

State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JUNE 16, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
KIM POULIN

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
2 call to order the part of the presentation meeting to
3 order of Anderson County Council of June 16th. First
4 item is Resolution #R 2015-032, Mr. Tom Allen. Mr.
5 Allen.

6 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr.
7 Chairman. I don't present a whole lot of awards or
8 recognitions and when I do I think it needs to be
9 something that really is deserving and I want it to
10 count when I do it. And the award I'm going to present
11 tonight -- the resolution -- I do with a lot of honor.
12 I'm very proud and very happy to be able to do this, to
13 be able to present this to an individual I consider to
14 be a good friend, an individual that works very, very
15 hard for the veterans with no pay, no fanfare. He just
16 gets the job done. So without further ado, I'll read
17 this resolution.

18 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
19 KENNETH O. LEWALLEN FOR HIS TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE
20 DISABLED VETERANS OF ANDERSON COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS
21 RELATED THERETO.

22 WHEREAS, Kenneth Lewallen has served the
23 veterans of Anderson County for 40 years as a Service
24 Officer with the Disabled American Veterans
25 Association; and

26 WHEREAS, as a disabled veteran himself, his
27 intimate understanding of the Veterans Administrations
28 bureaucracy has enabled him to assist hundreds of
29 veterans in obtaining their benefits; and

30 WHEREAS, Kenneth continues to volunteer his
31 services to all veterans and their spouses or widows
32 four days a month while simultaneously training
33 volunteers to understand and recognize issues of
34 returning war veterans; and

35 WHEREAS, Kenneth, a true Veterans Advocate,
36 goes wherever the call arises; helping veterans compile
37 compensation paperwork, assisting spouses with funeral
38 services, to promoting veterans services at seminars;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council
41 recognizes that the key to success in a community is
42 its people -- especially, those who demonstrate
43 qualittites of individual excellence, service,
44 leadership, and unselfish devotion to their community.

45 We, the Council, are grateful for your efforts
46 and hope that others in the community will continue to
47 follow your leadership in the service of our veterans.
48 We are truly honored at your personal sacrifice for our
49 nation and the continued dedication to our veterans.
50 This resolution shall take effect and be in force

1 immediately upon enactment; RESOLVED in meeting duly
2 assembled this 16th day of June, 2015.

3 Semper Fi. And I put this in the form of a motion.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen,
5 second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? Hearing
6 none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
7 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
8 unanimously.

9 TOM ALLEN: If we could get Mr. Lewallen
10 and your entourage there, if we could get everyone to
11 step up front, please.

12 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

13 TOMMY DUNN: Before we move on, let the
14 record show that Ms. Floyd is not around yet, and Mr.
15 Crowder is under the weather tonight and not going to
16 go into any detail. He's not here. It's just us five.

17 Next item on the agenda, Resolution R2015-033;
18 coming from Ms. Wilson and Mr. Cole.

19 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 We've had a -- got an evening of outstanding people to
21 recognize and young folks in this one.

22 This is a resolution TO RECOGNIZE THE BELTON-
23 HONEA PATH BASEBALL TEAM ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND
24 TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 CLASS "AAA"
25 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

26 WHEREAS, the Belton-Honea Path Baseball team
27 completed their regular season, 28-4, allowing them to
28 progress to the State Championships held in Greenville,
29 and

30 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach
31 Steve Williams, the team has won the fourth state title
32 for Belton-Honea Path High School; and

33 WHEREAS, Belton-Honea Path captured the 3A
34 state title after a 3-2 victory in overtime, during the
35 12th inning, the go-ahead home run seized the title
36 over Hartsville; and

37 WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication,
38 teamwork and sportsmanship the BHP Baseball Team has
39 exemplified the qualities expected of our youths; and

40 WHEREAS, the BHP Baseball Team being duly
41 recognized by the South Carolina Senate for their
42 achievements in the Senate Resolution South Carolina
43 840; and

44 Anderson County commends the Belton-Honea Path
45 Baseball Team for being outstanding ambassadors of our
46 community. We are extremely proud of the team winning
47 the 2015 "AAA" State Championship.

48 Be it resolved by the Anderson County Council
49 on the 16th day of June, 2015.

50 And may I put that in the form of a motion?

1 MITCHELL COLE: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Cole. Motion Ms.
3 Wilson. Any discussion?
4 CINDY WILSON: And may we have our
5 wonderful folks from BHP and our Council ---
6 TOMMY DUNN: If we could we'll vote on
7 that. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
8 opposed like sign. And I'd like to show -- I think the
9 school superintendent, Dr. Rosenberger, is here. Coach
10 Smith -- Williams, I'm sorry. And I believe Coach
11 Davis. Appreciate all y'all.

12 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

13 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
14 (c), Resolution #2015-034, a Resolution to commend and
15 honor recipients of the 2015 Cory White Diversity
16 Awards. Very special chance they went through the last
17 few years and they do great things there. This will be
18 from all Council members. Ms. Wilson will be handling
19 it. Ms. Wilson.

20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 Another stellar group of young folks and related family
22 and mentors.

23 WHEREAS, the Anderson County Human Relations
24 Council annually recognizes area Middle and High School
25 students with the Cory White Diversity Awards in
26 recognition of leadership and life choices that
27 exemplify advocacy for diversity and acceptance among
28 all people in the Anderson community; and

29 WHEREAS, students representing 21 area schools
30 were honored at the 2015 Cory White Diversity Awards
31 Banquet held on April 9th, 2015 at the Civic Center of
32 Anderson; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Anderson
34 County Council to recognize and acknowledge these
35 students for their efforts to make Anderson County a
36 better community through their efforts; and,

37 WHEREAS, through their everyday actions the
38 Cory White Diversity Award winners set a positive
39 example for us to follow in their relations with
40 others;

41 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the
42 Anderson County Council;

43 That the recipients of the 2015 Cory White
44 Diversity Awards named herein are commended and
45 recognized for their outstanding character and regard
46 for others.

47 And I hope I don't mispronounce names. We
48 have Alexis Archilla-Espinoza - Robert Anderson Middle;
49 Luke Benoit - Palmetto High; Shelby Brown - Wren High;
50 Kade Bryant - Crescent High; Katelyn Burgess - Starr-

1 Iva Middle; Gabriel Campbell - Belton Middle; Michelle
2 Chapman - Glenview Middle; Katie Epps - Belton-Honea
3 Path High; Sakshi Kumar - McCants Middle; Brandyn Lee -
4 Pendleton High; Katelyn Magaha - Honea Path Middle;
5 Clay Martin - Riverside Middle; Ashlyn McConnell -
6 Powdersville High; Kisa Momin - Wren Middle; Jordyn
7 Moorhead - Southwood Middle; Dasani Morris -
8 Powdersville Middle; Tiana Norris - T.L. Hanna High;
9 Nazeer Price - Anderson Alternative School; Nicholas
10 Randolph - Lakeside Middle; Morgan Roberts - Palmetto
11 Middle; and Sydney Thompson - Westside High

12 Your attitudes and actions reflect great
13 credit upon yourselves, your families, and the schools
14 you represent. The members of the Anderson County
15 Council express their collective admiration for you and
16 offer their best wishes for your future endeavors.
17 This resolution shall take effect and be in force
18 immediately upon enactment.

19 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 16th
20 day of June, 2015.

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

22 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
23 a second?

24 TOM ALLEN: Second.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
26 further discussion? Right before we vote, I know Mr.
27 Newton works very hard with these folks over here. Mr.
28 Newton, would you like to say anything? Any comment?

29 STEVE NEWTON: I just want to thank the
30 County Council for their continued support of the Cory
31 White Diversity Awards and for the Anderson County
32 Human Relations Council. I'm pleased to be assigned by
33 Mr. Burns to work with the Human Relations Council.
34 And here this evening we have Delores Green and Elise
35 Hind representing the Human Relations Council. If I
36 could get Delores and Elise to come up when we're
37 handing out these -- handing out these certificates,
38 I'd appreciate it.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Be great. While we're doing
40 that, we'll -- hearing no other discussion, we'll take
41 a vote. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All
42 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
43 unanimously.

44 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, we have Dasani
45 Morris, Brandyn Lee, Sydney Thompson and Michelle
46 Chapman with us tonight and their respective Council
47 members may want to give them their awards.

48 STEVE NEWTON: If we could get the Cory
49 White award winners and their families who are in
50 attendance to come up, we've got copies of this

1 resolution to present to you. And family members come
2 on up as well, please.

3 **(PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES)**

4 TOMMY DUNN: At this time, my fellow
5 Council members, if y'all would indulge me, I'd like to
6 make a motion to amend this part of the agenda. And
7 what this is about is we've had -- I think everybody's
8 got a copy of it, we've gotten -- the Blue Cross Blue
9 Shield Foundation has awarded some money to the United
10 Way. They've asked -- they've asked us -- the United
11 Ways asked us to do a letter and send it to them. I'd
12 just like to do that and all Council support that.
13 Would y'all second that amendment?

14 CINDY WILSON: Second.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in
16 favor of amending the agenda to add that to it, show of
17 hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. At this
18 time I'd like to read for the record: I would like to
19 commend the Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina
20 Foundation for their generous grant in support of Eat
21 Smart, Move More Anderson County. I salute you for
22 your support for this project and a number of other
23 initiatives that Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina
24 Foundation supported which improves the health of South
25 Carolinians. I was very excited to learn that Eat
26 Smart, Move More Anderson County, a local chapter of
27 the statewide Eat Smart, Move South Carolina is
28 receiving a Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina
29 Foundation Grant award of a hundred thousand and two
30 hundred dollars over three years to enhance community-
31 wide healthy eating and active living initiative. As
32 part of the generous statewide grant of one point three
33 million dollars for the Eat Smart, Move More Let's Go
34 project, this grant will allow leaders in our community
35 to focus on policies, systems, environmental changes to
36 influence people of all ages to make healthy choices.
37 I'm hopeful this project will replicate the success of
38 Let's Go of Charleston County and six counties across
39 South Carolina including Anderson. These projects will
40 replicate the community focused model to reduce the
41 burden of obesity, especially among health populations.
42 In South Carolina obesity among adults and children are
43 serious health issue as you are no doubt aware. Your
44 support of Eat Smart Move More Anderson County will
45 increase opportunity to use healthy foods and engage in
46 daily physical activity in the community and schools in
47 Anderson County. Thank you for your commitment to
48 address this and other important health care challenges
49 in the Palmetto State in active, creative ways. We
50 particularly thank you for your support of Eat Smart

1 Move More Anderson County. Sincerely, County Council.
2 Chairman Tommy Dunn.

3 Put that in the form of a motion, what's in
4 this letter.

5 TOM ALLEN: Second.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Further
7 discussion? If not all in favor of the motion show of
8 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
9 unanimously. Thank y'all fellow Council members. The
10 meeting will be adjourned. We'll reconvene at six
11 thirty.

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(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED 6:23 P.M.)

