  
47 Massey Horse Show, member of the American and South  
48 Carolina Veterinary Technicians and American  
49 Association of Equine Practitioners; and

50 **WHEREAS**, her personal interactions with

1 contractors, engineers and architects have ensured the  
2 success of the \$1.5 million veterinary housing and  
3 learning facilities that are currently under  
4 construction; and

5 Anderson County Council commends and congratulates  
6 Mrs. Ashley Brady for her commitment to excellence in  
7 service to our community; we are appreciative of your  
8 endeavors and salute your most recent recognition and  
9 distinction as South Carolina Veterinary Technician of  
10 the Year for 2015.

11 This resolution shall take effect and be in force  
12 immediately upon enactment;

13 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 15th day  
14 of December 2015.

15 And, Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a  
16 motion?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.  
18 Have a second? Second Mr. Allen. Discussion? All in  
19 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
20 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms.  
21 Wilson.

22 CINDY WILSON: If we may have Ms. Fowler  
23 and any of the Tri-County folks come down, and all of  
24 my Council members, to congratulate her.

25 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

26 TOMMY DUNN: Be moving on now to Item  
27 3(b) R2015-064 resolution; Mr. Francis Crowder. Mr.  
28 Crowder.

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. At  
30 this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce a  
31 resolution honoring Mr. David Martin for fifty years  
32 of service with the South Carolina Department of  
33 Social Services; and other matters related hereto.

34 **WHEREAS**, Mr. David Martin began his career on  
35 November 15th, 1965 with the South Carolina Department  
36 of Social Services; and

37 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin, a native of Anderson County,  
38 prepared himself for his professional service by  
39 attending Clemson University and graduating from  
40 Erskine College where he obtained a Bachelor of  
41 Science degree in Business Administration; and

42 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin began his career as a case  
43 worker and quickly moved into a supervisory position.  
44 He has managed and supervised the Supplemental  
45 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or Food Stamps) and  
46 is now the Regional Supervisor of Claims covering  
47 Anderson, Greenville and Pickens Counties; and

48 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin was instrumental in  
49 facilitating the move of the department six times over  
50 his career, ensuring ZERO disruptions of clients

1 services; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin's exceptional guidance and  
3 mentoring of employees, past and present, has earned  
4 him a reputation as a dedicated, generous and  
5 trustworthy friend, co-worker and employee; and

6 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of  
7 Anderson County Council do hereby honor Dr. David  
8 Martin's 50 years of public service and deep lifelong  
9 commitment to the citizens of Anderson County.  
10 Resolved this day in Anderson County. I make this in  
11 the form of a motion.

12 CINDY WILSON: Second.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Had a motion, second Ms.  
14 Wilson. Any further discussion? I'd just like to  
15 add, also, most sincere remarks of Mr. Crowder, along  
16 with those. Says a lot about him and great to have  
17 what makes Anderson -- people like him is what makes  
18 Anderson County so special. We really do appreciate  
19 it. Now all in favor of the motion show of hands.  
20 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
21 unanimously.

22 FRANCIS CROWDER: At this time I'd like to  
23 invite Mr. Martin and his family to come down front,  
24 and anyone else who would like to, to receive this  
25 award. And I hope that my Council members will join  
26 in this presentation.

27 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

28 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number  
29 3(c), Proclamation Proclaiming December 2015 as Small  
30 Business Month. This is an add-on, I think, what we  
31 started last Council meeting. It's Mr. Crowder's  
32 thing. Ms. Wilson.

33 CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Mr. Crowder  
34 reminded us of how blessed we are to have good  
35 corporate citizens and people giving jobs because  
36 without jobs, obviously, our county and our citizens  
37 couldn't be as well.

38 **WHEREAS**, there are over 28,000,000 small  
39 businesses in the United States, including the 13,212  
40 small businesses located in Anderson County; and

41 **WHEREAS**, locally-owned, independent businesses  
42 generate thousands of jobs for Anderson County  
43 residents each year and provide unique services and  
44 products that give Anderson County its distinct  
45 character and sense of pride; and

46 **WHEREAS**, Anderson County's independently-owned  
47 businesses give back to our communities in goods,  
48 services, time, talent and help preserve the  
49 uniqueness of our communities; and

50 **WHEREAS**, the health of Anderson County's economy

1 and that of each community within it depends on our  
2 support of businesses owned by our friends and  
3 neighbors; and

4 Therefore, we join the residents of Anderson  
5 County in celebrating Small Business Month across the  
6 county by taking the pledge to support local and  
7 independent businesses; and

8 In grateful recognition therefore, we do hereby  
9 declare December 2015 to be "SMALL BUSINESS MONTH" and  
10 encourage consumers to shop locally during this  
11 holiday season in support of our locally owned  
12 businesses and to ensure our local economy continues  
13 to prosper throughout the New Year.

14 Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a  
15 motion?

16 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a  
17 second? Second Mr. Crowder. Any further discussion?  
18 I want to add, too, like I did last meeting, I think  
19 that's great and we really do appreciate all of our  
20 businesses and especially our small businesses locally  
21 owned to keep our local economy going. We really do  
22 appreciate it. All in favor of the motion show of  
23 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
24 carries unanimously.

25 Let the record show, Kim, Ms. Wilson -- I mean I'm  
26 sorry, Ms. Floyd, had to step out for a minute or two.  
27 Ms. Wilson.

28 CINDY WILSON: We have to celebrate today  
29 representatives from Callaham Orchards Fruit and  
30 Vegetable store; and we have Ace Hardware, Williamston  
31 and Honea Path locations; and I don't -- do we have  
32 someone from Modern Supply? Oh, wonderful, thank you.  
33 These businesses go back probably even further than my  
34 own memory does. And each generation has built upon  
35 the previous. And I want to invite all of these  
36 representatives up to the front and our Council  
37 members stand.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Don't we have somebody from  
39 Lollis Metal, too?

40 CINDY WILSON: Well, we were going to  
41 recognize Lollis Metals, and we have one of their  
42 employees here today. It's very rare when one has an  
43 employee to call to recommend a business, but not in  
44 Anderson County, because our businesses are integral  
45 parts of our communities. And Lollis has also  
46 expanded and hired and we're just so grateful for  
47 these wonderful companies and their wonderful people.  
48 So if we may have everyone down front.

49 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

50 TOMMY DUNN: Now that will conclude this

1 part of our Council meeting. We're going to reconvene  
2 here at 12:30 to carry on our regular Council meeting.  
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4 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED 12:20 P.M.)**

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RUSTY BURNS  
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: Good afternoon. I'd like to  
2 welcome everyone here to our regular Anderson County  
3 Council meeting of December the 15th. I know we've  
4 changed it from the night to the day and we appreciate  
5 everyone allowing us to do that. We'll get on. We've  
6 got a good little bit of stuff to cover here this  
7 afternoon so we'll get started.

8 At this time I'd like to call the Council meeting  
9 to order. And at this time I'd like to ask Mr.  
10 Crowder if he'll lead us in Invocation and Pledge of  
11 Allegiance. If we'll all rise, please.

12 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY**  
13 **FRANCIS M. CROWDER)**

14 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 3,  
15 Approval of the minutes of the December the 1st, 2015  
16 meeting. Are there any changes or corrections to be  
17 made? Ms. Wilson?

18 CINDY WILSON: On page 16 the fourth line  
19 we misspelled Mr. Brill's name. It should be B-r-i-l-  
20 l. That's the only one I found. Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
22 Anyone else? Hearing none we'll make a motion with  
23 that correction.

24 FRANCIS CROWDER: Make a motion.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a motion  
26 with that correction to be made. We have a second?  
27 Second Ms. Wilson. Any more? Hearing none, all in  
28 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed -- you  
29 in favor? All in favor. It was unanimous. None --  
30 no opposition.

31 Moving on. Citizens Comments on agenda matters,  
32 please.

33 RUSTY BURNS: None signed up, Mr.  
34 Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: No, I done it all. Motion  
36 was made with that change. Accepted with that change.

37 RUSTY BURNS: No citizen signed up, Mr.  
38 Chairman.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.

40 Moving on Ordinances, number 5(a) third reading  
41 2015-038 an ordinance to rezone +/- 3.22 acres from I-  
42 1 (Industrial) to R-A (Residential-Agriculture) at  
43 10000 BHP Hwy 76 (TMS 251-00-04-019). Be in Council  
44 District 3. We have a motion?

45 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second  
47 by Mr. Cole. Any discussion? Mr. Forman, you have  
48 anything?

49 MIKE FORMAN: No, sir.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor



1 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
2 Show the motion carries unanimously.

3 Moving on, again, Item number 5(b) third reading  
4 2015-040 an ordinance to rezone +/- 33.75 acres from  
5 R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to R-A (Residential  
6 Agriculture) at 5575 Hwy 187 (TMS 027-00-01-003).  
7 This will be in District 4. We have a motion?

8 TOM ALLEN: So moved.

9 KEN WATERS: Second.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen to move  
11 forward. Mr. Waters seconds it. Any discussion? Mr.  
12 Forman, you have anything?

13 MIKE FORMAN: No, sir.

14 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
15 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
16 motion carries unanimously. Thank y'all. Appreciate  
17 that, Mr. Forman.

18 Item number 6 Vote to change the date of the  
19 January 5th Council meeting. That's the first  
20 Tuesday. I've got something that's come up and Mr.  
21 Waters is going to be out of town. I'd just like to  
22 see if we could change it maybe to -- instead of the  
23 first Tuesday to the second Tuesday. Anyone have a  
24 problem with that?

25 MITCHELL COLE: I make a motion we make the  
26 change.

27 KEN WATERS: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Cole and second  
29 by Mr. Waters. Any further discussion? All in favor  
30 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
31 Thank y'all very much.

32 Moving on to Item number 7, Report from the  
33 Finance Committee meeting of December 11th; Chairman  
34 Crowder. Mr. Crowder.

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. As  
36 you can see we have a lengthy group. I will be  
37 calling on the various people who -- so Mr. Robert  
38 Carroll, if you will go through (a) through (h) with  
39 us, taking each one individually.

40 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you, sir. The first  
41 item is for the Airport Engineering Consultant that  
42 you have before you. I think you had two companies,  
43 Michael Baker International and Holt Group that came  
44 before you in the Finance Committee and made a  
45 presentation and that's before you at this time.

46 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Mr. Carroll  
47 or Mr. Crowder, one, did y'all make an informed -- I'm  
48 sure they know but just so everybody will know the  
49 recommendation that Airport Advisory Committee made.  
50 Plus what the staff made.

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: I will do that. There were  
2 two recommendations. One was for the current group,  
3 the Baker Group. We entertained their presentation  
4 and it was quite detailed. I thought it was a good  
5 one. But we also had one from the Holt Group which is  
6 a new entity, although we do know one of the players  
7 on it. The Baker Group has been with us for a long  
8 time. The Finance Committee actually brought it  
9 before you all and made no recommendation, but at this  
10 time I'm prepared to make a recommendation that we go  
11 with the Baker Group.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder makes a motion  
13 that ?? he moved it forward without making a  
14 recommendation. Mr. Crowder makes a motion we move  
15 forward with the company we have now, the Baker Group.  
16 Do we have a second?