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LEON HARMON
RITA DAVIS

1 TOMMY DUNN: ??????

2 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)**

3 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we have
4 approval of minutes, which we don't have none, so we'll
5 be skipping that. Before we move on to Item number 4,
6 Citizens Comments, I'd like -- Ms. Floyd hasn't arrived
7 yet and Mr. Crowder will not be here tonight. He's
8 feeling under the weather. But I do want to say at
9 this time, and you'll hear me say this earlier,
10 appreciate all the hard work and due diligence Mr.
11 Crowder and the Finance Committee under his leadership
12 done on the budget. And he hates he can't be here but
13 for health reasons can't be and I fully understand. I
14 was out here a couple of weeks -- a couple meetings
15 ago.

16 So at this time we'll be moving on. For next
17 order, first order of business is Citizens Comments.
18 When the attorney calls your name, please step forward,
19 state your name and district and address the Chair, and
20 keep matters on agenda items. At this time you have
21 three minutes.

22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
23 citizen signed up to speak. Elizabeth Fant.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir.

25 ELIZABETH FANT: Mr. Burns, can you move that
26 up? Elizabeth Fant, District 3. We're living under
27 fiat money. Government just keeps printing it. And
28 that's why everybody's expenses keep going up, because
29 it's worthless. That's why we're eighteen trillion in
30 debt. That's why it costs so much to buy a loaf of
31 bread, gallon of gas. We can't keep spending the
32 money. We can't keep printing the money. You all as
33 County Council are our first line of defense.

34 Want to talk a little bit about taxes, unfair
35 taxes and you'll understand how this all works together
36 on the budget. Google, Apple and Microsoft; they're
37 not paying any taxes. They've worked it out where they
38 are a corporation out of the country, so despite the
39 fact that they're making gazillions of money, they're
40 not putting any money in the tax base, so therefore, we
41 are paying their share.

42 LLCs; they basically do the same thing, they
43 shelter their income because they don't pay. There are
44 lawyers out here that have manipulated where they have
45 for the rich, rich, unfair practices such as
46 generations skipping -- and if you know what that is,
47 that means -- you probably know what that means.

48 We have unfair compensation. Understand on
49 facebook this week that the legislators pay eight
50 dollars a week for their health insurance. What are

1 you paying for yours? Government workers get all the
2 perks. Now we approve and we think that our county
3 people are good people. That's not the question. But
4 here's an example. There's an individual in Anderson
5 County that makes a hundred and four thousand dollars a
6 year. Divide that up by fifty-two weeks. That's two
7 thousand a week, with accrued sick leave, vacation,
8 government holidays, basically individuals in the
9 county only work four days and one and a half hours a
10 week. So this individual is making a salary of fifty-
11 five dollars and fifty cents an hour.

12 We're taxed everywhere. I had occasion to
13 have my car worked on and I got a rental car and when I
14 turned it in, I got the bill, which was to return to
15 the Ford place. And do you know that there was a seven
16 percent sales tax on using that car for a week. Not
17 only was there a seven percent tax, there was a five
18 percent tax rental fee. Twelve percent to rent a car.
19 That's not consuming any food, that's not any lumber,
20 it's just for the privilege of using a car. We are
21 being zapped to death.

22 I talked to a teacher this week who had a dog
23 issue. Her husband leaves at seven ten in the morning,
24 doesn't get home until ten o'clock at night from ---

25 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

27 ELIZABETH FANT: I'll finish at the end.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

29 LEON HARMON: No one else.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Item number 5. Anderson
31 County Youth Athletics. That'll be took off ---

32 KEN WATERS: I'd like to postpone that.

33 We've got one more thing we'd like to do with that.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 6.

35 Remember we voted on this last Council meeting. Mr.
36 Burns wanted y'all to see -- we just had to change the
37 letter and y'all had a copy in the packet. This is the
38 Tri-County Tech Technical College thing. And all it
39 was, Doctor Booth wanted Pickens and Oconee removed out
40 of the letter we wrote. Same thing, stating the same
41 thing, but I wanted everybody to see it in case --
42 because you seen the original one. Have a motion we
43 move this on?

44 MITCHELL COLE: Motion.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Cole. Second Ms.
46 Wilson. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in
47 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
48 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Yes,
49 ma'am.

50 CINDY WILSON: We have with us tonight ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: I was fixing to get to that,
2 thank you, ma'am.

3 CINDY WILSON: --- our Duke Power
4 representatives, Mr. Scott Miller, and Ms. Emily
5 DeRoberts??. And I have to say, for our corporate
6 neighbor, they have been awesome. We've had a very
7 much mistreated community over between Williamston and
8 Belton and these fine people have worked overboard
9 trying to answer questions and to help take input and
10 the citizens over there feel like they're a part of the
11 program and decision making and I can only thank Duke
12 Power and we appreciate them being here tonight.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. We
14 do greatly appreciate that being part of the community
15 and taking care of their concerns. Greatly appreciate
16 that. Thank y'all very much.

17 Moving on to Item number 7, budget discussion.
18 Ms. Wilson.

19 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In
20 reviewing the handouts the last few days, a lot of what
21 I was suggesting will already be incorporated into the
22 final document. And it can't -- it must be said that
23 Mr. Crowder made an incredible effort to get all the
24 information and to make sure we all had copies and he
25 just was a soldier for our county taxpayer and just did
26 so much homework. But I wanted to point out a few
27 things that do continue to concern me. We are -- we've
28 basically made a promise to put as much money into
29 paving as we can. And while there's certainly a need
30 for being able to get information out to our public --
31 sometimes the local papers don't cover it all, the
32 local radio stations don't and certainly the TV
33 stations have a difficult time of doing much more than
34 a thirty second sound bite. But I'm suggesting that
35 rather than putting a media team in place, that we go
36 ahead and really max out the anticipated website
37 development and access and use before considering the
38 Charter TV county channel. I've only had complaints
39 about existing websites, so I believe the new website
40 will do a great deal to answer the need of getting
41 information out. When we've got to pay fifty thousand
42 dollars in permitting and channel cost annually, and
43 then we have start-up cost for equipment, somewhere
44 around fifty thousand, and then the combined personnel
45 and operating costs of a hundred and seventy thousand,
46 I guess we have to ask ourselves would we rather have
47 this roughly quarter of a million dollars to go to
48 paving or watch ourselves on TV.

49 There were several items that have already
50 been addressed in the way of travel and dues and

1 subscriptions and meals and so forth. And that has
2 been brought back into very manageable order with
3 oversight.

4 We've also pretty much removed the new
5 building that -- we probably will need a new building,
6 but there's got to be a major process that we go
7 through. We've already dedicated approximately two and
8 a half million dollars for the demolition and asbestos
9 abatement and also to either start or upfit a new
10 building. And when we go through the entire process
11 that would be required for such a decision involving
12 everything for proposals as to joint ventures or
13 possible sale of the site, and alternates, it would be
14 more than twelve months or so and this would require a
15 debt service payment of a million three hundred and
16 thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars until we had
17 decided what we needed to do. So that's a good savings
18 there. It will come back, I'm sure, next year, and we
19 will have a thorough plan.

20 There appears to be an anticipated two and a
21 half million dollars increases in revenues and I'm
22 requesting that we consider the addition of an employee
23 to be cross-trained to serve the flood plain management
24 and permitting needs in Development Standards. And
25 also some overage help for the storm water department.
26 And I think we've also got an item in our budget for
27 large animal now in the animal shelter with a small
28 fund to cover emergency seizure cost of large animals,
29 which are currently being sent to a facility in
30 Greenwood County to be rehabilitated and adopted out.
31 And to provide to accept fund raising revenues and
32 donations into the animal shelter donations account but
33 labeled large animals. The South Carolina Upstate
34 Equine Council which consists of representation from
35 most of the Upstate counties will be providing the
36 county with a tag-along stock trailer to haul the large
37 animal seizures and there's actually another facility
38 that's being checked out, too. So I feel like for a
39 low cost we will be able to answer that need.

40 And, of course, I do support the consultant's
41 recommendation for merit increases for target
42 departments to retain our talent, but we must absorb
43 the four and a half percent health benefit cost
44 increases for our employees. I just can't quite
45 support an across the board salary increase in our
46 difficult time here. I don't know that a lot of our
47 citizens realize that we offer probably the best health
48 insurance plan for our employees than any other county
49 in South Carolina. Local private industry probably
50 doesn't offer any better either. And don't forget that

1 what we implement in this fiscal year for 2016 will
2 increase dramatically by 2017. And it will become a
3 needed mandate that continues on. Right now, the
4 projection for the coming year is that we will pay
5 fifty-five hundred forty-six dollars roughly for a
6 single employee without a payment from our single
7 employees. We'll pay almost ninety-eight hundred for
8 an employee and spouse per year. And an employee with
9 children will be almost eight thousand per year. And
10 both of those will pay -- the employee and spouse will
11 pay a hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-eight
12 cents a month. And the employee with a child or
13 children would be forty-six eighteen. A family with
14 the employee and family, that's almost twelve thousand
15 a year now and that employee would pay two hundred and
16 eight dollars and eighty-eight cents a month. And it
17 should be considered that when we increase our health
18 care insurance coverage because of the new mandates
19 that does represent to an extent a salary increase
20 because that benefit, the health insurance benefit, is
21 untaxed. And as I've mentioned before, I have -- I'm
22 not opposed to using our fund balance to address hard
23 needs such as more paving as long as we leave three
24 months minimum undesignated on hand.

25 And I'm hoping after Mr. Cole has worked so
26 hard with our solid waste people to have some measure
27 in place where we have some punishment for people
28 caught littering. And I believe our Administrator
29 suggested that doing community service at the Civic
30 Center would take care of the liability issue and
31 hopefully whoever littered and got caught and had to do
32 that one time would not want to redo that sin.

33 I also think it would be useful to review our
34 operations and finances of our DOT before applying new
35 taxes or fees and I believe that is now a moot point.
36 But it's important that we conduct a zero based
37 budgeting process probably starting with two or three
38 departments per year and rotate every three years. It
39 would seem that this would help us to stay on mission
40 focus and allow for more timely adjustments. And I
41 wanted to point out that just the personnel component
42 of the general fund, not counting the Sheriff's
43 department, is sixteen million one hundred and forty-
44 two thousand and that's almost a six hundred thousand
45 dollar increase. And the total personnel part of our
46 budget tonight, the general fund is twenty-six million
47 four hundred and one thousand nine hundred and fifty-
48 five dollars. That's an almost one million eight
49 thousand dollar increase. That includes the fringes
50 and the health and all the other benefits.

1 We will be working through the EMS question.
2 And I wondered if we can get together soon after we
3 work through our budget to perhaps look at having
4 another QRV to pinch hit some of these areas that are
5 stressed. It appears that the QRVs that we have in
6 place now have saved a lot of lives and cut down on
7 response time. I'm concerned that, I guess because of
8 zones and traffic some of our response times are back
9 up to almost twenty minutes. And we do have a very
10 good EMS system and we do owe it to our citizens to
11 provide them the best care and the fastest response
12 time. And I'm just going to suggest these things to
13 y'all and I'll work through the rest of the meeting
14 with y'all. Thank you so much.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
16 Moving on to Item number 8, budget discussion
17 with Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. First of
19 all, I apologize for being late. But it was one of
20 those days where everything happens at the same time
21 when you try to go out the door. So I'm sorry. I
22 apologize for that.