17 KEN WATERS: Second.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Now  
19 discussion?

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, please.

21 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I  
24 have a couple of questions on this. Number one, is  
25 this a bid to rehab the entire airport or to build a  
26 new airport? We've talked about both.

27 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, Ms. Floyd. What  
28 this is, it's really not --help me out, Mr. Carroll.  
29 It's really not a bid, but this is for engineering  
30 stuff just to do general engineering at the airport,  
31 like we always do. It's not to build or remodel.  
32 Neither one.

33 ROBERT CARROLL: Very good. Very good.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Just general engineering  
35 work.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I didn't look  
37 through my packet to find this, but did the two bids  
38 -- we got two bids, right? We received two bids.

39 TOMMY DUNN: They're really not bids. I  
40 mean they're proposals. Would that be correct? More  
41 of a correct term, Mr. Carroll?

42 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we have two  
44 proposals, Mr. Carroll, is that correct?

45 ROBERT CARROLL: We actually had four to  
46 start with, and ---

47 TOMMY DUNN: The two committees  
48 recommended -- one recommended one and the other  
49 recommended the other one.

50 ROBERT CARROLL: The staff had recommended

1 ---

2 TOMMY DUNN: Baker?

3 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. Baker, Michael  
4 Baker. And the Airport Advisory Committee had  
5 recommended Holt Consulting. So we had -- those were  
6 the final two.

7 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And we ---

8 ROBERT CARROLL: --- before you all for a  
9 final vote.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Did the staff -- the  
11 ones that we're going to get, it comes from the staff  
12 ---

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder, yes, ma'am.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Was it because of  
15 the money part of it? That was the best price of it?

16 ROBERT CARROLL: No. Money was not a  
17 consideration at this time. What they'll do in  
18 general, Ms. Floyd, like if we have a project say if  
19 they want to do a taxiway, a runway extension or  
20 something or possibly even adding on to the building  
21 itself, this would be the company that would do the  
22 engineering for various projects. I mean it would be  
23 a case by case, project by project, when they would  
24 give us a fee proposal.

25 TOMMY DUNN: If I could, Ms. Floyd --  
26 Mr. Burns, you got something you wanted to add? I  
27 think you said you were there?

28 RUSTY BURNS: Just to reiterate, we went  
29 out for proposals. Money is not a factor, it's a  
30 professional service. Four companies responded. Two  
31 made the final cut. One selected Michael Baker, the  
32 current engineering consultant by the staff. The  
33 Advisory Board recommended Holt, a fairly new company  
34 who is new in the game, they have a good reputation.  
35 But as we're trying -- this does not authorize us to  
36 build a new building. This is the engineering company  
37 that looks and makes sure that we know where every bit  
38 of grant money is available, because it's a  
39 specialized grant area. And they outline a scope of  
40 work that we need in the future to handle these  
41 things. Currently we have the aviation process going  
42 on at the airport and Michael Baker's handling that.  
43 So that's what this is.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's good.

45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

47 CINDY WILSON: As both are very fine  
48 groups or companies and this was more of, I guess, a  
49 request for qualifications, I have to honor the  
50 appointee that I have to the commission. So I'll

1     probably dissent on this because I'm honoring a  
2     recommendation. Thank you.

3             TOM ALLEN:             Mr. Chair?

4             TOMMY DUNN:            Mr. Crowder, and then I'll  
5     go back to you, Mr. Allen.

6             FRANCIS CROWDER: I did talk with my  
7     appointee who is on the Advisory Committee.  
8     Incidentally, he goes to the same church I did, so I had  
9     no difficulty getting in touch with him. He told me  
10    that he would have no problem whatsoever if I thought  
11    that the Baker Group was more and we had extended  
12    discussion as to the committee and the two different  
13    companies. So that is why I'm making my  
14    recommendation. Not voting against my appointee. I'm  
15    not voting against my appointee because he is, well,  
16    happy with what I'm going to do, what my  
17    recommendation was today.

18            TOMMY DUNN:            Thank you, Mr. Crowder.  
19    Mr. Allen?

20            TOM ALLEN:            Yeah, thank you, sir.  
21    Yeah, being on the Finance Committee and hearing the  
22    briefings the other day, I want to say that both of  
23    these engineering companies are very good. The Baker  
24    Company that we've had has done a very good job. The  
25    Holt Company is apparently a very good company also.  
26    I have a great deal of respect for our Airport  
27    Committee. I think they're one of the best committees  
28    that we have as far as I'm concerned that we have  
29    appointed here in the county. So I'm going to go  
30    along with their recommendation. They're the ones  
31    that have made a decision, and so I'll be sticking  
32    with them, although I have nothing against --  
33    certainly against the Baker Company. I think they're  
34    a very good outfit. And that's just where I stand on  
35    that. Thank you.

36            TOMMY DUNN:            Thank you, Mr. Allen. Just  
37    want to reiterate, too, I think they're both two very  
38    fine companies. And talking to individual Advisory  
39    Board members, they don't have a problem with either  
40    one; the ones I talked to. Other thing is, old saying  
41    I think goes if it ain't broke don't need to be fixed.  
42    We've got a very good company that's come up and done  
43    a very well for us in the past I think, and just for  
44    -- to be changing for the sake of changing, I don't  
45    think makes a whole lot of sense. Especially what we  
46    got going on out there now with some projects we got  
47    going. And we've had some things come up, I ain't  
48    going to say emergency, but in the past borderline  
49    that and they come up with very quickly to give us  
50    proposals up, hand it to us and work on it. So -- and

1 I know one thing, too, in my line of work and the  
2 business world, too, you don't see a lot of today is  
3 loyalty. And I hate to penalize somebody just to be  
4 changing when they've done us a good job on that. So  
5 that's where I stand and I appreciate it. Anybody  
6 else got anything? Mr. Cole?  
7 MITCHELL COLE: ... feel real good with the  
8 person that I appointed to ????

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?  
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn?  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
12 GRACIE FLOYD: What you said was a really  
13 good, but I just want to ask you one thing before I  
14 forget it, okay?

15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: You said that there's no  
17 need to change if it's working. Okay. So what you're  
18 saying here is that the company that we have chosen is  
19 already doing work for us or has done work for us  
20 already?

21 TOMMY DUNN: They have worked in the  
22 past and they're doing work for us right now on the  
23 buying the land around and avigation, they're sort of  
24 in charge of that, overseeing that.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And the new company  
26 -- they are a new company?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Now which one did you put  
29 on the floor to vote for? The old one?  
30 TOMMY DUNN: The new -- the company we  
31 got now, that was the motion. Any more discussion?  
32 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
33 opposed.

34 CINDY WILSON: I'm abstaining because  
35 they're both good companies, but I did want to honor  
36 my advisors.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries  
38 with Mr. Waters, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Crowder  
39 in favor. Opposed Mr. Allen and Mr. Cole. And Ms.  
40 Wilson abstains. Baker, the originally, the one we  
41 had. Want to thank each and everyone of y'all and all  
42 the work. And I want to appreciate also for lack of  
43 thing, not only, not only has the Airport Advisory  
44 board but the bidding put together done a lot of work  
45 on this. Mr. Burns had a staff committee that worked  
46 on this very hard and made a recommendation also and  
47 done a lot on all of this. Appreciate it very much.

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Crowder.  
50 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. Mr. Carroll, the

1 Hollow Cored Slab Materials for the Firetower Road  
2 Bridge.

3 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. We received two  
4 bids on this and staff recommends award to Tecna  
5 Corporation for sixty-nine thousand eight hundred five  
6 dollars and ninety cent.

7 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee does make  
8 a recommendation that we go forward with this.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance  
10 Committee it doesn't need a second. Any discussion?  
11 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
12 -- how you, Ms. Floyd? You got a question? Wait just  
13 one second before we have a vote, clear up one thing.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Dunn, and fellow  
15 Council members, I don't mean to hold this up, because  
16 I want to go Christmas shopping.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: But the problem is, the  
19 information in the book doesn't give you the  
20 information you need to make a decision. Now, if you  
21 had not said what you said the last time, I wouldn't  
22 have known which way to vote. The person with the  
23 most information up here is the Finance Committee. We  
24 don't have what we need to do to make these decisions.  
25 We get papers from them, but you know, the papers, it  
26 doesn't give me the information that I need here.  
27 Maybe we've discussed some of this before. But unlike  
28 you all, I cannot remember everything we discuss at  
29 every meeting. For example, hollow cored slab  
30 materials for Firetower Road Bridge. What are we  
31 talking about here?

32 TOMMY DUNN: Just materials here -- they  
33 worked to put a bridge on Firetower Road, the county.  
34 It's product -- better lack of term, just the material  
35 they use to build a bridge.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And Firetower Road  
37 Bridge, I'm sure we discussed this before, right?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I can't say we've  
39 actually discussed this, but it's been up before us,  
40 it's in that district and they need that bridge  
41 replacement. I mean, it's come through before on the  
42 grand scheme of things, hasn't it, Mr. Carroll?

43 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: About that bridge  
45 replacement through Mr. Hopkins' office.

46 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, I don't remember it.  
48 Okay. Where is Firetower Road Bridge?

49 TOMMY DUNN: That's going to be off of  
50 -- up off 81 North, isn't it? Belton. I'm sorry,

1 Belton. 252. Got my -- I was thinking Firetower on  
2 81 North.  
3 RUSTY BURNS: We want to put a bridge up  
4 on ---  
5 TOMMY DUNN: Bridge to nowhere. It's  
6 down in Belton, Ms. Floyd. It's off of 252, I  
7 believe.  
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And what happened to  
9 the bridge?  
10 TOMMY DUNN: I guess it just got -- Mr.  
11 Burns, you have to help me out. It just don't meet  
12 the specs to do with the weight limits?  
13 RUSTY BURNS: Specs, part of our on-going  
14 bridge program where we inspect all bridges in  
15 Anderson County.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Update.  
17 RUSTY BURNS: This comes through the road  
18 maintenance department. It's been approved by road  
19 maintenance department. It was bid out and now it's  
20 before Council. And it's just one of the bridges --  
21 the many bridges -- we have that need replacing.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. This one  
23 wasn't washed out by the water.  
24 RUSTY BURNS: The rain didn't help any  
25 bridge we have, Ms. Floyd.  
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I understand that.  
27 But my question was, this one wasn't washed out by the  
28 water?  
29 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.  
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good.  
31 TOMMY DUNN: My understanding it was  
32 already on the replacement list.  
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I  
34 thank you.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Now, going back now  
36 to the original motion, all in favor. All opposed  
37 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
38 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. The  
39 next bid is Project Machine which is really the TTI  
40 roadway construction. That's the big one point four  
41 million square foot distribution center that TTI is  
42 building up there adjacent to the Betsy Tucker site.  
43 Mr. Carroll.  
44 ROBERT CARROLL: All right. This is for  
45 construction of approximately a mile and a half of  
46 road leading into that facility. Staff recommends  
47 award to S&S Construction which are here in Anderson  
48 County for five million one hundred ninety-three  
49 thousand two hundred seven dollars and twelve cent.  
50 And I'll just state this, on your printout there,

1     there's a number off to the right of six hundred and  
2     twenty-three thousand two fifty-nine fifty. That is  
3     included in their five point one million dollar bid  
4     and that is for -- to meet the grant commitment of  
5     twelve percent of doing business with a disadvantaged  
6     business enterprise. So that's just for information  
7     that they are meeting that twelve percent of their  
8     total.