23 Secondly, I can't see you. I can only make
24 out a few people in the audience. So if you see me
25 squinting and carrying on, that's what's going on. I
26 don't know what's wrong, but I think that's Josh Pain??
27 in that corner over there and I can see Taylor --
28 Taylor, is that you, back there? Okay. And I see a
29 couple of ladies back there. The Sheriff I can make
30 out. But that's about it.

31 The first thing when I walked into the room, I
32 sat here and I looked out there and I said, oh my gosh,
33 something's going to happen tonight. The police is
34 here. And I asked our Chairman why were they here,
35 what's wrong. He assured me everything was all right.
36 And I'm going to be okay tonight.

37 I've got a lot to talk about. I've got a lot
38 to talk about. I'm not going to give you facts and
39 figures because I don't understand some of them myself,
40 okay? But I'm just going to tell you what's going on,
41 what to expect tonight and how it's going to be. I
42 have twenty minutes to talk. I don't plan on talking
43 twenty minutes, but I'm going to talk to you.

44 First of all, the TV station. We're getting a
45 TV station I hope. It's needed. We have people going
46 out here telling our story for us. The newspaper, that
47 station over there, and we've got somebody else new --
48 who's that new camera girl? The camera girl, where are
49 you from, darling? We have FOX Carolina with us
50 tonight. But they're telling our story. They're

1 telling people what's going on that's not really going
2 on. Did you hear about me storming out of the
3 Financial meeting? You read it in the newspaper. I
4 didn't storm. I got up and walked out gently, calmly.
5 But I didn't storm. Some of the things that are
6 printed in there, it just doesn't happen sometimes. So
7 we need to tell our own story.

8 I went to the water place where they pull up
9 the water out of Hartwell and I saw them pull up five
10 pumps of water out of the Hartwell -- is it the
11 Hartwell station? Okay, and I saw it go up to the hill
12 where it was processed and I saw where it went out to
13 different towers. And then I learned that the towers
14 used that water and send it back to us in our sewer
15 plant. Okay. And I saw the water coming out of the
16 sewer plant, they offered me a drink, but they said it
17 was clean as anything else. But I didn't take it. And
18 it went back into the pond. Back to Hartwell. That
19 kind of thing needs to be on the television. Our
20 children, our people, need to understand the water
21 system so when we start talking about fleas in the
22 water and water shortages and this and that, they can
23 understand. That's why we need the TV station, to --
24 to help us learn our own county. So I'm hoping that's
25 one of the things that's going to pass tonight. Sure,
26 it cost us -- it costs us some money. But it doesn't
27 cost us what ignorance has cost us. So I'm hoping and
28 praying that's one thing that pass.

29 I don't think -- the fourteen point five
30 million dollars for a new building in the budget, I
31 never agreed with that. And I'm hoping tonight that we
32 can make a final decision on that, and the two hundred
33 and eighty-six thousand dollars for the park. Health
34 care. You're going to be insured. You're going to be
35 insured. I don't want you to take it as, oh my God,
36 we're going to lose -- you're not going to lose your
37 health care. We're going to have to make some
38 adjustments as we go along but it's going to be -- it's
39 going to be fair and equitable to everybody. So
40 paving. Paving will be done. We will have paving this
41 year. In fact, I'm getting a little nervous now -- in
42 fact, the paving will be a little better than what we
43 thought we were going to do. This is -- this is
44 contributed to our Administrator and our Holt Hopkins
45 -- I don't know if he's here or not -- but it's
46 attributed to them working things out so that we can
47 have what we need.

48 We looked at zero based budgeting when we
49 first started this thing. It's not all it's cracked up
50 to be. I'm not a proponent of that and that will be

1 something you're going to be hearing a lot about
2 because I will be discussing that. Sheriff, I want to
3 apologize to you. The Sheriff has taken a lot of flack
4 over this 9-1-1 system. And when I sat down to look at
5 it, we owe him an apology. A lot of what was going on
6 at 9-1-1 was done before the man even got there. It
7 was done some years ago and he was following the plan
8 for 9-1-1. But he took it in stride and what he did,
9 he worked with the county and they came up with a
10 system that's going to be better, that's going to work.
11 I wish that we had taken the time to look at this
12 before we started talking about it and doing what we
13 did. Sheriff, I see you squirming, but you'll be all
14 right. Okay. I'm embarrassing you, but you'll be
15 fine. Okay? The 9-1 system is going to be -- 9-1-1
16 system will be better. It will be workable. And we
17 will all have the information -- do we have any 9-1-1
18 workers in here now? Where? Put your hands up, you
19 know I can't see. All right. I admire you, ladies.
20 The biggest complement I can give to any worker in our
21 Council is, you go girls. You work hard. You have
22 shown us that. But this budget, when it's passed
23 tonight, I hope the budget is passed the way it has
24 been presented to me. Then you'll be all right. I
25 know we work you to death, but just know that we need
26 you. We cannot run this county without you doing what
27 you do.

28 Wait a minute, I'm looking at my notes.
29 Raises. Employees of Anderson County, you didn't get
30 what I thought you were worth. You didn't get what I
31 thought you needed. But you've got something that will
32 help -- that will help you do the things that you need
33 to do for yourself and your family. I have been
34 promised that next year that we will -- that we will be
35 working again. In fact, I'm ready to start on the next
36 raise in July. Mr. Burns, I'm ready to start working
37 on the next raise in July. You need it. You need it.
38 You deserve it. Some of you haven't had an increase in
39 a long time. And what's worse, what's worse, the
40 salary -- the salaries. Anderson County can do better.
41 And as long as I have the breath in me, elected or not
42 elected, that doesn't bother me. I'll be worse not
43 elected. But I will fight for that.

44 And now, now, the biggest one. Police
45 officers. How many of you got guns out there right
46 now? Come on, raise your hand. You know what you got
47 on your side. Okay. You've got them. How many when
48 you come to my house, you going to stand in front of me
49 and keep the bad people out? How many of you are going
50 to do that for me? You're the ones, you are the ones

1 that deserve it. You've putting your life on the line
2 for me and I appreciate it. You've been to my house
3 several times. Not that I have a lot of problems, but
4 in the past, I've had some concerns outside my door. I
5 even had an unfortunate accident one time, didn't I?
6 And you were there. But you're the ones, you're the
7 ones. Well, you got -- there's a raise in the budget
8 for you tonight. I don't know if it's what it could be
9 or what it should be but right now it's a start. And
10 we're going to continue to work to make it more than
11 what it is. All I ask that you give us another chance.
12 Don't leave us. Please don't leave us. And I know you
13 can go like that now because the economy has improved
14 and you're much sought after. But give us another
15 chance. Give Anderson County another chance. We do
16 appreciate what you do. And I been thinking a lot
17 about you and I've been praying a lot for you. If I've
18 embarrassed any of you with my vocal expressions, I'm
19 not going to apologize for it. We did what we had to
20 do and I thank you all. And I thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
22 Moving on to Item number 9, Ordinance of
23 budget on Third Reading. Before we get into
24 discussion, Ms. Davis comes up, I just want to make a
25 few comments myself.

26 Number one, again, I want to thank publicly
27 the hard work of the Finance Committee, all what they
28 done. And all Council members. All Council members
29 worked very hard. Mr. Crowder couldn't be here
30 tonight. We want to appreciate him. Hope we all keep
31 him in our thoughts and prayers. And like I said I
32 want to thank all Council members for due diligence and
33 hard work. Things I want to point out about this hand-
34 out that you had, been looking at for the few days of
35 recommendations to the budget, very clear there's no
36 new taxes in this budget. There's no new fees in this
37 budget. No car fees, Mr. Allen. There's a balanced
38 budget. It's got three months of fund balance to pay
39 our bills, like we should have. And it's got a litter
40 crew going under -- we had several recommendations
41 going back, but this recommendation will be under Major
42 Bryant's recommendation of hiring an officer to go out
43 with the inmates and to do it the most efficient way we
44 do it and give that a trial run. I think that'll be
45 the most bang for our bucks to do that. And it's got
46 pay adjustments for all county employees. We can only
47 do so much. And I believe you, as I think all Council
48 members would say, we'd love to do more, but this is
49 what we can afford to do, we're going to do. This is
50 -- we've worked, Council has worked and the

1 Administrator and staff and done due diligence with the
2 Sheriff trying to prepare this and get things down.
3 And it's been a very cumbersome and difficult process
4 just because of started out wanting the Sheriff to come
5 to us about adjusting the salaries of starting pay for
6 deputies just coming on board, but then you run into
7 getting a starting deputy might be making more than
8 somebody that's been there for a little bit. So we had
9 a whole process for the Sheriff to work through to go
10 through this and I want to appreciate the hard work of
11 the Finance Department, trying to do this and get this
12 up and done. Then our 9-1-1 dispatchers adjustment
13 needs to be. We've had to go through and look people
14 trying to work -- or having to work overtime to make a
15 decent pay wage. So I hope we can get that -- this
16 addresses that to get us back on the level playing
17 field to get back. That's what we need to be.

18 And I know, you know, some people will say
19 this group hasn't had this, this private sector, you
20 know, I want everybody to do good. I wish we all could
21 do more, but I really want our people who protect us
22 and all our county people do a good job, to get
23 something. That was the goal, the staff has come up
24 this time and talked about merit raises, all them kind
25 of scenarios were looked at, but I think this is a good
26 -- a good plan. It's a fiscal plan that we can abstain
27 and do to. So I'm very happy. It's not everything I
28 would like to see in the budget, but we're not there
29 yet, but I'm just saying these proposals which is a
30 give and take thing. But I do think it's -- and
31 another thing I want to bring out more importantly. We
32 talk about roads. Come January we can put out a five
33 million dollar road paving contract. That's something
34 we ain't done since I've been on Council. We ain't put
35 out a road paving contract. So I think we've -- and
36 I'm talking about black top asphalt. That's something
37 to very be proud about and me to do come January and
38 that would be the time to put this out.

39 So hearing that, we'll open it up and I'll let
40 Ms. Davis come to the mike to sort of just highlight --
41 Ms. Davis will start off on the recommendations so
42 everyone's got these sheets and I will show you, Ms.
43 Davis, what she wants to go by. You got these sheets
44 right here. Everybody's got a copy of these sheets.
45 And you got a cheat sheet I asked her to prepare to
46 keep up and move along. It's in your pile, right
47 there, Ms. Floyd, somewhere. The one page -- it's that
48 page right there. Everybody see it? And let me just
49 say this, if y'all would indulge me we're going to -- I
50 know there's going to be -- got to be several

1 amendments and motions. Before I go any further I'm
2 going to -- as I'm getting discussion, if we would,
3 we'll vote on one at a time or whatnot, just don't let
4 me get sidetracked, be a lot of it. Before we open it
5 up for discussion, we need to get this on -- the budget
6 on the floor for discussion to be making them. So do I
7 have a motion to move forward with the budget?