9             TOMMY DUNN:             Thank you. Mr. Burns,  
10    would you, would you please just for discussion on the  
11    record, what this road is and -- when we done the  
12    economic development incentive TTI all this was in it.

13            RUSTY BURNS:         ... everything to do with  
14    TTI choosing that location. It is going to be  
15    landscaped. It's also going to be lighted. And in  
16    addition to what it's going to do for TTI, it's going  
17    to open up all the other property in that area. And  
18    some of that property is already under option by  
19    private entities to develop industrial parks. So  
20    that's what this is about. The funding comes from  
21    state and federal sources.

22            TOMMY DUNN:            It's earmarked for this  
23    project.

24            RUSTY BURNS:           Yes, sir. For this  
25    project.

26            TOMMY DUNN:            Any more discussion?

27            GRACIE FLOYD:          I remembered this one.

28            TOMMY DUNN:            Okay. I just wanted to  
29    make sure it gets on the record for everybody else  
30    that might not.

31            GRACIE FLOYD:          I appreciate that. One  
32    question.

33            TOMMY DUNN:            Yes, ma'am.

34            GRACIE FLOYD:          When we say lighting, that  
35    always, you know, get to me, because I know Anderson  
36    County is not in the lighting business. That's what  
37    I've been told so many times. But -- so who will be  
38    paying for the lighting of that road down there?

39            RUSTY BURNS:           They will be paying for  
40    that lighting on that road.

41            GRACIE FLOYD:          They, as in the state and  
42    federal?

43            RUSTY BURNS:           No, as in TTI.

44            GRACIE FLOYD:          TTI. Okay, thank you.

45            RUSTY BURNS:           But, just to make sure, I  
46    will check on that and report back to you before the  
47    end business today. That's the way I understand.  
48    Because the project is still changing and evolving.

49            GRACIE FLOYD:          Right. Good. Well, I  
50    would like to know that, too. Thank you.



1                   RUSTY BURNS:       Good question.  
2                   TOMMY DUNN:        Have a motion from the  
3 Finance Committee, doesn't need a second. Any more  
4 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
5 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
6 unanimously. Mr. Crowder.  
7                   FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you. The next is a  
8 bid for sixty desktop computers and ten laptops.  
9                   ROBERT CARROLL: We received bids on this.  
10 We received four bids. Staff recommends award to Dell  
11 for sixty-two thousand three hundred seven dollars and  
12 ten cent plus tax. And this is just part of our  
13 replacement inventory that's about on a four or five  
14 year cycle. They'll go to various departments all  
15 across the county.  
16                  FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee makes a  
17 recommendation to move this forward, sir.  
18                  TOMMY DUNN:       Coming from Finance  
19 Committee doesn't need a second. Mr. Carroll, this  
20 was part of our ---  
21                  ROBERT CARROLL: Capital. Yes, sir.  
22                  TOMMY DUNN:       --- capital in our budget  
23 thing. Talked about this. Okay. Thanks. Any more  
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
25 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
26 unanimously.  
27                  Moving on to Item number 5, Mr. Crowder.  
28                  FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, sir. This is a  
29 bid for a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the  
30 Pendleton area. Mr. Carroll.  
31                  ROBERT CARROLL: We put out requests for  
32 qualifications for this project. In working with Mr.  
33 Forman and the -- his staff and working also with the  
34 town of Pendleton and the school district there.  
35 We're involved in evaluation. We received three  
36 responses and the committee recommends award to Alta  
37 Planning for this project.  
38                  TOMMY DUNN:       Coming from the Finance  
39 Committee it doesn't need a second. Are there any  
40 discussion? Ms. Floyd?  
41                  GRACIE FLOYD:     Congratulations to  
42 Pendleton. But I'm -- I'd like to know, the money for  
43 the bicycle and pedestrian plan, how did we -- how  
44 were we able to secure the money for that one?  
45                  TOMMY DUNN:       Mr. Forman?  
46                  MIKE FORMAN:      Yes, that is through a  
47 grant from GPATS. Thirty thousand dollar grant.  
48                  GRACIE FLOYD:     From who? GPATS?  
49                  MIKE FORMAN:      GPATS. Yes ma'am.  
50 Greenville Pickens Area Transportation Study.

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Pendleton is in their  
2 transportation area?  
3 MIKE FORMAN: Yes, ma'am.  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. I think I knew  
5 that. I think I remember that. Okay. Thank you.  
6 MIKE FORMAN: Yes, ma'am.  
7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Mr. Burns, is  
8 this something that Pendleton sort of asked for and  
9 we're just helping them out with?  
10 RUSTY BURNS: We have the professional  
11 capability to handle this grant for them and that's  
12 what we're doing.  
13 TOMMY DUNN: They're the one that  
14 requested it, though, the town of Pendleton.  
15 GRACIE FLOYD: But it's not costing us  
16 anything, is it?  
17 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am. Staff time.  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All  
20 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
21 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
22 Moving on to item number 6.  
23 FRANCIS CROWDER: Thank you, Chairman. This  
24 is for a GIS consulting to develop a green  
25 infrastructure plan for Anderson County. Mr. Carroll.  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: We received requests for  
27 proposals. We had two responses out of, I believe,  
28 about twenty-seven or twenty-eight companies that  
29 requested it. And staff is recommending award to  
30 Unique Places for eighty-two hundred dollars which is  
31 within the amount of the grant money.  
32 FRANCIS CROWDER: The Finance Committee  
33 recommends approval.  
34 TOMMY DUNN: Can you tell what it's for?  
35 Explain a little bit. Mr. Crowder, appreciate this.  
36 Again, coming from the Finance Committee doesn't need  
37 a second.  
38 MIKE FORMAN: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair. This  
39 was a grant received from the Forestry Commission,  
40 from the state Forestry Commission. We're going to  
41 incorporate this -- the findings from this study into  
42 our comprehensive plan. This is for a green  
43 infrastructure plan that's going to locate areas in  
44 the county that might require some additional  
45 assistance or additional need for basically special  
46 places that might need additional help from location  
47 in our comp plan.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Forman, that was  
50 beautiful, but what did you say, now?

1                   MIKE FORMAN:           Basically we don't have the  
2 GIS capabilities to handle what this grant can do for  
3 us. So the grant basically -- what you're here to  
4 approve is Unique Places, which is the GIS consultant  
5 that will be helping us locate some areas in the  
6 county that need additional help in locating. Sort of  
7 circular logic, but that's why we're here.

8                   GRACIE FLOYD:        You know, I had a Christmas  
9 present for you, but you ain't getting it. I don't  
10 know what you're talking about. We're going to do the  
11 GIS plan so we can locate the GIS plan.

12                  TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Burns, would you mind  
13 putting in English for her?

14                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Michael, I'm not picking on  
15 you, but I just don't understand.

16                  TOMMY DUNN:           Let Mr. Burns.

17                  RUSTY BURNS:         This is a grant that comes,  
18 as Mr. Forman said, from the Forestry Commission and  
19 helps us identify some areas that might need special  
20 consideration in regards to forestry. And it's a  
21 component, a small component, of our overall  
22 comprehensive plan. And this will enhance our plan.  
23 We do not have the capability in-house to do this. As  
24 a matter of fact, there are only two companies that  
25 bid on this process and we selected the one that was  
26 closest to us.

27                  TOMMY DUNN:           Mr. Burns, what would --  
28 they're helping us do is find out if there's any more  
29 stuff we can do through the forestry department as far  
30 as trees or greenage or stuff like that?

31                  RUSTY BURNS:         Yes, sir. Absolutely.

32                  TOMMY DUNN:           Okay.

33                  GRACIE FLOYD:        Thank you, Mr. Burns.

34                  TOMMY DUNN:           Anything further?

35                  CINDY WILSON:        Mr. Chairman.

36                  TOMMY DUNN:           You through, Ms. Floyd?

37                  CINDY WILSON:        Chairman, I have one  
38 request. As soon this -- we have preliminary results,  
39 may we have it brought to the Planning and Public  
40 Works Committee so we can review it and make sure it's  
41 comprehensive and make sure all the Council members --  
42 because there may be special places in their districts  
43 that could have been overlooked. So that would be  
44 something that would be helpful.

45                  MIKE FORMAN:         Certainly.

46                  TOMMY DUNN:           I don't think we ever had a  
47 motion. Do we have a motion to get this on the floor?

48                  FRANCIS CROWDER:     Yes, sir, I made the  
49 motion.

50                  TOMMY DUNN:           I'm sorry. Coming from the

1 Finance Committee it doesn't need a motion.

2 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee made the  
3 motion.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Yep, yep, that's right,  
5 don't need a second. Any more discussion? Hearing  
6 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
7 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
8 unanimously. If there's no objections and if y'all  
9 are, please speak up, can we do seven and eight sort  
10 of lump them together and vote one time?

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. We've got two 4  
12 1/2 -- 4x4 1/2 ton crew cabs and two tandem axle dump  
13 trucks.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance  
15 Committee ---

16 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee  
17 recommends.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Doesn't need a second. Mr.  
19 Carroll, could you just give low bid and where these  
20 vehicles will be going, please?

21 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. The first one is  
22 for two tandem axle dump trucks. One hundred -- I'm  
23 sorry -- two hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred  
24 eighty dollars is the recommendation. And on the  
25 second bid, I may have just went backwards here. I  
26 apologize.

27 RUSTY BURNS: Those numbers, Mr. Dunn, I  
28 might add that these are part of the capital  
29 improvement program that Council has already passed.  
30 Under the terms of Council passing that, we bring  
31 those ---

32 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we passed  
33 that, Mr. Burns. You hear me?

34 RUSTY BURNS: Sir?

35 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think we passed  
36 that.

37 ROBERT CARROLL: And I'm sorry. The other  
38 one is for two pickup trucks. And staff recommends  
39 award to the state contractor vendor seventy-one  
40 thousand five hundred eighty dollars and seventy-two  
41 cent.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, I know -- I'm  
43 assuming the dump trucks are going to the Roads and  
44 Bridges?

45 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir.

46 TOMMY DUNN: And the pickups are going  
47 ---

48 ROBERT CARROLL: Environmental enforcement.

49 TOMMY DUNN: That is for everybody.  
50 Environmental enforcement, that's -- what department

1 that is for everybody else that don't know.  
2 RITA DAVIS: That's litter pick-up, sir.  
3 And that was part of the capital plan.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Litter pick-up.  
5 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?  
7 GRACIE FLOYD: I have one ---  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
9 GRACIE FLOYD: ---one question here. This  
10 is part of -- let's say it's a knowledge for me  
11 question. Mr. Carroll.  
12 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: You know when I look at  
14 your bid sheet, I always see one to, to how many else  
15 -- how many ever people that we were sent this thing  
16 out to. It always lists the first two. Okay. Now,  
17 how do I say this? The first two are -- is that the  
18 way it was sent out?  
19 ROBERT CARROLL: No, ma'am. That's just --  
20 when we do the tabulation sheet after we open the  
21 bids, we list -- normally, not always -- we normally  
22 list the ones who actually responded. But we want you  
23 to see other companies that requested it also. And  
24 that's just no response for the NR.  
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.  
26 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes ma'am.  
27 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
28 -- keep in mind, this will be seven, item seven and  
29 eight, we'll be voting on. All in favor. All opposed  
30 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
31 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you.  
32 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Chairman, can we just  
33 take all of the homeland security and LEMPG and LEMPG  
34 and the DHEC grant for hospital preparedness; these  
35 are all grants that have come under either the Sheriff  
36 or Emergency Preparedness or Haz-mat.  
37 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to -- we'll go  
38 over this thing, but if there's no objections, we'll  
39 be -- under grants under Item number 7(b) there's six  
40 of them. We'll be discussing all six of those and  
41 voting on them at one time if there's not objections  
42 and we'll get a clearer thing on that. And coming  
43 from the Finance Committee it doesn't need a second.  
44 Mr. Burns, will you highlight this or either read  
45 the one to just highlight this for everybody on the  
46 grant? You mind doing it, Ms. Davis?  
47 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.  
48 These are on behalf of the SWAT team, the bomb team  
49 and your emergency operation center in Anderson  
50 County. Most if not all of this machinery, equipment

1 has been recommended by SLED that they -- on their  
2 assessment they thought that we needed it in Anderson  
3 County. The sheet that has been passed out to you is  
4 the estimated -- I use that term roughly -- estimated  
5 insurance on the annual basis of these items that --  
6 the equipment items that have been asked to be  
7 approved by Council.

8 TOMMY DUNN: It's recurring, but there  
9 won't be no -- this is all grant money coming from.  
10 Won't be no ---

11 RITA DAVIS: No match.

12 TOMMY DUNN: And you're talking about  
13 the first three items, or is that all six items you're  
14 talking about?

15 RITA DAVIS: All -- you have a copy of  
16 the equipment there and it's also in your packet. So  
17 that's all the equipment items and that's the  
18 estimated -- now if they turn something in, you know,  
19 there won't be any new insurance. It might increase  
20 slightly, but this is brand new insurance. The  
21 Finance Committee asked that we get that cost for you  
22 for your consideration.

23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Let Ms. Floyd, then we'll  
26 get Ms. Wilson.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Ms. Davis, before we get  
28 started, you gave us a sheet of paper with a tab, a  
29 register thing where you -- what is this? There's  
30 nothing on it. What's it for?

31 RITA DAVIS: I apologize, ma'am. I did  
32 not know that was going to go to all Council members  
33 or we would have had a better presentation. That's  
34 just ---

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Which council members  
36 should it have gone to? I mean, who was it for if it  
37 wasn't for all Council members? Which Council member  
38 was it for?

39 RUSTY BURNS: There was a request by Ms.  
40 Wilson in the Finance Committee, could we please have  
41 a listing on what the insurance cost would be? And so  
42 we were responding to Ms. Wilson's request on how much  
43 that would be. And then Ms. Wilson requested that we  
44 make it available to all members of Council.

45 TOMMY DUNN: As well it should be.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm glad -- thank you.  
47 Thank you. I'm glad she requested that because that's  
48 the way it should be.

49 RITA DAVIS: Gotcha.

50 GRACIE FLOYD: So it's the insurance is --

1 that's what it is?

2 TOMMY DUNN: Just a -- just a rough --  
3 not going to say rough, but an estimate. You know, if  
4 they -- at the most. If they turn something in, it  
5 would be less than that. Ms. Wilson.

6 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 In our current environment, I can see that this  
8 equipment's going to be hopefully unneeded but  
9 important. But we set up a system, I guess it's been  
10 about three years ago, so that if there were matches  
11 or any ongoing expenses for grants, it would be --  
12 they would be noted on the form. And I was concerned  
13 because as I read through the package that came to our  
14 Finance Committee, of course, this is incredible high-  
15 tech equipment. There was even a responsibility in  
16 one of these grants to provide an audit, and we don't  
17 know what the cost of that is. And it seems like,  
18 since we'll be moving shortly into a new year's budget  
19 considerations, when we vote on something in one year  
20 and we've already got the form, I'm just perplexed and  
21 troubled that we're not filling in the blanks. That's  
22 what bothers me on this set of requests. Because not  
23 counting the cost of the audit, and I -- do we have  
24 any idea what that might be?

25 RITA DAVIS: Ma'am, that would be  
26 included in our normal audit. Each year we have to be  
27 subjected to a single audit. These numbers will be  
28 rolled up into that. So we're already doing that.

29 CINDY WILSON: Okay. So we have an  
30 additional anticipated expense of insurance of about  
31 thirty-three thirty-four hundred. So I just -- I  
32 would like that we have it in our forms when we have  
33 to consider and make a vote. That's my concern.  
34 Thank you.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Crowder.

36 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, I actually have two  
37 concerns. Number one, actually most all of these have  
38 already been approved contingent upon County Council  
39 approving them. If you look at your detailed  
40 information in your -- you will see pages that say  
41 where these were -- most of them were applied for back  
42 in October. October. And here we are today, December  
43 13 -- no, December 11th -- wow -- asking us to approve  
44 it.

45 Secondly, I can understand why there may be a need  
46 for some of this stuff, based upon what's going on in  
47 the world, especially the event that happened out at  
48 San Bernardino, which coincidentally was one of my  
49 clients years ago, and the fact that our nation is on  
50 edge right now. It's just an awful lot of money based

1 upon the assumption that it might happen to us. But  
2 the double side of it is, if we don't vote for it,  
3 then people can say, well, you had the opportunity to  
4 get it and you didn't do it. As I stated in the  
5 Finance Committee, I wish that there would have been a  
6 mechanism where we could have gotten money to put  
7 boots on the ground so that we could have people  
8 involved in cyber security trying to identify the  
9 kinds of things that happened out there where people  
10 were getting on Facebook and other media, doing things  
11 that needed to be known about, but they weren't. I  
12 know they said, well, they were encrypted, but  
13 anything that's encrypted can be broken. I'm in the  
14 computer business and I know that.

15 So I reluctantly will vote for it, but I feel like  
16 it's an abundant of expenditure of money for things  
17 that, quote, may be needed. And I do that with a  
18 compassionate heart, recognizing that if Homeland  
19 Security at the federal level has got this kind of  
20 funds available for a county like Anderson County,  
21 just think about multiplying it times all the other  
22 counties our equal size around the nation. That's got  
23 to be a ton of money. But I would hope in the future  
24 that instead of going by a policy that we seemingly  
25 have migrated to, that if we're going to apply for a  
26 grant I'd like to know it in advance. I'd like to  
27 know it in advance of them applying for it and getting  
28 it so that Council could be aware of it. We're voting  
29 for something that's already been approved. Right?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

31 FRANCIS CROWDER: And so, you know, I've had  
32 my say. I think ??? people that work in haz-mat, I  
33 really appreciate what they do, I really do. Young  
34 man who was over ??? who coincidentally ??? Concord, why  
35 did they need spectrometers that we already voted for  
36 one. ?? For example they can have one at the side  
37 door and one at the back door. But needless to say  
38 ... So I yield my case.

39 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen.

41 TOM ALLEN: I just wanted to say, I'll  
42 be voting for this, too. And the reason I'll be doing  
43 it -- a couple of reasons for this. It's grant money  
44 and some people say, yeah, that's tax dollars. Yep,  
45 it is tax dollars. That's right. If we don't take  
46 it, somebody else will. If the United States  
47 government halts all grants, then I'll look at this a  
48 different way. But they're not. If they're giving it  
49 away, we may as well get our share of it.

50 Number two, I think one of the worst things that



1 can happen in this nation under current circumstances,  
2 is to have small town mid America hit with some kind  
3 of a terrorist attack. Now everybody makes fun of  
4 that. Anderson, why would anybody bother with  
5 Anderson? Why would anybody bother with San  
6 Bernardino? Why would anybody bother with Appleton,  
7 Wisconsin? Or Las Cruces, New Mexico? Or Podunk,  
8 Iowa. Who knows? But for somebody to walk into a  
9 mall somewhere, Anderson mall, and pop a suicide vest  
10 and kill ten or twenty people, I think that would do  
11 more damage to the heart of this nation than if New  
12 York gets hit or Boston or Los Angeles. You kind of  
13 expect those things. Or something happens at the  
14 Super Bowl, you kind of expect that. I think we need  
15 to be ready in today's world. I hate to say that, but  
16 I do.

17 Also, this equipment, when it comes in here, it's  
18 not just something that sits in the closet over at the  
19 Sheriff's office. They train with this stuff  
20 routinely. They have to know how to use this  
21 equipment in case the thing really does happen. Also,  
22 keep in mind, we are a regional support activity. We  
23 have agreements with Greenville County, Abbeville  
24 County, Pickens, Oconee, and so on. If anything  
25 happens around here, they can borrow our equipment,  
26 our personnel will go and help them and vice versa.

27 So it's one of those situations that in today's  
28 world I think we need it and I'll be voting for it.  
29 Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waters.

31 KEN WATERS: I think Mr. Crowder and Mr.  
32 Allen both make very good points. We don't choose how  
33 grants will be handed out. If I were in charge of  
34 grants, I wouldn't hand them out that way. But this  
35 is how we choose them. I mean we have to -- somebody  
36 applies for them.

37 I have to say that Taylor Jones does a very good  
38 job with our disaster preparedness group because you  
39 have to sit around and dream up what's going to  
40 happen. Who would have ever dreamed some of the  
41 terrorist attacks that would have happened? Sometimes  
42 you have to go out of your way a little bit to provide  
43 protection and security for everybody. I went to the  
44 ACC championship last week. When you went through the  
45 gate, you went through one gate and they searched you  
46 with a metal detector. I had no problem with that.  
47 Matter of fact I appreciated them doing that. We're  
48 going to have to take more time to be secure, and the  
49 majority of us are not going to have a problem with  
50 this. But you know what, those few people that out to

1 get all of us, they are going to use something  
2 somewhere to do something. Now, if you can figure out  
3 what that is, we'll put that money there. But in this  
4 case, we have to try to guess what they're going to do  
5 next and we have to be prepared by using intelligence  
6 to do that.

7 Now, I support this just because I believe we need  
8 to be ready. And if you can tell me what -- how we  
9 need to be ready, then we can check that off and we  
10 could probably save a lot of money. But we can't do  
11 that. So I'm all for security and what our disaster  
12 preparedness guys do. Thank you.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

14 TOMMY DUNN: We'll go to Ms. Floyd and  
15 then Mr. Crowder.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: I, too, agree with what my  
17 fellow Council members have said. First of all,  
18 listening to them talk, I was listening to people who  
19 know; people who have been there. People who know  
20 what's going on because they have done a part -- an  
21 active part of what's been going on. So I value  
22 listening to them just now and I value their opinion.

23 But there was another thing that was said that  
24 bothered me. And that was to -- before you apply for  
25 a grant, bring it to the Council so we can know that  
26 you're doing it. That bothers me. That bothers me.  
27 Yes, maybe these items were already applied for and  
28 gotten when it got to us, but in some cases, you've  
29 got to make -- you got to make -- give me the word,  
30 somebody.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Decision?