8 GRACIE FLOYD: So moved.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Floyd. Second
10 Mr. Allen. Now discussion. I'll ask Ms. Davis, if she
11 would to go over your sheet, Ms. Davis.

12 RITA DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Answer any questions any
14 Council members got. And we'll take it from there and
15 where we go to from there.

16 RITA DAVIS: Thank you, sir. I
17 appreciate that. As Mr. Dunn stated, this sheet with
18 the bullet points, the one page bullet points,
19 summarizes by category, by type, the changes that were
20 on the eight page change sheet that was in Council's
21 box yesterday morning. We'll go down them.

22 The first one is reducing the Sheriff
23 detention center expenses six hundred and fifty-six
24 thousand two hundred and five dollars. Now, before the
25 Sheriff jumps up, that is due to the fact that the
26 current year that we're in, we're projecting he's going
27 to spend about twenty-one million dollars. He has
28 twenty-two million dollars budgeted. So as you recall,
29 he had his own millage this year, so we're projecting
30 we're going to have to send about six hundred and forty
31 thousand to his savings account. So -- and if we get a
32 little bit further on we'll see we've got three hundred
33 thousand in contingency just in case something comes
34 up. But I think that cutting the six fifty-six two oh
35 five, that's based on historical that he will be okay
36 in his -- that's operations and contractual and the
37 current salaries, based on the staffing schedule. Jana
38 prepared that just as if any other county department.

39 The second bullet point is taking the
40 personnel costs all together. Mr. Chairman, did you
41 say that we can go on until we have something ---

42 TOMMY DUNN: Let's go on, if they got any
43 questions or something we'll stop and go on from there.
44 Yes, ma'am.

45 RITA DAVIS: All right. Eighty-one
46 thousand seven sixty-five. That's related to, as you
47 recall, we -- in the first and second reading we had
48 three point two percent increase in health insurance.
49 PEBA came back and said, no, provide for four point
50 five. We have those increases in here. We deleted a

1 position in IT, treasurer, fleet and ??? That's four
2 positions that are not funded in the budget. As you
3 recall we talked about hiring a full time medical
4 examiner in the coroner's office. That's revenue
5 neutral. We reduced autopsies by a hundred thousand --
6 we're getting seventy-five thousand from Oconee and
7 Abbeville County combined. So Dr. Woodard's salary
8 will be the exact amount and his fringes, so that we
9 will not incur any additional money. Also that
10 Building Inspector. From Neighborhood Improvement
11 Program ---

12 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. I need ---
13 point of order.

14 TOMMY DUNN: No, actually ---

15 GRACIE FLOYD: Point of order, point of
16 order. Okay. Mr. Chairman and Ms. Davis. Could you,
17 as you go through the cheat sheet line, could you refer
18 back to this sheet here what line we're on.

19 RITA DAVIS: Whoa boy. Yes, ma'am.
20 That's going to be multiple, multiple lines.

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, but let me tell you
22 now. Let me tell you now. Okay. This is what I
23 studied.

24 RITA DAVIS: Okay.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: This is what I've been going
26 over.

27 RITA DAVIS: Okay.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: This is what I just saw.

29 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: So if it's possible, I would
31 appreciate it if you could do that so I can compare my
32 lines here to what you've said over here. If it's not
33 possible then maybe I can work around it. Keep in mind
34 ---

35 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, it'd be easier
36 just to go down through this.

37 TOMMY DUNN: It would be a little bit
38 cumbersome, Ms. Floyd. I can assure you this is
39 nothing -- this is the sheet right here you'll be
40 voting on. It just sort of explains this sheet a
41 little bit. Trying on the short order -- this is -- or
42 if somebody makes a motion. This is the same thing.
43 This is just trying to explain it.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, may I ask? If
45 you could just give me a little time between these two
46 so I could put it with what I know and my notes on this
47 one.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Okay.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.

50 RITA DAVIS: Sounds good. And also, that

1 allows for that intern in IT from the Career Center
2 that Council approved. And also, like I was saying,
3 it's the Building Inspector for the Neighborhood
4 Improvement program. Plus the increase in permitting
5 in Building and Codes. Also related to personnel we
6 deleted the storm water inspector position that will be
7 out of the budget if Council approves these changes.
8 We reduced communications overtime, two hundred and
9 fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy. That
10 leaves two hundred and thirty thousand in overtime.
11 And we'll get to the salary increases in just a little
12 bit.

13 That's New Foundations, deleting the money
14 that was originally approved for them of ten thousand
15 six hundred and seventy dollars. Been notified by the
16 state that there's seven hundred dollars per dispatcher
17 that's needed for training, so we're asking for
18 eighteen thousand more to give to the state so that
19 they can train your dispatchers as needed. And EMS
20 needs eight thousand more due to training the squads.
21 That's in books and publications. We reduced
22 registration, travel, meals, lodging, dues and
23 subscriptions eighteen thousand nine hundred and
24 eighty-five dollars in all departments.

25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Question.

26 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now I know that this
28 was -- this was talked about one night in a meeting
29 because somebody didn't want them to be able to
30 whatever. But this means that nobody travels now, if
31 this is approved?

32 RITA DAVIS: Oh, no, ma'am. This is
33 basically the APWA National Conference in Arizona
34 that's being deleted and two Leadership Anderson
35 registration fees. That's basically what that is. A
36 large part of it.

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The confusion is the
38 fact that -- is that first one AB, whatever it was, is
39 that in the ---

40 TOMMY DUNN: Public Works.

41 GRACIE FLOYD: --- public works. I was
42 going to say roads. That's the Public Works
43 department, right?

44 RITA DAVIS: Primarily. Yes, ma'am.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

46 RITA DAVIS: For the most part, because
47 they were going out of state to Arizona.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I need some
49 direction. Just wait a minute.

50 TOM ALLEN: If I might, Rita, while

1 she's doing that, the comment was made about no out-of-
2 state travel, is -- has that been accepted?
3 RITA DAVIS: That's included in your
4 budget ordinance, Mr. Allen.
5 TOM ALLEN: Okay. So out-of-state
6 travel will be allowed? Or will not?
7 RITA DAVIS: I beg your pardon?
8 TOM ALLEN: Will out-of-state travel be
9 allowed or not?
10 RITA DAVIS: With the Administrator's
11 approval, sir.
12 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
13 RITA DAVIS: Under the disbursement
14 heading in the budget ordinance we put that.
15 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.
16 CINDY WILSON: In advance.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: How far in advance, Mr.
18 Burns?
19 RUSTY BURNS: I would imagine you'd
20 usually have out-of-state travel about thirty days
21 ahead of time. Just as a rule of thumb, because if
22 you're going to go on an out-of-state trip you would
23 know that by that time.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. You going
25 to show me now?
26 TOMMY DUNN: I'll show you when you're
27 ready to vote. But we'll break it down. We ain't
28 voting on nothing now.
29 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
30 RITA DAVIS: Twenty-five hundred dollar
31 increase in Farmers Market advertising. And we just
32 moved that Neighborhood Improvement grant from fund 102
33 to 113 and we reclassified it according to the listing
34 that was submitted in the award request. And that's so
35 that we can track the expenditures by neighborhood.
36 We have allowed for eight million six hundred
37 and fifty thousand for Project Machine. As we were
38 developing the budget that was not on our radar, but it
39 is now, so we need to provide -- it's a pass through,
40 of course, but we need to provide for that. Also,
41 there's -- regarding economic development, there's a
42 hundred thousand for an E&I commitment. As we stated
43 there's three hundred thousand in the contingency in
44 the general fund in case it's needed. Hopefully it's
45 not needed, but it's there. And of course, that would
46 come back before Council to move any money needed in
47 another department. We looked at the Cablevision
48 revenue and we need to increase that about two hundred
49 thousand. We're guesstimating we're going to have
50 about one million four hundred and sixty thousand. So

1 we need to increase it by two hundred thousand.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. Where are we
3 now?
4 RITA DAVIS: We're -- and I apologize.
5 I should have numbered instead of ---
6 GRACIE FLOYD: That would have been
7 helpful.
8 RITA DAVIS: About midways down, ma'am.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Are we way down here
10 already? Okay. Wait a minute. Hold it. I'm back
11 here on that Neighborhood Initiative program where you
12 said that itemized neighborhood improvement grant two
13 million four hundred and ninety-six dah, dah, dah in
14 form 113 and reclassified the original three point five
15 million from 102. That don't make any sense to me.
16 RITA DAVIS: Ma'am, back in February when
17 we developed the budget, we were told to provide up to
18 three point five because at that time we didn't know
19 what the exact award amount was. We now know that it
20 was two million four hundred and eight-five thousand.
21 So we reduced it to the actual award amount, moved it
22 to a separate fund so that we could track it
23 individually. We had different sub-object for each one
24 of the neighborhoods that was approved in the award.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now that's the
26 neighborhood initiative program. State grant, right?
27 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. It is.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Then you've got
29 another one, Neighborhood Initiative program. That is
30 what Appleton Equinox is going to get? Okay. And
31 you've got Belton, all the rest of them. Okay. All
32 right. How did we come about those amounts?
33 RITA DAVIS: I think Mr. Newton worked
34 with the treasurer and the Building and Codes
35 department in order to identify those blighted
36 communities and came up with their estimate of what was
37 needed for those dilapidated homes. My understanding,
38 ma'am.
39 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. And then
40 you go to eight thousand six hundred and fifty thousand
41 for Project Machine. What is that?
42 RITA DAVIS: That's TTI, ma'am. That the
43 Council approved, yes, ma'am.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know that but you
45 know, with Project Machine -- ??? that before. Okay.
46 A hundred thousand for E&I commitment. What's that?
47 RITA DAVIS: That was a commitment we
48 made to a company and we need to honor that commitment
49 and it's a company that is -- economic development
50 incentive that Council approved in the beginning of

1 this current fiscal year.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: So where is it on the white
3 long sheet?
4 RITA DAVIS: White long sheet, ma'am, it
5 would be rows 240, 241.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: 240, 241. Infrastructure.
7 Okay. Okay. Got it. I know this, I don't know the
8 other part. Okay. I know the three hundred thousand,
9 two hundred thousand and cable vision revenue. Okay.
10 Provide for seventy-five thousand for ME?
11 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Medical
12 examiner.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: I didn't know that was in
14 there.
15 TOMMY DUNN: They're going to pay us;
16 it's a pass-through.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, it's pass-through money.
18 Okay. Here's one for microfilming and recodification
19 in County Council. Is that for ---
20 RITA DAVIS: That's according to state
21 law. The Clerk to Council needs that money so she can
22 recodify.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Put our records on
24 microfilm. That hasn't been done in -- since it was
25 supposed to been done.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Is that on my white
27 sheet here, too?
28 RITA DAVIS: It is, yes, ma'am. Think it
29 should be about row 1.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Row what?
31 RITA DAVIS: Rows 2.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Number two on the first
33 page.
34 GRACIE FLOYD: I got it. First -- oh, see
35 I only knew it as professional services.
36 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: But now you've got a name
38 for it now. Okay. One more I was going to ask you
39 about. Something I saw in here about Broadway Lake.
40 Broadway Lake maintenance. Okay. Now the ten k for
41 the large animals. Is that the one we talked about
42 yesterday providing the place to hold these animals?
43 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. And that will
44 be in the animal shelter budget under professional
45 services.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now where were you
47 before I interrupted you?
48 RITA DAVIS: We were above that fifty
49 thousand for Broadway Lake maintenance.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: That's where you were?