32 GRACIE FLOYD: No. Well, whatever it is  
33 -- you've got to take chances sometimes. Okay.  
34 You've got to make choices or excuses sometimes. By  
35 the time it comes to us and we approve it and they  
36 apply for it, the money could be gone. It's not a bad  
37 thing that the money has already been gotten because  
38 we know that the money is being used for a specific  
39 purpose. And that is to help us maintain the kind of  
40 security in this small town that we need. Other  
41 things they may have to come and ask -- see if they  
42 could apply for -- I just don't like that period  
43 because we've hired good people in our county and they  
44 know. They know what we need. And if they can get a  
45 grant from the government to give us a piece of this  
46 pie, get the money and then come to me and ask me if  
47 you can keep it.

48 All right. But to say it needs to come --  
49 something else that was said that got me a little bit.  
50 It said that they had the opportunity to do it, but

1 you didn't do it. Now that could apply to me as well.  
2 I ask a lot of questions because I don't understand  
3 and I don't know. And before I raise my hand you can  
4 go home and say Gracie Floyd understands it because  
5 she voted on it. Might not remember it, but I voted  
6 on it at the moment. But the thing is, how do you  
7 know what questions to ask if you don't know what's  
8 going on? That's my dilemma in a lot of cases. We  
9 get up here, we talk about stuff and then they say,  
10 well, you could have asked somebody. I don't mind.  
11 Mr. Burns will tell you that I will call anybody in  
12 Anderson County to tell me what does this mean if I  
13 knew the questions. There are people in this audience  
14 and up here whom I have called to say what's going on.  
15 But if I don't know the questions, folks, and if these  
16 people don't know the questions, they don't know  
17 what's going on, then how do you think they can ask  
18 the questions?

19 But I will be voting for this eagerly. And I  
20 thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.  
22 Crowder.

23 FRANCIS CROWDER: I agree with my  
24 distinguished colleagues totally. But when you  
25 evaluate the list of what's being purchased, not a  
26 single item of this equipment will have stopped what  
27 happened out yonder. This is all equipment to deal  
28 with after the fact. But that is important. That is  
29 important. But it does not prevent the occurrence.  
30 Thank you.

31 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

33 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?

35 MITCHELL COLE: Clarify, please. That  
36 these are grants. People say tax money. But guess  
37 what, if we don't take advantage of it, we're still  
38 going to pay the taxes on it. So, that's something we  
39 need to remember.

40 FRANCIS CROWDER: That's true.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

42 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

43 Let there be no misunderstanding. I was deploring the  
44 fact first that we even have to consider such  
45 equipment. But given circumstances, I'm not going to  
46 vote against it. I'm deploring the fact that we have  
47 a form designed to give us a heads up on ongoing  
48 expenses. I'll invite you to look the actual form.  
49 It says cost. First line personnel, second line  
50 operating costs, third line contractual costs, fourth

1 line insurance cost, fifth capital costs and it's very  
2 well laid out so you can look at a glance and know  
3 what your ongoing requirements are going to be. And  
4 this was -- the insurance, it was not very difficult  
5 to get Ms. Davis to look it up and give us an  
6 estimate, but it was not filled in. That was my  
7 complaint. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anybody else?  
9 Sure you don't want to beat this no more? Let me just  
10 add a couple of things right quick on the insurance  
11 thing. I think it's just an oversight sometimes. We  
12 get something or other and we got recurring costs we  
13 just don't think about it. So, Ms. Davis, you and  
14 your staff do an excellent job. Y'all just help us,  
15 the ones that fill out that and make sure that is  
16 filled out before it gets before Council, because I'm  
17 sure it's just an oversight. People don't think about  
18 that recurring about insurance. We just need to be  
19 mindful of that. Ms. Davis, you and Mr. Burns, I  
20 think, I can't remember exactly when, sometime around  
21 October whatnot, it's policy in the county now whether  
22 you like it or not it's policies, this Council set it,  
23 any grants to be sought after Mr. Burns approves it  
24 first to make sure that -- make sure we adhere to  
25 that. And he can let us know.

26 Second, what's wrong with a lot of these grants we  
27 get or whatnot, is -- like Homeland Security grant.  
28 There's been millions and millions of dollars since 9-  
29 1-1 on these things. One of the things well  
30 documented was give out was coats to keep policemen  
31 and firemen warm. Now you can argue was that going to  
32 protect -- keep us protected? We have to weed through  
33 this -- that's stuff like that is what makes us look  
34 bad. We got a round, I'm telling you right now that's  
35 fixing to come through because of the flood we when  
36 through in Columbia. Some of the FEMA money and state  
37 money, it's going to get crazy about what some stuff  
38 is asked for and whatnot. Just saying you keep  
39 talking about this, you know, it ain't tax money. It  
40 is tax money. And it ain't just tax money, we pay  
41 taxes. We getting some of this money to come back  
42 home, hopefully.

43 But the thing it is, too, keep in mind, I think we  
44 get a little set sometime about someone said about  
45 what happened out in California and as you all know  
46 they got a situation out there right now on our way to  
47 Council meeting this morning. But it's not just what  
48 I call the foreign terrorists and whatnot. We got  
49 some home grown nuts running around here that can do  
50 just as much damage in some of these schools and

1 churches and Council meetings and whatnot. We got to  
2 be -- keep vigilance on it and keep things.

3 One thing this Council done, we bought some --  
4 approved by the grant money -- some equipment for the  
5 SWAT teams and whatnot and I'm sure all y'all seen the  
6 picture of it where the policeman was shot in the  
7 head. If it hadn't been that helmet that we bought  
8 for him, he wouldn't have been here. And only on that  
9 he's lucky it's the grace of God because he got shot  
10 in the helmet not the face. Could have been  
11 permanently disfigured or killed. Those sort of  
12 things. And I know everybody on this Council  
13 definitely wants us to do all for our law enforcement  
14 and our people who protect us and our firemen and  
15 whatnot. But we also have a duty to take care of our  
16 citizens and like that. But keep that in mind. But  
17 the world we live in today that'll be some more of  
18 these decisions coming down the road. As Mr. Allen  
19 said, they ain't just all gadgets. We have to, you  
20 know, get them such and such. How far fetched is it,  
21 because it ain't just -- as Mr. Allen said it, it just  
22 ain't going to happen in big cities no more. And it  
23 ain't just what you call it. So hearing no more  
24 discussion all in favor of the vote -- we're voting on  
25 six of these -- show of hands. Thank you.

26 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right, sir, the next  
27 item is a PCB settlement contract agreement to give  
28 more money to Green Pond. Thank you. Mr. Burns.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, as you well  
30 know, we received a substantial sum of money to do the  
31 Green Pond project. This is some additional money,  
32 over six hundred thousand dollars, that we can use on  
33 Green Pond to do some earthwork necessary for us to  
34 move into the next phase.

35 FRANCIS CROWDER: Finance Committee  
36 recommends it, Council.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance  
38 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion? I'd  
39 just like to say I appreciate what all's been done out  
40 there. I really do think -- I know I enjoy hearing  
41 this -- people say I get tired of hearing about Green  
42 Pond. Well, get ready -- I hope you plumb sick  
43 because it's a good thing. It's a game changer of  
44 what's happening to Anderson County and a lot of good  
45 things. This ain't just District 5, it's Anderson  
46 County. And it's put us on the map on some rec  
47 things. And I said when I first run for Council, one  
48 of my things was they didn't do enough at Lake  
49 Hartwell. I think this puts it on the way about  
50 getting something done for Lake Hartwell and getting

1 us seen as a good eye for good spot -- spotlight good  
2 on Anderson County as a whole.  
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I ---  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I mean, thank you. Mr.  
6 Chairman, I applaud you and I'm happy about what's  
7 going out there on the Golden Pond. But I, too, made  
8 a same thing that you did when I came on, that I was  
9 going to get something happening in District 2. Okay.  
10 And you've been here how long now?  
11 TOMMY DUNN: Too long according to some  
12 people. But seven years.  
13 GRACIE FLOYD: You've been on Council for  
14 seven years?  
15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Starting my  
16 eighth.  
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well I've been here  
18 for sixteen years and I still have not accomplished  
19 anything in District 2. So ---  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, ma'am. I beg to pardon  
21 -- you done a lot for your district.  
22 GRACIE FLOYD: I have. I have. I have.  
23 But I've been lacking the support I need. So I'm  
24 asking next year let's swap districts. Give me a  
25 chance to ????  
26 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. All in  
27 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
28 sign. Show the motion carries.  
29 Mr. Chairman, moving on.  
30 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. Brownsfield Loan  
31 Toxaway and Pelzer Mill Sites. Mr. Michael Forman.  
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Forman.  
33 MIKE FORMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
34 These are two separate requests. The first one, the  
35 smaller one, is for sixty thousand dollars through the  
36 Pelzer Historic Commission. Will be through DHEC,  
37 they're requesting a sixty thousand dollars -- be a  
38 twelve thousand dollar match. We are requesting the  
39 County cover that portion. It would be to cover some  
40 clean-up costs out at the Pelzer Mill site.  
41 And the second request is for revolving loan fund  
42 for both the Toxaway Mill and the Pelzer Mill sites.  
43 Two hundred thousand dollars would be applied for at  
44 the Toxaway Mill to finish the clean-up of that site  
45 and the capping of that site. And two hundred fifty  
46 thousand dollars would be applied toward the Pelzer  
47 Mill site to assist in their clean-up efforts there.  
48 TOMMY DUNN: Good. Anybody got any  
49 questions or comments for Mr. Forman? Mr. Crowder?  
50 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, keep in mind when we

1 bid on this, this will be obligating ????. Is this  
2 going in this year's budget or next ---  
3 RITA DAVIS: You have that budgeted this  
4 current fiscal year, sir.  
5 FRANCIS CROWDER: Would it be taken out of  
6 the contingency fund, or where?  
7 RITA DAVIS: No, sir. We have it  
8 budgeted ---  
9 FRANCIS CROWDER: Got it budgeted, that's the  
10 magic word. Thank you.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor -- coming from  
12 Finance Committee doesn't need a second. All in favor  
13 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
14 Show the motion carries unanimously.  
15 Moving on.  
16 FRANCIS CROWDER: R2015-065 Purchase of Lot  
17 117 North Manning Street Anderson. Rusty Burns.  
18 TOMMY DUNN: Let -- if you could, Mr.  
19 Carroll's got a little description, maybe, what you  
20 call it.  
21 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. I put on each of  
22 your desk this form picture right here. The simplest  
23 way to say, I highlighted in yellow the area that we  
24 already own; the county already owns. That building  
25 that you see -- this is the aerial -- is Economic  
26 Development building. There's cars parked down behind  
27 there. There's the county parking lot where we park  
28 county vehicles. So this is -- the piece in blue is  
29 what we're talking about. It's one quarter of an  
30 acre. It's an estate -- the Davis family. And he  
31 approached Mr. Burns and myself, if we had any  
32 interest since it was adjacent to county property and  
33 it's only -- I say only -- it's thirty-five hundred  
34 dollars is his -- the cost, price that he's asking.  
35 Thirty-five hundred dollars.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, you got a  
37 question?  
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Is that for the old  
39 furniture store next to the Economic Development  
40 building?  
41 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.  
42 ROBERT CARROLL: It's right behind the old  
43 furniture store. The long streak that you see ---  
44 TOMMY DUNN: Look, Ms. Floyd. This is  
45 the road.  
46 ROBERT CARROLL: Those pictures behind it,  
47 it's a couple of old warehouse buildings. It runs  
48 right beside the railroad track there, if you're  
49 familiar with Manning Street.  
50 TOMMY DUNN: That's the furniture store

1 right there.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And what's this  
3 line?