1 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I've taken you
3 too far. But please be patient with me, folks, and Ms.
4 Davis because I am going to understand this because you
5 -- like I said I got two different things here.
6 RITA DAVIS: That's right, and I
7 apologize for that. We just tried to simplify it for
8 Council.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I'm not -- you know it
10 takes a lot to -- how do you say it? I can get really
11 simple sometimes but I'm going to know the answers.
12 Okay. And I surely thank you for that.
13 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. And then we
14 have eleven thousand for vehicle repairs in fleet,
15 increasing that. They need five thousand more for
16 electrical work at the hangar. That's so they can
17 repair Cessna aircraft. So they need to do some
18 electrical work out there at the hanger. We also need
19 to provide for a hundred and fifty thousand for
20 Avigation easements so we can finish up that
21 condemnation negotiation process and get that grant
22 closed out. We're moving the hundred and eight
23 thousand that the Sheriff gets from SROs to capital
24 projects for vehicle repair for his department for his
25 SROs.
26 And also, we're moving -- asking to move one
27 point three million for vehicle repairs over to that
28 capital projects. Next year we're wanting all vehicles
29 and equipment, basically rolling stock, to be purchased
30 out of that fund 360 so we're asking that to be moved
31 over there. Mr. Scott Stoller asked that he be given a
32 thousand more in books and twenty-one thousand five
33 hundred more in medical supplies. The cost of his
34 medical supplies is skyrocketing. Also he's doing a
35 lot of training for the rescue squad. So he's asking
36 that money be approved. Accordingly we're asking two
37 hundred forty thousand be decreased in contractual
38 services due to MedShore taking over the Williamston
39 EMS. That's a cost savings.
40 GRACIE FLOYD: And where's this money --
41 Mr. Chair?
42 TOMMY DUNN: No, go ahead.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. And where is
44 this money going?
45 RITA DAVIS: It's staying in the EMS
46 fund, ma'am.
47 TOMMY DUNN: In the EMS fund.
48 GRACIE FLOYD: One of you at a time.
49 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry.
50 GRACIE FLOYD: Where is the money going

1 that we -- that we are going to decrease the money?
2 RITA DAVIS: It will stay in the EMS fund,
3 ma'am. They have their own separate account so it will
4 just stay in there. And he's going to -- you'll see
5 we've got ninety-four thousand in capital. That's the
6 next line. It will help pay for that if Council
7 approves. Remember, we're coming back before Council
8 with a comprehensive listing of capital for subsequent
9 approval. And so, ma'am, it will be for that. It will
10 help go for that twenty-one thousand increase in
11 medical supplies, the books, and the other item -- I
12 forget what it was up above -- training, that he needs.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
14 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. As we stated,
15 we -- this change sheet provides for the fifteen
16 million deletion of the new building and Dolly Cooper
17 renovations. And the associated debt service payments
18 in millage for next year. So all of that has been
19 omitted, deleted.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now, we're going to
21 omit -- gotcha. I understand. Go ahead.
22 RITA DAVIS: Okay. And we're also just
23 increasing the 2008 general obligation bond debt
24 service by twenty thousand in fee in lieu and need a
25 thousand more in financing fees if you don't mind to
26 pay the paying agent. We're going to be asking to
27 decrease ---
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Let her explain it, Ms.
30 Floyd.
31 GRACIE FLOYD: Can you explain it, please,
32 and not to the rest of them because I'm sure that we
33 have folks sitting up here who don't understand it like
34 I do, but just please explain it.
35 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. The bank -- we
36 contract with a bank to pay the bond holders. And it's
37 a fifteen hundred dollar fee for that and there's five
38 hundred in the budget so I need a thousand more for a
39 total of fifteen hundred. And keep in mind that's
40 because we had a refinancing so we have two debt
41 instruments in that 2008 GOB fund 203 now. So that's
42 why I need an increase, please.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Was that already included in
44 the budget, the increase that was ---
45 RITA DAVIS: Five hundred is, ma'am, and
46 I need a thousand more, please.
47 GRACIE FLOYD: So wait a minute now.
48 You're asking us to -- have we already put the thousand
49 dollars more -- we have to do that tonight.
50 RITA DAVIS: That's right. Yes, ma'am.

1 It's on the change sheet for Council's approval,
2 hopefully.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: That's the change sheet. Do
4 you know what number that is?

5 RITA DAVIS: Line 251.

6 GRACIE FLOYD: Line 251. That's veteran's
7 affairs, isn't it? You said 251, or did you said page
8 1.

9 RITA DAVIS: 251.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: That's what I thought you
11 said.

12 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: It says health insurance.
14 Are we talking health insurance?

15 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. My sheet shows
16 debt service. Line -- row 251.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: That a mistake in mine. The
18 mistake in mine. Wait a minute. 251.

19 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Please explain to him why is
21 this ??? Please explain to me again why it is
22 required, why are you asking for another thousand
23 dollars for that?

24 RITA DAVIS: It's a service they provide,
25 ma'am. To pay the bond holders. The interest, the
26 semi-annual interest that they're due. We contract.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. It's a bond on what?

28 RITA DAVIS: The 2008 General obligation
29 bond. The bond holder earns semi-annual interest and
30 these people pay that for -- on our behalf.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But now we have a
32 bond that we're going to retire soon.

33 RITA DAVIS: 2005 GOB. That's right.
34 It's retired.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: It's retired this year.

36 RITA DAVIS: That's correct. April 1st.
37 Yes, ma'am.

38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. N sow what's going to
39 happen to that money?

40 RITA DAVIS: That millage we moved to the
41 general fund to help balance the general fund.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: What ??? on that one? Was
43 it one ---

44 RITA DAVIS: Ma'am?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Millage on that one?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Millage on that bond?

47 RITA DAVIS: It's basically a mil. Yes,
48 ma'am. It was one point one, I think. Yes, ma'am.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we were going to
50 use that for that four point five building. Since

1 we're not going to use that it's going to go in the
2 general fund.

3 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: And so you're asking us for
5 a thousand dollars extra to be put in here for the
6 general fund that we have to continue to pay.

7 RITA DAVIS: That's right. Yes, ma'am.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: Got it.

9 RITA DAVIS: The one issued in 2008.

10 GRACIE FLOYD: Got it. Okay.

11 RITA DAVIS: And the next item we're
12 asking Council to decrease forty-three thousand two
13 hundred in lease capacity due to the new contract that
14 Council approved for the town of Pendleton that Mr.
15 Allen negotiated. We're asking storm water engineering
16 be increased five thousand. He got his monitoring
17 contract back and he needs five thousand dollars more
18 on that.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Those are on the long sheet.

20 RITA DAVIS: Where is it on the sheet,
21 ma'am, you said?

22 GRACIE FLOYD: No, just go ahead. You're
23 fine.

24 RITA DAVIS: Okay. And due to the
25 changes in storm water, remember we mentioned about his
26 inspector was deleted and we're increasing five
27 thousand engineering. We're going to adjust the
28 transfer in and out with the sewer transferring --
29 we're decreasing the transfer out forty-two thousand
30 eight eight five and accordingly decreasing the
31 transfer in in storm water because, recall, sewer fund
32 basically covers storm water. They get a little bit in
33 revenue, but most of their expenditures are covered.
34 So when we decrease the expenditures in storm water, we
35 decrease the revenue coming in from the sewer fund.

36 And the next item is we need to reflect the
37 state tire battery fee that we get from DHEC for
38 reimbursement of seventy-five thousand dollars. That's
39 revenue in the solid waste department. Mr. Smith has
40 asked for fifteen thousand more in asphalt for the
41 murph, to pave the back area and some other murph
42 areas.

43 And lastly on the ---

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Wait, wait. Now what I'm
45 reading here it says, please be mindful of the fact --
46 and I'm just seeing it. We had a meeting yesterday but
47 I'm just seeing this today. It says seventy-five
48 thousand state tire match, battery fees for DHEC
49 reimbursement in solid waste.

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. That was

1 inadvertently omitted on the revenue sheets that was
2 given out to Council on first and second reading.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: See, that's what I was
4 afraid of. How much else was omitted? What -- this is
5 money that we pay?
6 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am, that's money we
7 receive.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: And what happens to the
9 money when it comes in?
10 RITA DAVIS: It goes into the solid waste
11 fund to just to help his operations.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Okay. But they
13 didn't get an increase. Solid waste didn't get an
14 increase but they were getting -- this is seventy-five
15 thousand.
16 RITA DAVIS: That's right. He had
17 seventy-five budget this year and next year if Council
18 approves this.
19 TOMMY DUNN: It's in this sheet.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: It's in this sheet? Okay.
21 All right.
22 RITA DAVIS: And last but not least we
23 have one million four hundred and twenty-three thousand
24 five hundred and ninety dollars for cost of living
25 market adjustments across all funds for salary
26 adjustments.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Can I increase it?
28 RITA DAVIS: And we'll be able to answer
29 any questions you might have regarding any or all of
30 those.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
32 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Rita, could you
33 explain to me the TV station, where that money's coming
34 from, about the revenues from the franchise and the
35 positions that were -- that are not going to be filled
36 to provide that because -- so that that number doesn't
37 sound quite so grim.
38 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Three vacant
39 positions are not being funded next year. One in IT,
40 one in ASEC and one in the treasurer's office. And
41 also, as you saw, we are budgeting for a two hundred
42 thousand dollar increase in a Cablevision franchise
43 fees for next year. As I stated we -- projecting to
44 get one point five million from those fees the year
45 we're in now. But we were conservative, we budgeted
46 one million four hundred and sixty next year.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Answer your question?
48 Anyone else?
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
50 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you -- the four part
2 time people that are going to full time, two media
3 specialist we just talked about just now and the
4 coroner's secretary and the storm water person. Their
5 salaries have all -- their upper salaries have already
6 been included.

7 RITA DAVIS: That is correct. Yes,
8 ma'am.

9 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And now, the
10 part time money that's going to be left because they
11 are now full time -- or is that -- is the part time
12 salary going to go to the full time salary to complete
13 what we need to pay them? Confusing?

14 RITA DAVIS: Is part time -- oh, yes,
15 ma'am. In storm water it surely is.

16 GRACIE FLOYD: It will.

17 RITA DAVIS: And in the coroner's office
18 as well. Yes, ma'am.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: So that's really no new
20 money added on top of them.

21 RITA DAVIS: That is correct. We're
22 going to use that part time money, we just provided for
23 the additional money.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Yesterday I wrote
25 down Class 1 Class C officers. Do you remember that?

26 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. For the litter
27 crew?