4 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry, I'm sorry; I  
5 told you wrong. That's the furniture store. That's  
6 the property right there. Okay?

7 ROBERT CARROLL: It's approximately eighty-  
8 one feet by a hundred and thirty-four feet, give or  
9 take a foot or two.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I know where the  
11 furniture store is. The Economic Development building  
12 is right there.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, right there.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Right there. We're going  
15 to get this. What's right here? What is ---

16 TOMMY DUNN: That's the furniture store.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: What is that?

18 TOMMY DUNN: That's the furniture store.

19 Johnson's -- I think Johnson's Furniture.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Johnson's Furniture. And  
21 what's this next to it?

22 TOMMY DUNN: That's the property we're  
23 wanting. It's behind it. It's an old building. Just  
24 a grewed up lot.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: It's that little bit of  
26 property right there?

27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: My problem is I wish I had  
29 known what this was earlier because my problem is I  
30 always wondered why the county wouldn't buy that  
31 property next to the Economic Development building  
32 which is that old Johnson Furniture Store. It makes  
33 sense. But we're not talking about that one, right?

34 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: But it makes sense. Why  
36 don't we buy that property as well, the old Johnson  
37 Furniture Store. We don't have enough space for  
38 Economic Development anyway, but it could be used for  
39 another building or it could be used for an extra  
40 parking lot. To me, it's something that we can use.

41 If we're going to buy this, I think that I would  
42 like to see this tabled and let's go back and look at  
43 the thing again and see if we can't get them to sell  
44 it at a reasonable price and see where we can go from  
45 there. A bird in the bush better than a big old  
46 something or another somewhere else. And that bird is  
47 in the bush waiting on us. Mr. Chairman, may I make a  
48 motion that we table this to discuss the whole -- that  
49 piece of property going in with this one?

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. You can.



1 GRACIE FLOYD: I make a motion to table it  
2 for that purpose.

3 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to table  
4 it till we do some more research on the whole bigger  
5 property. Do we have a second? Have a second? Don't  
6 have a second.

7 Okay. Now, to go back. Let me open back for  
8 discussion. Let me just say Ms. Floyd might have a  
9 very good thing. We can check. I don't think that  
10 would stop us from -- purchasing this property  
11 wouldn't stop us from looking at the Johnson property.  
12 It's two different pieces of property. But my thing  
13 is, we ain't got but so much money, but this was --  
14 this is just a piece of property here, if we do do  
15 anything, especially with the building behind us over  
16 here, parking could be at a premium around here.  
17 Hopefully if the city keeps doing right and we keep  
18 getting things this will be money well invested, I  
19 think, on this little piece of property and help us  
20 out on the parking and some long range plans.

21 The Johnson property as far as parking thing needs  
22 to be looked at. I don't even know what they're  
23 asking for it, but say whatnot, we can certainly look  
24 at that. But also, what the cost would be to tear the  
25 building down or use the building or whatnot. But we  
26 could still do both -- still look at that and not  
27 stopping this right here because I think these people  
28 -- I don't think nobody's knocking down the door, but  
29 we don't want somebody to come in and buy it out from  
30 under us now that it's out in the public domain.  
31 Anybody got anything? Mr. Waters?

32 KEN WATERS: Just to add to, I think, I  
33 think this is a good opportunity to purchase this  
34 property because it's about a third of what the  
35 appraisal cost is, is that correct?

36 ROBERT CARROLL: I believe that's correct,  
37 sir.

38 KEN WATERS: And so, if we can ---

39 TOMMY DUNN: Who appraised it, Mr.  
40 Burns?

41 KEN WATERS: Huh?

42 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns appraise it?

43 KEN WATERS: But you know, sometimes  
44 when an opportunity opened up like this, then when the  
45 Jones property opens up as well, we could put this  
46 together and then it'd be a whole block. So I think  
47 this is good timing for this.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

49 CINDY WILSON: As your County Council pro  
50 bono real estate advisor it looks like a good deal.

1 Thank you.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?  
3 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chair?  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?  
5 MITCHELL COLE: We have an estimate on the  
6 clean-up? It would definitely need ???  
7 ROBERT CARROLL: No, sir. No, sir.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Hope that's something we  
9 can do in-house.  
10 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.  
11 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
12 show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries  
13 with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr.  
14 Crowder, Ms. Wilson in favor, and Ms. Floyd opposed.  
15 Moving on next.  
16 GRACIE FLOYD: ??  
17 TOMMY DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought  
18 you was opposed. You voting for it?  
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Okay, I'm sorry. It was  
21 unanimous, Kim, Ms. Poulin; I'm sorry.  
22 FRANCIS CROWDER: Chairman. Chairman, may I  
23 ask for a short recess?  
24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.  
25 **(RECESS)**  
26 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll call the  
27 meeting back in order. At this time we'll be going on  
28 to Item 7(f) Extension of MedShore contract. Mr.  
29 Crowder.  
30 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. As you know, the  
31 MedShore has requested an extension of their contract.  
32 Mr. Burns, you want to tell them why?  
33 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. As you know  
34 we're about to embark full time on the new emergency  
35 study that we're going to do with Fitch and  
36 Associates. In the meantime that's going to take  
37 three, four to five months to do an adequate job. In  
38 the meantime, Mr. Shore, for his accreditation, needs  
39 a contract with Anderson County. We proposed a one  
40 year contract which would merely be an extension of  
41 his existing contract with the same safeguards for Mr.  
42 Shore and for Anderson County at the same amount.  
43 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns -- this coming  
44 from the Finance Committee doesn't need a second. Any  
45 discussion? But, Mr. Burns, isn't it true also the  
46 get-out clause, we can get out if something doesn't  
47 ---  
48 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.  
49 TOMMY DUNN: If we get a recommendation  
50 Council does choose so, we can get out, is it thirty

1 day notice?

2 RUSTY BURNS: Thirty day notice and  
3 there's also an arbitration clause, that is the exact  
4 same contract that we had in existence before. This  
5 is just extending the terms one year.

6 TOMMY DUNN: No more money, whatnot.  
7 Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show  
8 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
9 carries unanimously.

10 Moving on to (g).

11 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. The Industrial  
12 Park Engineering. A committee reviewed two firms that  
13 gave proposals relative to this and the committee  
14 recommends to the Finance Committee the firm of Davis  
15 and Floyd. Mr. Burns.

16 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. As you know,  
17 Council has not purchased and is still examining the  
18 possibility of an Industrial Park, very serious  
19 possibility of an Industrial Park. We have talked  
20 extensively with three firms. We have expressed an  
21 interest in a turnkey job. All the firms were very  
22 well qualified, but we liked Davis and Floyd. (A)  
23 because of their proximity to us and their long  
24 history in this line of work doing Industrial sites.  
25 As a matter of fact, they were instrumental in the  
26 Boeing site down in Charleston and several others, and  
27 we would make that recommendation.

28 FRANCIS CROWDER: You'll notice that the  
29 contract sum totals, if all items are executed,  
30 there's a two hundred and two thousand eight hundred  
31 and eighty-five dollars, if my memory serves me. So  
32 Finance Committee does recommend this company.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance  
34 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion?  
35 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of  
36 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
37 carries unanimously.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm sure I fell asleep on  
41 (d), Brownfield loan Toxaway and Pelzer Mills sites.  
42 Did we vote for that?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: We did vote for it?

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, good. Thank you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to ---

48 FRANCIS CROWDER: Additional paving needs.  
49 You'll see in your Council agenda where three  
50 districts need some additional money to be able to

1 satisfy the full intent of the paving for 2016; Mr.  
2 Davis. Ms. Davis, rather.

3 RITA DAVIS: Not asking for a vote at  
4 this time, just bringing this to Council's attention.  
5 This is information only. As part of the supplemental  
6 budget appropriation that we will be bringing before  
7 Council as a result of the Industrial Park general  
8 obligation bond, we're going to want -- we're asking  
9 Council to incorporate this two hundred and twenty-one  
10 thousand. It's not any new money for Districts 2, 4  
11 and 5. It's just merely an incorrect estimate of the  
12 amount of work we were going to get done in those  
13 districts last year. That's all. So we're just  
14 modifying our carry-over number. We will be  
15 incorporating that with Council's indulgence in the  
16 supplemental budget appropriation.

17 TOMMY DUNN: This is only for  
18 discussion. We ain't taking no vote on this right  
19 now.

20 RITA DAVIS: That's correct. Mr. Burns  
21 just wanted to bring it to your attention.

22 TOMMY DUNN: And also all Council  
23 members in the meantime need to get with the Finance  
24 Department, Mr. Burns and the road department, and get  
25 any questions they got answered or asked or anything.  
26 That's all Council members.

27 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Davis.

29 FRANCIS CROWDER: All right. Moving on to  
30 transfers. You will see a list of the transfers in  
31 your packet. Finance Company (verbatim) recommends  
32 that all of these transfers be approved.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance  
34 Committee doesn't need a second. Are there any  
35 discussion or questions? Hearing none, all in favor  
36 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.  
37 Show the motion carries unanimously.

38 Mr. Chairman, do we need an executive session?

39 FRANCIS CROWDER: Yes, sir. I move that we  
40 go into executive session to discuss personnel  
41 matters. That is our recommendation. Do we have a  
42 second?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second Ms. Wilson.  
44 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
45 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

46 We'll step right back here, if that's all right.

47 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

48 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion to  
49 come out of executive session having received  
50 information regarding personnel issues, and we took no

1 action.

2 TOMMY DUNN: No action was taken. We  
3 have a second?

4 TOM ALLEN: Second.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in  
6 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
7 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

8 Now we'll be moving on, do we have a  
9 recommendation from the Finance Committee?

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: The Finance Committee  
11 recommends the approval of the recommendation of the  
12 Administrator in the executive session relative to the  
13 two personnel.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from the  
15 executive session doesn't -- I mean, I'm sorry -- a  
16 motion from the Finance Committee doesn't need a  
17 second. Motion is to accept the Administrator's  
18 recommendation on the two salary adjustments from  
19 positions -- on the two different positions that was  
20 changed. Any discussion? All in favor show of hands.  
21 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
22 unanimously.

23 Anything else, Mr. Chairman?

24 FRANCIS CROWDER: No, sir. Thank you so  
25 much.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Moving on to  
27 appointments. We -- hearing none, no other one -- I  
28 think we got one from District 6 on the Behavior  
29 Science -- I mean, I'm sorry, Behavior Health Service  
30 Board, Mr. Waters?

31 KEN WATERS: That would be Robin H.  
32 Hagy. I'd like to bring this in the form of a motion  
33 to nominate her for the Behavior Health Service Board.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Mr.  
35 Waters and second by Mr. Allen. Any further  
36 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion  
37 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
38 motion carries unanimously. Can Ms. Wilson or  
39 somebody let Mr. Crowder borrow that right quick.  
40 Think Mr. Crowder's got one also from -- District 1  
41 has a ---

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, my question do we  
43 vote on the transfers?