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That's the litter --
29 okay, that's for the litter crew.

30 RITA DAVIS: Hopefully supervising state
31 inmates.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.

33 RITA DAVIS: That's an option.

34 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And over here, I
35 circled a one seventy-three fund balance, increased
36 usage of fund balance due to changes above. But I
37 circled that amount there. But what would be the
38 balance of our fund balance now?

39 RITA DAVIS: It would be -- if Council
40 approves all these changes, ma'am, it would be about
41 seventeen million, which is our three month fund
42 balance, which is our threshold that we like to
43 maintain.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Seventeen million dollars.
45 Sort of, so everybody would know, sort of like a
46 savings account that you put aside.

47 RITA DAVIS: Yes ma'am.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Just in case. Okay. Okay.
49 Okay. Thank you for doing this. I'm sorry it was so
50 -- but you had said that everything that we left off

1 over here, everything that we studied and may be in
2 different terminology, but it's the same thing, right?
3 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.
4 GRACIE FLOYD: No changes, no ---
5 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. No, ma'am.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Allen didn't try
7 anything, did he?
8 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: He didn't stage behind me,
10 did he?
11 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
12 amend the budget to add these changes to it.
13 TOM ALLEN: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Now
15 discussion.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
17 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I would
19 like to go back and let's take a look at something here
20 that we didn't talk about but one time and that was a
21 reduction of eighteen thousand nine hundred eighty-five
22 in other departments registration, travel, meals,
23 lodging, dues and subscriptions. We're going to take
24 out of -- I call it road and paving ---
25 TOMMY DUNN: Just some of it, not all of
26 it.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But most of it is
28 coming from -- what do you call it?
29 TOMMY DUNN: Public Works.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: Public Works Committee. I
31 don't -- I would like to see us not do that because the
32 fact that our folks can go places where they can be
33 trained and learn new ideas, new innovations, and bring
34 it back to us and employ these information, these new
35 ideas and what we do here is crucial. I don't believe
36 that you can do a job by yourself and not listen to
37 other people and not learn. Now, I know that learning
38 is important to me. But to cut that out to me is a
39 travesty. I think that these people if they want to go
40 to the ABWA thing and learn, I think that they ought to
41 be allowed to do it. As Chairman, the one time I was
42 Chairman, I went with them. It was just down to
43 Atlanta, Georgia. And what I learned there opened my
44 eyes to what those guys do. I attended the seminars, I
45 attended the training sessions and I learned all the
46 machines. A lot of them went with me at that time --
47 was some time ago -- but to say that you can't go.
48 Why? Why can't they? What is the purpose and what
49 other departments are affected by this? I'm only
50 hearing parks, but you're telling me there are other

1 departments.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think it's across
3 the board. Some of them -- it was cut some. I'll let
4 Ms. Davis talk more. The main one some of them was
5 public works and roads and bridges about the trip to
6 Arizona was the big thing. They had the Leadership
7 Anderson. And to give pay raises and to cut back, I
8 just can't -- I personally as one person can't justify
9 sending somebody to Arizona. I know he might be
10 training, but not this year. No, it's not saying what
11 you call it. They got plenty of other things, I don't
12 think -- I don't think our roads will be lacking from
13 being worked on by not going to Arizona.

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, what I can say to that
15 is, I used to be a member of the South Carolina
16 Association of Counties. And we went. Some of the
17 people up here have never been. How can you not attend
18 your functions in your area and learn, too. Maybe we
19 could not send twenty-six people to Arizona, not that
20 they were going to do that, but maybe I think one. I
21 think one person to represent the entire department
22 would not break us. So I make a motion that we delete
23 that from our budget and we put it in the hands of the
24 Administrator, as we've already done, who can decide
25 when and where, where people are going. Don't let the
26 idea that this is Arizona stop you. Next year it could
27 be Myrtle Beach. Or one year it could even be Anderson
28 County. Don't let that stop you. Think only about the
29 training that these people are getting. And I put that
30 in the form of a motion.

31 TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Ms. Floyd,
32 your motion is what?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: My motion is to -- that we
34 delete the reduction of the eighteen ninety-five for
35 travel, meals.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Put it back in?

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Say what?

38 TOMMY DUNN: Put the eighteen thousand
39 dollars plus back in the budget, is what you're saying.

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I'm not going to say
41 eighteen thousand. You know, I could easily cut that
42 down. That could easily be adjusted to ten thousand.
43 But the fact is, let's not stop our people from
44 learning.

45 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Wait -- Ms. Floyd, she's got
47 a -- she's going to make a motion, she needs to get her
48 motion out, I mean, I'm not trying to be critical but
49 your motion is to send them -- let somebody go to
50 Arizona?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no. Now, you heard
2 me say what I'm talking about -- I'm not talking about
3 Arizona. My motion is that we take out that part that
4 says reduction of eighteen nine eighty-five. Let's not
5 do that and let's maybe let's put it to ten thousand
6 dollars for travel. It's not worded correctly here.
7 I'm just trying to say ---
8 TOMMY DUNN: I gotcha. I gotcha. I
9 think everybody understood that. Motion is to delete
10 the part that says take out the eighteen thousand ---
11 GRACIE FLOYD: --- nine hundred eighty-five
12 thousand. A reduction of that and let's put it to ten
13 thousand dollars for registration, travel, meals and
14 lodging and dues, subscriptions under the umbrella of
15 the Administration office to disseminate to those who
16 wanting to go somewhere.
17 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask for
18 clarification?
19 TOMMY DUNN: Let's get a second. Then if
20 we have -- go ahead what's your clarification?
21 CINDY WILSON: Well, the clarification is
22 it appears that the eighteen thousand nine hundred and
23 fifty dollars, whatever it was, was the suggested
24 increase over what the threshold budget was already
25 existing this year. And it was already a fairly
26 substantial budget across all these line items.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Eighteen thousand dollars
28 was an increase over last year's budget, not this
29 year's, not the one voted on what you call it.
30 CINDY WILSON: Yeah, so that's the increase
31 from this year to next year. So ---
32 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. The budget we
33 in now to the new budget.
34 CINDY WILSON: All right. Thank you.
35 TOM ALLEN: I second.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Floyd's motion.
37 Okay. Now, any discussion on that?
38 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair. Yeah, I'm just
39 wondering -- if that was to be changed, is that going
40 to create a domino effect? It's going to ---
41 TOMMY DUNN: Well, we got to find the
42 money some where.
43 TOM ALLEN: Other numbers change.
44 That's the only thing I'm worried about. We've got a
45 balanced -- if we pass all this, we have a balanced
46 budget, correct?
47 RITA DAVIS: That's right.
48 TOM ALLEN: If we add a chunk of change
49 back in, now we've got to find some place to get it
50 from and that's going to create a major domino effect.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Well, you just got to find
2 where's ten thousand dollars at.
3 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, if we put ten thousand
4 back in there, is that going to create a major problem
5 trying to revamp numbers, or not?
6 RITA DAVIS: No, sir, it wouldn't create
7 a problem.
8 TOM ALLEN: It wouldn't?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Have to get it from
10 somewhere.
11 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
12 GRACIE FLOYD: But she said -- excuse me --
13 but she said it would not cause a major domino effect.
14 TOM ALLEN: It wouldn't be a major
15 revamp.
16 RITA DAVIS: No, sir.
17 TOM ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
19 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman. This is an
20 increase of ten thousand over the previous year's
21 budget.
22 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. It would be
23 ten thousand over this year's. That's right. Ten
24 thousand dollars. It was eighteen thousand, now it's
25 ten, new motion.
26 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
27 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: I understood that we were
29 going to cut the whole thing. The night it was
30 discussed, the night it was discussed we had two
31 Council members saying that we didn't need to do that,
32 they didn't need to go there, so I was under the
33 assumption that they were taking all of that money out.
34 Now, if I'm wrong -- let's get it straight.
35 TOMMY DUNN: On the motion that we got
36 here tonight, my motion to amend this, there's still
37 travel and all. Now the Arizona trip is out.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Don't tell me about
39 the Arizona trip. Tell me how much money -- Ms. Davis,
40 show me in the budget.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Same amount was in last
42 year.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: And how -- what was that
44 amount?
45 RITA DAVIS: Show you on the ---
46 GRACIE FLOYD: No, it's not on here. But
47 in the budget book, how much was it last year?
48 RITA DAVIS: Okay.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: Good, thank you.
50 RITA DAVIS: Ma'am, on these particular

1 line items -- I've got it right here -- like meals
2 increased thirteen thousand four hundred in all
3 departments. Okay?
4 GRACIE FLOYD: What are you saying, each
5 department had thirteen thousand four hundred dollars?
6 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. The total of the
7 meals, sub object 236, increased thirteen thousand four
8 hundred. That's one of them that we're asking to be
9 decreased. And keep in mind basically like I said,
10 this is just the APWA, went through the detailed budget
11 that was given to Council and where it said APWA, we
12 summed that up and it just came back to you and asking
13 do you want to delete that?
14 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Just a few seconds.
16 RITA DAVIS: Rest of it basically was
17 left in tack.
18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So now, so now,
19 according to the budget of this year, with the money
20 left in there, but not the top -- not more money -- how
21 much is in there for the folks to travel to different
22 places?
23 RITA DAVIS: Okay. The total for meals
24 like I said was thirteen thousand four hundred.
25 GRACIE FLOYD: I heard that. But that's
26 just for ---
27 RITA DAVIS: Training.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Training is ---
29 RITA DAVIS: I think thirty thousand four
30 oh four oh. Travel, six thousand two fifteen. Lodging
31 fourteen thousand four oh five. Registration ---
32 GRACIE FLOYD: All of this money stays in
33 there, right?
34 RITA DAVIS: Well, no ma'am. Well, yes,
35 ma'am. Because these are the numbers after -- if the
36 eighteen thousand was taken out. Yes, ma'am.
37 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If the eighteen
38 thousand was taken -- okay. Does this include -- that
39 includes Public Works, does that include the Sheriff's
40 folks, too?
41 RITA DAVIS: It does, yes, ma'am.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: Does that include -- what's
43 you call it?
44 RITA DAVIS: It's all departments, all
45 funds.
46 GRACIE FLOYD: No, no, no, does that
47 include EMS folks, too?
48 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
49 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. And does that
50 include any other departments, as well?