44 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

45 FRANCIS CROWDER: We did. Okay. Well,  
46 District 1 has a recommendation for Mr. Robin Hagy  
47 (sp) to serve on the Behavior Health Board and  
48 whoever, Mr. Dunn, you'll notice he's from your  
49 district, but he's a well qualified individual.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we appreciate it. I

1 know that board will definitely appreciate getting on  
2 there. Mr. Allen second. Ms. Wilson seconds that  
3 motion. Any further discussion?  
4 GRACIE FLOYD: ???  
5 KEN WATERS: Maybe I read the wrong one.  
6 Here we go. Okay. I apologize. I got -- I was just  
7 going by the agenda. I apologize. Next time I won't.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to retract Mr.  
9 Waters and we're act on Mr. Crowder. Mr. Crowder's  
10 appointee is Ms. Hagy ---  
11 FRANCIS CROWDER: Mr. Robin Hagy.  
12 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second and so any  
13 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show  
14 of hands. I want to thank the good Lord right now in  
15 person that Mr. Allen's staying up past his nap time  
16 to keep me straight. Mr. Waters?  
17 KEN WATERS: Okay. A Ms. Mildred Vaughn.  
18 I'd like to bring it in the form of a motion. Vaughn.  
19 Mildred Vaughn.  
20 TOMMY DUNN: Watch him, Tom. We have a  
21 second?  
22 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
23 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Any further  
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
25 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
26 unanimously. Does anybody have anything else on the  
27 appointments? Is there anything? I don't want to  
28 leave nobody out on that.  
29 Okay. Moving on, request by Council members.  
30 FRANCIS CROWDER: Well, have we done the  
31 requests for the Blue Grass?  
32 TOMMY DUNN: That's what we're moving to  
33 now. Request by Council number 9.  
34 FRANCIS CROWDER: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: That's what we're going to  
36 now. Request from Council members. Ms. Wilson, you  
37 have any?  
38 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
39 do. From the District 7 recreation account, please  
40 appropriate two thousand dollars for the Pelzer  
41 Milltown Players sign project and one thousand dollars  
42 for the Honea Path Free Clinic. And I put that in the  
43 form of a motion, please.  
44 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second?  
45 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.  
46 TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? Hearing  
47 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
48 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
49 unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Wilson? Mr.  
50 Crowder?

1 FRANCIS CROWDER: I have none, Mr. Chairman.  
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Cole?  
3 MITCHELL COLE: Nothing at this time.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?  
5 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have any.  
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen?  
7 TOM ALLEN: None at this time.  
8 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters?  
9 KEN WATERS: I do have two at this time.  
10 One of them would be to -- five thousand dollars for  
11 the Blue Grass Festival. And then I would also like  
12 to appropriate money to purchase a county coin from  
13 District 6's recreation thing.  
14 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?  
15 CINDY WILSON: Second.  
16 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
17 discussion?  
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?  
20 GRACIE FLOYD: What's a county coin?  
21 KEN WATERS: If -- check in your book  
22 there. I can find that for you here. It is a -- we  
23 got the idea from some of the other people having a  
24 coin design. That's it. And what it is, we have been  
25 looking at something to give people when we give out  
26 some of the awards and things and to stay within  
27 budget and this here would -- I think they're only  
28 going to cost about five dollars apiece.  
29 TOMMY DUNN: Don't tell everybody. We  
30 tell them it really costs about two hundred.  
31 KEN WATERS: The ones I looked at cost  
32 five.  
33 TOMMY DUNN: You're getting a deal.  
34 Nicky, don't print that. We're getting a deal.  
35 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me.  
36 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.  
37 GRACIE FLOYD: You have these coins?  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, if you would.  
39 GRACIE FLOYD: We have these coins  
40 already?  
41 KEN WATERS: I've not seen any. These  
42 are new ones with ---  
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So this looks like  
44 the lapel pin we have.  
45 KEN WATERS: No, that's not. These are  
46 coins.  
47 GRACIE FLOYD: May I see it?  
48 TOMMY DUNN: We don't have one.  
49 KEN WATERS: We don't have one. This is  
50 to ---

1                   ???:                   ???

2                   GRACIE FLOYD:       Well, good. Do you have

3 one of the old ones that we had? Who gave it to you?

4                   TOMMY DUNN:           That's not a county coin,

5 but it's one like it. Is that correct?

6                   GRACIE FLOYD:       Okay. Now you're going to

7 purchase this for the people in your district, right?

8                   KEN WATERS:        This will be something that

9 we give out, like at the awards when we do those.

10 This will be something that we give out in addition to

11 the ---

12                  TOMMY DUNN:           If you want to.

13                  KEN WATERS:        Right. If you want to.

14                  GRACIE FLOYD:       Okay.

15                  KEN WATERS:        It has, if you'll notice on

16 the back, the design has all of the Council people on

17 the piece of paper there. That's the fire department,

18 if you look at the piece of paper, you'll have -- it

19 has the County Council on it.

20                  GRACIE FLOYD:       You are to be commended for

21 doing this. I like the idea. But I would rather have

22 the lapel pins that we used to give out.

23                  RUSTY BURNS:        We can order lapel pins as

24 a matter of course. This was new.

25                  GRACIE FLOYD:       We can still get the lapel

26 pins?

27                  RUSTY BURNS:        Absolutely.

28                  GRACIE FLOYD:       Well, good. I used to have

29 a bunch of them because they were given out at the

30 schools; when you go to speak, you could give out the

31 lapel pins.

32                  RUSTY BURNS:        Check on our supply.

33                  GRACIE FLOYD:       That's what I would rather

34 give out. Thank you.

35                  MITCHELL COLE:       Mr. Chairman.

36                  TOMMY DUNN:        Mr. Cole.

37                  MITCHELL COLE:       This -- the military is

38 real big on coins and especially if they're special

39 coins. If we have an employee that does something out

40 of the extraordinary, we can present an employee with

41 a coin. Or a citizen does something extraordinary, we

42 can present them with a coin. We need to keep them

43 close to our chest if we do this and only give them on

44 very special occasions and they mean something when

45 you give them out rather than just ---

46                  KEN WATERS:        That's correct.

47                  TOMMY DUNN:        I concur wholeheartedly

48 with Mr. Cole's thing on there. Means more instead of

49 just every Tom, Dick and Harry getting one.

50                  GRACIE FLOYD:       How much are you paying for



1       this?     For your coin?  
2               KEN WATERS:           Actually Kim did the design  
3       on that. I think she did a very good job of it.  
4       Price on that was what, about five bucks apiece?  
5               TOMMY DUNN:           How much money you taking  
6       out of your rec account, Mr. Waters?  
7               KEN WATERS:           Well, we'll have to get  
8       back with you. Can I -- do I need to wait on voting  
9       on this?  
10              TOMMY DUNN:           No, give us a ball park  
11       number, can you?  
12              KEN WATERS:           What was that, what was  
13       that ball park number we needed on that?  
14              KIM POULIN:           ???  
15              KEN WATERS:           Okay. Now I was thinking  
16       -- let me hold off on this a little bit, check on  
17       this.  
18              TOMMY DUNN:           I'll give some, Mr. Waters.  
19              KEN WATERS:           Okay. She said the price  
20       was three thousand dollars.  
21              TOMMY DUNN:           So just give whatever your  
22       heart feels good about.  
23              KEN WATERS:           Okay. I'll go with ---  
24              TOMMY DUNN:           Hey, hey, Christmas.  
25              KEN WATERS:           Yeah. I'll go a thousand  
26       on it then.  
27              GRACIE FLOYD:         Mr. ---  
28              TOMMY DUNN:           Come on.  
29              GRACIE FLOYD:         The reason why I asked  
30       about it because I, too, was wanting to see if  
31       District 2 could -- if you would agree to let District  
32       2 go in on it as well.  
33              KEN WATERS:           Yes, ma'am. This is a  
34       Council task, I think.  
35              TOMMY DUNN:           If we would, we're going to  
36       vote on Mr. Waters' Blue Grass thing first.  
37              KEN WATERS:           Okay.  
38              TOMMY DUNN:           Okay, we'll vote on that.  
39       Got a second on the Boo Grass thing. So all in favor  
40       of that transfer, show of hands.  
41              GRACIE FLOYD:         Boo Grass?  
42              TOMMY DUNN:           Boo Grass. That thing down  
43       there. Boo Grass. All in favor show of hands one  
44       more time. All opposed. Show the motion carries Mr.  
45       Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and  
46       Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposing.  
47       Now, does anybody else want to go in on the coins?  
48       That way Mr. Waters will know how much money he needs  
49       to give out instead of just saying a thousand dollars.  
50              KEN WATERS:           Exactly.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else can help out?

2 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, I would  
3 suggest we wait until next month and we can decide  
4 exactly -- see what is available. It's a great idea.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. That'll be good. We  
6 need to do that and get things -- I think it's a great  
7 idea, too. Mr. Allen?

8 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I was just  
9 going to say, if you order it, these military coins  
10 are running about fourteen bucks apiece now if you  
11 order them. So that's what they're charging.

12 TOMMY DUNN: We need to get that done --  
13 and Kim, if you let us all know, if you would. That  
14 way if anybody wants to help out, can help out. It  
15 ain't -- if we're going to do it county-wide, and  
16 again, Ms. Floyd, I appreciate Mr. Waters, but it  
17 ain't right for him to take it all out of his thing.  
18 We'll all help out where we can.

19 KEN WATERS: Appreciate that.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: But one question. Can I  
21 get a hole stuck in some of them because I like to see  
22 people wear it on their lapels. Those coins end up in  
23 a drawer. Look back twenty years from now and say  
24 where'd this come from?

25 KEN WATERS: This is something new. So  
26 that's why it's so unorganized. And I apologize for  
27 that. We've been talking about it for about six  
28 months and so we've been meaning to bring it up. And  
29 so finally this month we brought it up. So we'll --  
30 if you would, get with Kim and just let her know what  
31 you're wanting. Because I apologize. I don't wear  
32 any ---

33 TOMMY DUNN: We'll see what we can do.  
34 If she just wants people to be -- besides somebody put  
35 in a pocket. I mean you can make a necklace out of  
36 it. We'll see if we can do something like that. I'm  
37 sure somebody can do something.

38 If no one's got anything else, I've got also out  
39 of District 5's rec account, I promised this five  
40 thousand dollars to the Boo Grass transfer. Put that  
41 in the form of a motion.

42 FRANCIS CROWDER: Second.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Crowder. Any  
44 further discussion? All in favor of the motion show  
45 of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries Mr.  
46 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crowder and  
47 Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposes.

48 Anybody else have any request? Hearing none,  
49 we'll move on to Item number 10, Administrator's  
50 report.

1 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, only one  
2 thing. This Saturday, December 19th, at 10:30 will be  
3 the 182nd anniversary of the founding of Anderson  
4 County. And we would like to have just a small  
5 ceremony at the museum. We'll have some punch and  
6 some light refreshments and somebody playing the  
7 guitar and somebody giving the history of Anderson  
8 County. And it's very small this year. It hasn't  
9 been done in around a hundred years and we're hoping  
10 to make this a larger event. But just to kick it off  
11 and acknowledge it, Saturday at 10:30, Council  
12 members, please attend if you can. I know it's the  
13 Christmas season and please be prepared to make  
14 remarks if you so feel.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Will we get out early  
16 enough to go see Star Wars?