1 RITA DAVIS: All departments, all funds,
2 yes, ma'am.
3 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But what you were
4 trying to do was just take rows -- just take the APWA
5 thing out of there just because the thing's going to be
6 in ---
7 RITA DAVIS: Out-of-state.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: --- Arizona. Out of state.
9 So the Sheriff can't go out of state with his group.
10 His group can't go out of state? EMS can't go out of
11 state?
12 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah they can.
13 RITA DAVIS: With the Administrator's
14 approval.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Certainly can.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, let me
17 understand this. But listen, but they can go out-of-
18 state, but Roads and Bridges can't go to Arizona?
19 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.
20 CINDY WILSON: It was more than Roads and
21 Bridges, though. May I, real quick?
22 TOMMY DUNN: You through, Ms. Floyd?
23 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I'm not through because
24 it doesn't -- we never discussed this other than that
25 one night when they brought it up that they didn't want
26 this to happen. Okay. So we're discussing it now. To
27 me it seems like we picking on -- we picking on one
28 department. Now I know for a fact that Taylor Jones --
29 may I use your name, please? Taylor Jones, I know for
30 a fact goes out of town, out of state a lot. Because
31 of his training that he has to have. I know that. But
32 now, he can go as long as he doesn't go to Arizona,
33 right?
34 TOMMY DUNN: I wouldn't say that. Ms.
35 Wilson?
36 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 The last time we discussed this line item across
38 numerous departments remained at fifty-six thousand
39 five hundred and eighty-five dollars for lodging.
40 Registration fees, the line item across various
41 departments, that totaled currently twenty-nine
42 thousand and fifteen dollars. For travel, current
43 budget is forty-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty.
44 Same line item across various departments and some of
45 the different funds. And then meals, and this is where
46 it gets confusing because it's not necessarily that
47 we're cutting, it's just that we're not increasing.
48 Let me find the meals. Okay. We have a budget for
49 meals across various departments, thirty-seven thousand
50 five hundred and fifty-five dollars. We also have a

1 food line item across several departments and I'll find
2 that real quick, too. It is eighteen thousand five
3 hundred and ten dollars, in addition to meals. We have
4 dues and subscriptions and a total of thirty thousand
5 five hundred and forty dollars. We've got travel,
6 lodging, meals, registration fees. So there's still a
7 generous budget for all these different departments.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Call for the question. Have a
9 second?

10 KEN WATERS: Second.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. All in
12 favor of calling for the question, show of hands. All
13 opposed. All abstentions. Show the motion carries Mr.
14 Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole, Ms. Wilson in
15 favor. Ms. Floyd abstains.

16 Now we'll vote on Ms. Floyd's motion to put
17 ten thousand dollars back in after removing eighteen
18 thousand dollars. All in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion
19 show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion is
20 defeated with Ms. Floyd in favor. Mr. Waters opposed,
21 Mr. Allen opposed, Mr. Cole opposed, Mr. Dunn opposed
22 and Ms. Wilson opposed.

23 Moving on back to the original motion.
24 Amendment to it. Any more discussion on these change
25 items being added.

26 CINDY WILSON: I do have one question. May
27 I?

28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

29 CINDY WILSON: On the long sheet on page, I
30 think it's six, it's line item I think it's 210, it's
31 just a clarification. It deals with the airport.

32 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

33 CINDY WILSON: And it may be that it was
34 just a misprint. But under professional services 210,
35 line 210, it states increased professional services due
36 to terminal design hangar electrical work and then it
37 says minus one hundred and eighty for health insurance
38 increase. We wouldn't have health insurance factored
39 into professional services.

40 RITA DAVIS: We adjusted that to increase
41 a hundred and eighty dollars with health insurance. We
42 just reduced professional services, ma'am. That's all.

43 CINDY WILSON: Okay.

44 RITA DAVIS: So we just netted it on that
45 line item.

46 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Question on page 230 -- page
48 97. 236 mass training for employers -- that's
49 employees -- proposed change, twenty thousand restored
50 to request.

1 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you explain that to
3 me, please.
4 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. That's so that
5 Mr. Stoller can train the EMS squads. He is currently
6 doing that. There's numerous rescue squads that need
7 his assistance and this allows him to, you know, get
8 those people, make sure that they are up to date on all
9 the latest procedures and ---
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Long as it's not in Arizona.
11 Thank you.
12 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
13 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, call for
14 question.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Have a call for question.
16 Have a second?
17 KEN WATERS: Second.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. All in
19 favor of calling for the question show of hands. All
20 opposed. My amendment. All in favor of calling for
21 the question show of hands again. All opposed. Show
22 the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr.
23 Cole, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd
24 opposes.
25 Now we're back to the original motion. Added
26 changes to it. Any more discussion?
27 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman, very
28 quickly, for clarification.
29 TOMMY DUNN: We done voted on that.
30 Excuse me, let me explain something to Ms. Floyd. That
31 was for my amendment to the motion, to the main motion.
32 We on the main motion with this amendment.
33 LEON HARMON: I don't think you voted on
34 your amendment.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, that's what we
36 just voted on. Want me to do it again?
37 LEON HARMON: I thought ---
38 TOMMY DUNN: We called for the question.
39 Okay. We called for the question. We voted for the
40 question. We got to vote on main -- I'm sorry. Thank
41 you. Thank you. Now we'll be voting on the amendment.
42 These amendment changes right here. We voted for the
43 question to call for and vote on these changes. All in
44 favor of these changes -- then we'll go back to the
45 main motion.
46 CINDY WILSON: Clarification, please, I'm
47 sorry. Does any of this that we just got today include
48 the media project?
49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, it sure does.
50 CINDY WILSON: And which part of that? May

1 we delineate that and vote on that separately?

2 TOMMY DUNN: We can pull it out -- we can
3 ask for it -- to pull out in the main motion, but we
4 got to go back and make an amendment to pull it back
5 out of the main motion. But we done called for the
6 question now. We're voting on these amendment. Can
7 always come back -- this is not the main budget -- and
8 ask for it to be pulled back out.

9 CINDY WILSON: All right. Well, I'm okay
10 with what we've got here except I'm not quite in
11 agreement on ---

12 TOMMY DUNN: Good.

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
15 to add these amendments to changes to the thing, show
16 hands.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't know what I'm voting
18 on.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Voting on these amendments
20 to be added to the main budget. These sheets right
21 here for these changes. All in favor show of hands.
22 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
23 unanimously.

24 Now, any other amendments, or changes or added
25 deletions or whatnot to the main motion. Ms. Wilson.

26 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
27 I've already explained I am in total sympathy for a
28 need for another means of getting information to the
29 public, but I just don't feel comfortable doing a
30 quarter million dollar department when we haven't
31 gotten our website going yet and haven't fully maxed
32 that out, so I'd like to make the motion that we delete
33 I think it's called 5013-1.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I would just, to keep it
35 simple and straight I'd just, if you would, if this is
36 agreeable to you, make the motion just pull out any
37 funding for a media team and that would -- I think
38 would suffice it.

39 CINDY WILSON: I wouldn't mind putting more
40 money into getting information out, but not that much
41 money for a media team.

42 TOMMY DUNN: I understand. That would be
43 your motion?

44 CINDY WILSON: That would be my motion.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson's motion would be
46 to pull any funding out for a media team. Is that
47 agreeable?

48 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? I'll
50 second Ms. Wilson's motion to get some discussion.

1 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: My thing is, and I
3 understand where Ms. Wilson's coming from but I just
4 want to make it plain. I know it's a shell game, but
5 when you look at, we're getting a two hundred thousand
6 dollar uptick on licensing or franchise fees to help
7 fund this, and I think in the long run it can save
8 money. As I said working with the sheriff's department
9 as far as crime prevention and other things with the
10 Sheriff's department. Litter control is a big thing.
11 I know it's not going to get every citizen in Anderson
12 County, but it'll get -- it'll help make up some, get
13 some and it's always room to add and get some more.
14 But those things and the animal shelter to help out on
15 it and some other things, I just think it's a avenue to
16 try. And keep in mind, too, on this money we're
17 talking about, some of this is one time money. It
18 won't be -- it won't be generated again for next year.
19 And if we'd have acted on this a little bit sooner, we
20 wouldn't have to be paying some of the fees we're
21 having to pay now. But I think myself it will pay off.
22 And I do understand people's thing on this, but I just
23 think it'll proof as far as getting our word out as far
24 as our animal shelter and litter control. We got to
25 educate people on litter. You know, you can't write
26 everybody a ticket that's going to put anything out
27 there, and make it help out. Help with crime, crime
28 prevention, getting things out. This, I think, talking
29 to the folks and seeing it, nothing against the city of
30 Anderson's TV station, but this will be a whole lot
31 more better thing besides showing a cardboard picture.
32 Something not moving -- getting programs up and
33 everything. So I intend -- I think this will be a good
34 thing.

35 Ms. Wilson, I yield the floor back to you.

36 CINDY WILSON: Well, thank you. The
37 concern -- one of the concerns I have is not everybody
38 has access to Charter.

39 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. They don't.
40 It's just like, you know, everybody don't have access
41 to some radio station or the newspaper or this right
42 here. But I hope we can expand our horizon. There are
43 other cable stations out there besides Charter that
44 works the county, that we can -- and I think they've
45 already explored -- been exploring some options on that
46 and get out to those stations. Lower part of the
47 county.

48 CINDY WILSON: Do we know yet who is going
49 to be hired for this? Do we already ---

50 TOMMY DUNN: I don't know. I mean, you

1 have to ask the Administrator. I got no -- I don't
2 have a clue. Nothing about that.

3 CINDY WILSON: Do we know who ---
4 TOMMY DUNN: Administrator? Mr. Burns?
5 CINDY WILSON: Have anyone in mind?
6 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, I have some people in
7 mind, yes, sir, I absolutely do.

8 CINDY WILSON: Interesting to know.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
10 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, yeah, I'm
11 in agreement with a TV station, too. I know this has
12 been a question and I know our website's being worked
13 on. But again, I have to agree that I think we need a
14 better way to get our information out. And also to
15 look at this number, yes, the initial set-up cost will
16 be fifty thousand. But the fifty thousand in
17 permitting and channel cost annually, that will come
18 out of revenues that we make from Charter. Is that
19 correct, Rita?

20 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. In addition we've
21 reduced expenses a hundred forty-five thousand other
22 personnel to off-set.

23 TOM ALLEN: They're paying us that
24 money. We're just kind of giving it back to them. So
25 it's a wash. It's really not coming out of our
26 pockets.

27 RITA DAVIS: That is correct.
28 TOM ALLEN: And the three positions -- I
29 think, was it three positions?
30 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
31 TOM ALLEN: I think those are coming
32 from -- correct me if I'm wrong -- but positions are
33 already vacant.

34 RITA DAVIS: That's correct.
35 TOM ALLEN: Within the county. So we're
36 not adding any new employees. The money was there and
37 budgeted for. We're just going to put those three
38 people in a media center instead of someplace else. So
39 that money's really not any new money either that we
40 have to expend. So I just wanted to be clear on that.
41 Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms. Wilson's
43 motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion
44 failed. Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen,
45 Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Cole opposes.

46 Anymore motions or discussion on the main budget
47 while we're here tonight. Hearing none, all in favor
48 of the motion -- of the budget, passing the budget,
49 show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries
50 with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr.

1 Cole in favor. Ms. Wilson opposes.

2 Mr. Harmon, I don't want to go through like I
3 had the debacle before. That's covering everything.
4 We don't have to go back through this. We're good.

5 LEON HARMON: Yes. I think you have
6 covered all the motions that -- and the amendments that
7 went with it. You are back to the main motion that was
8 made which would be the budget ordinance with
9 amendments.