17 RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, you should have  
18 bought your tickets for the premier on Friday night,  
19 for the 3-D version.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Y'all could have bought me  
21 tickets.

22 RUSTY BURNS: My daughter didn't buy me  
23 one either, Ms. Floyd.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else on anything --  
25 anything else on the Administrator's report?

26 RUSTY BURNS: No, sir.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number  
28 11, Citizens Comments.

29 RUSTY BURNS: Daniel Gamble.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Please state you name and  
31 District. You have three minutes. Address the Chair,  
32 please.

33 DANIEL GAMBLE: Good afternoon, County  
34 Council. Daniel Gamble, District 2. I would like to  
35 come up and say a few words that I missed the County  
36 Council meeting the past few months. I was a little  
37 bit down, but I'm back. And I would like to say is I  
38 appreciate all you do for this 2015 year. Each and  
39 every one of you, staff and employees of Anderson  
40 County, what the hard work they done. And I want it  
41 to like to continue more this upcoming year. Keep  
42 what's going on in the county. And I'd like to say to  
43 y'all, again, I really appreciate all you do and I'm  
44 back and I want to get back more coming to the  
45 meetings more for the next upcoming year. Again I  
46 want to appreciate all you. Have a safe Merry  
47 Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?  
49 Hearing none, we'll be going on to Council comments  
50 from Council members. Ms. Wilson?

1 CINDY WILSON: Oh, thank you. I wish  
2 everyone a wonderful Merry Christmas and a happy  
3 healthy New Year. And it's so inspiring to see the  
4 wonderful things that have happened in our county this  
5 year. We have missed you, Mr. Gamble. We appreciate  
6 our citizens coming to the meetings. So, Merry  
7 Christmas y'all.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.  
9 Mr. Crowder?

10 FRANCIS CROWDER: Merry Christmas, Happy New  
11 Year. Wow! Thank you.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Cole?

13 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, Council, just  
14 like to remind everyone it's a dangerous time. Be  
15 aware of your surroundings. If you see something that  
16 doesn't look right, report it. Let somebody know that  
17 something doesn't look right. And have a very Merry  
18 Christmas, everybody. Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Cole. Ms.  
20 Floyd?

21 GRACIE FLOYD: I got it. I have a couple  
22 of things to say. I'm not going to apologize. First  
23 of all, I want to talk about, it's time for us to  
24 start doing committees when we get back from the  
25 holidays. Now, I don't know who's going to be the  
26 chairman this year, but I'm asking you, please,  
27 please, let's do something about the Finance  
28 Committee. I have been saying this at the on-set.  
29 The Finance Committee is not including everybody on  
30 the information. The Finance Committee gets a pack of  
31 information. Do we all get the same pack of  
32 information? Is everything in there? I don't think  
33 -- in fact, I wish we would just get rid of it period.  
34 The newspaper has said that it was a powerful Finance  
35 Committee. We don't have powerful people on this --  
36 in this Council. We don't have powerful committees.  
37 The committees serve at the pleasures of the person  
38 that appointed them. We all are just as powerful as  
39 the other one is. There's nobody that supercedes the  
40 individual people on this County Council; not even the  
41 Chair. If you want to go back and check the facts,  
42 let's do so. I do not get the information that the  
43 Finance Committee people get. I don't think that's  
44 fair to District 2. It's not fair to the twenty-two  
45 (verbatim) plus people that I serve. I need to get  
46 the same things they get. I need to know the same  
47 information they get. How can I make a decision on  
48 things that need to be done if I don't know all of the  
49 information? I don't want to serve on this committee,  
50 but I think that we have the same people every year

1 since it started on the committee in lieu of others.  
2 I have never served on the committee. There is only  
3 one other person in here who has -- who have never  
4 served. He just got here. All right. And I do  
5 resent that. Please know that. I do resent the fact  
6 that I have never been asked to serve on that  
7 committee. I don't know why, but -- and that's not  
8 important. The important thing is I don't have to  
9 serve to get the same kind of information.

10 Also, this is on a little personal note, it's no  
11 secret that I have been down. That I have been sick.  
12 It's not even really sick. I have had some problems,  
13 some body problems, what do you call it when you're  
14 not sick but you're sick? Okay, anyway I have been  
15 down but I have not been out. I've done my job, I've  
16 done my work, you will be surprised of how much stuff  
17 you can -- that you can learn just by making phone  
18 calls and keeping up with people and then there's some  
19 people who will keep up with you, too. But I'm  
20 getting better. I'm getting better. My problem has  
21 been degenerative arthritis in my back, as young as I  
22 am. That's what I have. It's hard to move up and  
23 down. I have good days, I have bad days.

24 I want to thank Mr. Burns. At the end of this  
25 year, Mr. Burns, for all that you -- Mr. Burns, look  
26 at me. Thank you. For all that you have done for me,  
27 helping me through the worst of it, I want to thank  
28 you so much. Mr. Dunn, thank you for calling to check  
29 and see if I was still alive. Okay. I appreciate  
30 that. Okay. But I'm on the other side. I don't know  
31 if it's going to get worse. It's degenerative, which  
32 means -- but I don't know if it's going to get worse  
33 or get better.

34 I've been hearing the rumors, and I want to end it  
35 right now. Yes, I am running. Yes, I will be right  
36 there at the polls with you. Okay, with everything I  
37 have; crutches, wheelchair, back brace, everything  
38 else I can muster up to stand up and say hey to you.  
39 I am not quitting. If the voters are pleased at the  
40 work that I have done and if they re-elect me to come  
41 back, I will. I wish it were a way that I could think  
42 -- thank the people that I have run into. I have had  
43 a lot of help. I needed a lot of help. But thank God  
44 I have had not one person who ever turned me down to  
45 help me up, to hold my hands, to get something off the  
46 top shelf for me. I'm blessed. I'm blessed.

47 So I want to wish everybody a Merry, Merry  
48 Christmas and that I love Anderson County. I love  
49 Anderson County. Even if you take me away, I'll be  
50 out there, which is more dangerous than sitting up

1 here. And I thank all of you. And that's what I have  
2 to say, Mr. Dunn. Thank you.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Mr.  
4 Allen?

5 TOM ALLEN: I have a long drawn out  
6 speech I'd like to make. Just wanted to wish  
7 everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

8 Ms. Floyd, you know I love you, right? You know  
9 that.

10 TOMMY DUNN: We've got our doubts  
11 sometimes.

12 TOM ALLEN: Merry Christmas and Happy  
13 New Year to everybody.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waters?

15 KEN WATERS: Could you get me another  
16 glass of tea while I get ready? You know it's been a  
17 fun year. Looking back on 2015, we've accomplished a  
18 lot. There's a lot of plans in the works.  
19 Everything's going real well. The Green Pond. The  
20 Civic Center has picked up quite a bit. And next year  
21 looks promising for a Anderson County Youth League.  
22 There's plans going on with that right now that's  
23 going to be very promising. It's been a pleasure to  
24 have been a part of this. And I think back to when I  
25 first came on Council, the things that we've  
26 accomplished and things aren't quite as stressful as  
27 they were then. We were very proud of ten dollar an  
28 hour jobs then, and worked very hard to get those.  
29 And now we're looking at twenty dollar an hour jobs  
30 and same principle goes. Each job, just one job is  
31 important to us. And we've got a lot of things in the  
32 works and I look for next year, 2016, to be very  
33 promising. And I hope everyone has a very Merry  
34 Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you, Mr.  
35 Chairman.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. I  
37 just like to thank Ms. Floyd for our nice shirt here.  
38 I don't know what she's trying to tell me, saying,  
39 thinking I couldn't fit into this. You think she's  
40 trying to tell me I'm a whopper or something? But I  
41 do want to thank her very much and sorry I missed the  
42 meeting. I had every intention of going and work come  
43 up and couldn't get off work -- worked very late that  
44 night. But I do want to appreciate it. Appreciate  
45 the thought. Also, Ms. Floyd's thoughts and prayers  
46 will be with her and her health. I hope she gets ---

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Health's good now.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. The back  
49 issues, there's nothing like them. Had them myself.  
50 Just want to thank the county staff, our emergency

1 preparedness department. I know they had a lot of  
2 inundated calls about since this terrorists stuff has  
3 started and different things and putting on different  
4 classes at churches and all and different civic  
5 organizations and been inundated with them, my  
6 understanding. So I really appreciate the staff's  
7 willingness to try to get out and help our citizenry  
8 and get this taken care of.

9 Want to thank all the county employees and  
10 citizens coming out to the Christmas tree lighting.  
11 Didn't vote for the Christmas tree, but I will say  
12 this, it was very, very beautiful sight and people  
13 really have enjoyed it. And just coming downtown I  
14 seen people just stop and looking at it and taking  
15 pictures of it. You can smile, Nicky, it ain't bad  
16 about the Christmas trees. And it is a sight and got  
17 a lot of good comments about it around this looking  
18 and admiring Christmas tree.

19 Also, want to talk about -- I think Mr. Burns has  
20 sort of been waiting for me to jump on him again,  
21 because they tell me the TV station's up and I'm the  
22 next to last person to know. But Mr. Waters was the  
23 last person to know and I was the next to last person.  
24 Hope we all get the channel and get it up, because I  
25 think it only can be great for the citizens of  
26 Anderson County to get something on the news and get  
27 some things out there and inform the public on this  
28 public access TV. I really do think that.

29 And I want to again thank all the employees and  
30 the people that helped put together the county  
31 Christmas supper at the Civic Center the other week  
32 and the ones that was able to attend. I think it was  
33 a good thing and seemed to enjoy it. And I want to  
34 thank the staff and what all they done to put this  
35 together this afternoon for department heads and give  
36 back.

37 I want to wish everyone a very, very, Merry  
38 Christmas and a Happy New Year. And I want to close  
39 on two thoughts. I really do -- I don't like -- all  
40 of our employees are great, but one has been  
41 absolutely -- since she's come on board --  
42 outstanding. That's our Clerk to Council. The job  
43 she's done to us and helping us and looking after us  
44 and really want to appreciate the job she's done. You  
45 know, sort of say, when God says you know when one  
46 door closes another one opens up. And that's exactly  
47 what happened to us with our Clerk to Council thing.  
48 So very, very, very, very fortunate and very happy on  
49 that.

50 And I want to just say, I want to thank all my

1 fellow Council members. It's been a pleasure to work  
2 with y'all this year. And especially finishing up  
3 this year. We've had a good year, productive year and  
4 finishing up that way, the staff, and Mr. Burns,  
5 administration getting this thing up and hope  
6 everybody will rest over these next few weeks as far  
7 as getting ready for the coming year because I think  
8 we've got a lot going for us. I'm real excited about  
9 the Industrial Park. I think that's going to put  
10 Anderson County again on the thing and get some people  
11 around us sort of excited. Get us some more  
12 businesses and some more companies coming to Anderson  
13 County. Thank y'all very much. Meeting will be  
14 adjourned.

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**(MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:25 P.M.)**