10 TOMMY DUNN: We'll take a few minutes
11 break and we'll start back in just a few minutes.

12 JOHN SKIPPER: Mr. Chairman, can I get a
13 point of ---

14 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Hang on just a
15 minute.

16 JOHN SKIPPER: Real quick, real quick,
17 because most of my folks here have been working all
18 day. And I just want to thank you and the council for
19 listening to our process, because it was good that you
20 wanted to raise our beginning salary, but it didn't do
21 anything for, I think, everyone in this room, but it
22 will now. And so you've allowed us to give a
23 percentage and get these folks up. And it's a good
24 part of the process in working with the finance
25 department, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Sheriff, I just want to say
27 one quick thing. Over the years working with you, I
28 want it to be known if nothing else, you've been awful
29 good to work with on county council. Always agreeable
30 to come and work with. We might butt heads, but always
31 come together. And I want to appreciate what you --
32 how you've worked this process out here with staff and
33 Rita and your department.

34 JOHN SKIPPER: And like I said, we've got a
35 lot of good people at our agency and everyone in here
36 has stuck with us year after year, and they deserve
37 what they're going to get. Thank you.

38 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, may I? I've
39 got one question.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

41 KEN WATERS: I imagine after we take this
42 break that most of the room will leave. I've got a
43 couple of t-shirts up here that's left over from the
44 Saluda River Rally. These are large and these are my
45 size, double X, petite, so if any of y'all want them
46 I'll leave them laying on the front up here. Thank
47 you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Before you leave here today
50 (clapping).

1 TOM ALLEN: And I, too, want to thank
2 the sheriff. You do a great job. And I know we don't
3 always agree on stuff, and I think you buy some gee-
4 whiz equipment, that we've talked about. But you do a
5 great job. And we certainly appreciate everything you
6 guy do, and certainly the 9-1-1 Center people. I know
7 that -- I don't think I could do that job. So we want
8 to thank all of you, really. Thanks, Sheriff.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. Be back.

10 **(BREAK 7:55 PM to 8:12 PM)**

11 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to
12 call the Council back in session. At this time we'll
13 be moving on to Item number 10, Ordinance's Second
14 Reading 2015-018, an Ordinance to amend an agreement
15 for the development of a joint county industrial and
16 business park (2010 park) of Anderson and Greenville
17 counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Nelson's not
18 here tonight, but Mr. Burns, this is just where
19 Greenville County, help them out like they do us.

20 LEON HARMON: Yes, that's correct. Just
21 placing a Greenville property into the Anderson/
22 Greenville park.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Like they help us out. We
24 got -- have a motion to move this forward?

25 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. We have
27 a second from Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor
28 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
29 Show the motion carries unanimously.

30 Now we'll be moving on to Item number 11
31 Request by Council members. Mr. Waters?

32 KEN WATERS: ???

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen?

34 TOM ALLEN: None.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

36 GRACIE FLOYD: I have two, Mr. Chairman.
37 The first one is to the Shepherd Guild Anderson Greek
38 Festival. Every year they have this festival and they
39 need the funds just like any of the other people that
40 we support to do that. But Mr. Chair, ---

41 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: --- if it's okay with you
43 I'm going to wait and come back to that one. Let
44 everyone have a chance. Okay. My second one is the
45 YMCA. As you may be aware I allocated some funds from
46 District 2's account for summer camp for children in
47 District 2. And I'm afraid what I allocated -- I think
48 it was like two thousand -- I'm not sure what it was,
49 but it's not enough. It's not enough. So I'm back
50 today to ask if Council would permit me to do another

1 two thousand dollars for the YMCA Anderson camp so that
2 we can accommodate more children in District 2 that
3 really need this. And that's in the form of a motion.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Out of District 2's rec
5 account?
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Out of District 2's rec
7 account.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
9 second?
10 TOM ALLEN: Second.
11 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
12 discussion? All in favor of Ms. Floyd's motion show of
13 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
14 unanimously.
15 Ready to move on, Ms. Floyd and come back?
16 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I'm through. I want to
17 come back to this.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Cole?
19 MITCHELL COLE: None at this time.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
21 CINDY WILSON: ???
22 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 has none. Ms.
23 Floyd?
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, then, that
25 means that -- they asked for five hundred dollars from
26 each district. And so that means that I want to make
27 it up. And I want to make it up to them. I want to
28 allocate two thousand dollars for the Shepherd Guild
29 the Anderson Greek Festival. And that's in the form of
30 a motion.
31 TOMMY DUNN: We have a second? Second
32 Mr. Allen. Any further discussion? All in favor of
33 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
34 the motion carries unanimously.
35 Is that it, Ms. Floyd?
36 GRACIE FLOYD: That's all I had, thank you.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Moving on to
38 Item number 12, Administrator's report.
39 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
40 Chairman.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 13. At
42 this time, please, Mr. Harmon calls your name, address
43 the Chair, got three minutes.
44 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
45 citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
46 ELIZABETH FANT: This budget this year has
47 been the hardest one since I've been around. I think
48 that you've done an astronomical job of working on it.
49 There's still a few things in it that I think we could
50 eliminate. Based on the fact that it's just so hard

1 out here for our citizens, so many of them. It just
2 really is. I was at the last telling you about a
3 teacher that called me about a dog situation and her
4 husband teaches at a high school here and is also a
5 coach. And from February to May he leaves at 7:10 in
6 the morning. She doesn't see him again until 10:00 at
7 night. He gets a one thousand dollar stipend for that.
8 That's it. I know we want to give everybody raises.
9 But we just can't go large scale giving the type of
10 raises that you want to give it, unless you're going to
11 give it out of your own pocket. The taxpayers out here
12 don't have anything left to give, especially if they're
13 senior citizens. Small business can't compete with
14 government because government gets what it wants. It
15 just keeps on taking it from the citizens. And
16 distributing it. Small business can't survive like
17 that.

18 I was telling you about the rate of sales tax.
19 To borrow a vehicle seven percent sales tax plus a five
20 percent sales tax rental fee. Now you tell me where
21 that's right. The state of South Carolina is grabbing
22 on to, every time they can turn around, a fee, a tax,
23 it's just not right.

24 Y'all were talking about a litter crew. Well,
25 that's near and dear to my heart. But at first it was
26 going to be a litter crew. It was going to be nine
27 dollars an hour. Then by the time it went through the
28 budget it was twelve dollars an hour. They got two
29 people that are going to work twenty-five hours a week
30 at twelve dollars an hour.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me -- I generally
32 don't do this, but that's incorrect, Ms. -- that ain't
33 in the budget.

34 ELIZABETH FANT: What is it?

35 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to hire an
36 office to control inmates, like I said earlier.

37 ELIZABETH FANT: Great. You just got a ...
38 in my book. I see that you got new chairs. Wonder
39 what happened to the old ones.

40 TOMMY DUNN: They're at Tom's house.

41 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm coming. I wasn't sure
42 on the last item on your sheet. The one million four
43 hundred and twenty-three thousand five hundred and
44 ninety-four, cost of living market adjustments across
45 all funds. That's covering the Sheriff's deputies,
46 the 9-1-1 and what else?

47 TOMMY DUNN: Every county employee gets a
48 little something. All county employees get a little
49 something.

50 ELIZABETH FANT: How much of a little

1 something?

2 TOMMY DUNN: It's according to where you
3 been at. I think it's a -- everybody being brought up
4 to a certain level. Like everybody -- you making
5 sixteen thousand dollars, seventeen thousand here at
6 the county, you'll get brought up to twenty. Anybody
7 making less than twenty. And then if you're beyond
8 that, deputies and whatnot, be about a thousand
9 dollars.

10 ELIZABETH FANT: Okay. Thank you.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

12 Moving on to comments from Council members.

13 Ms. Wilson?

14 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It
15 should be said that this is the most engaged County
16 Council I guess we have ever had. Everybody has worked
17 really hard on the budget and a lot of other related
18 items. And it also needs to be pointed out that our
19 share of the tax bill that comes to our citizens is
20 very small compared to our schools, not that I have
21 anything against our schools, but it's very important
22 that when our citizens receive their tax bill they know
23 precisely who is responsible for what.

24 But thank y'all for all the hard work.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Cole?

26 MITCHELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, do appreciate
27 everybody's indulgence during this process. It's been
28 a learning experience and I do appreciate it. Thank
29 you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd?

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, it was a strange ---

32 TOMMY DUNN: Microphone.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Nobody here anyway. But
34 anyway, it's been a strange budget year. In my sixteen
35 years I have never had one like this one before. But I
36 hung in there. I hung in there. Didn't I? I did. I
37 hung in there and I got answered what I needed
38 answered. I hope from now on that we can see the
39 importance of talking to people with all of our people
40 before we just jump and say okay. We're going to look
41 at this budget. We don't do it all. We can't just sit
42 there and say cut, keep, cut, keep. We can't do that.
43 We have to talk to people first. I want to thank my --
44 I have two friends here with me tonight. But these --
45 they -- these are friends. One is a constituent, but
46 they're both outspoken and they have given me a hard
47 time with their questions. I thank them for being here
48 with me. Yuko has even attended the budget meetings
49 with me. And I promise y'all, if I didn't have to be
50 there I sure wouldn't have been there, but she didn't

1 have to be there, but she was there. And Yuko, I want
2 to thank you. I want to thank you for seeing me
3 through it. I want to thank you for the questions that
4 you asked that I couldn't answer and I had to go back
5 and get answers to it. I see a bright future for you.
6 I see a bright future for you.

7 And everybody else, I'm tired. I'm tired. I
8 need you to keep me in your prayer. My dear friend, my
9 dear friend, my mentor, my mother figure passed
10 Saturday and I just need your prayers. Her family
11 needs your prayers. Okay. Her name was Mrs. Lily
12 Wakefield. Ms. Wakefield was the widow of Bowen
13 Wakefield. You may remember him as being the principal
14 of the Westside High School for years. But she left me
15 Saturday night in her sleep to go home. To go home.
16 So just remember me.

17 Mr. Burns, I thank you for -- I thank you for
18 touching me -- for getting in touch with me through
19 this ordeal. All right. And that's all I have. Thank
20 you.

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

23 TOM ALLEN: Yeah. Just very quickly.
24 I, too, wanted to thank everybody who worked so hard on
25 the budget, especially Mr. Crowder. He really gets
26 into this thing and did a superb job. Take-aways from
27 tonight's meeting, I think regarding the budget to keep
28 in mind is there's no new taxes, there was no millage
29 increase, there's no new building going up, going to be
30 no road fee, the people spoke, they didn't want it, and
31 we did manage to get pay raises for the county
32 employees. And a lot of that was based on a survey
33 that was done that showed we had several departments
34 within the county that were below the average for the
35 rest of the state. So we had to work on that. We knew
36 we had to do it. We helped the Sheriff's office as
37 best we could. And so I think those are the key things
38 to take away from the budget process. And I thank you,
39 Mr. Chair.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
41 Waters?

42 KEN WATERS: Yes. Last weekend, not this
43 past, but the weekend before we had the Saluda River
44 Rally. And that was up about forty percent. Had a
45 very good time doing that. Had a lot of good help.
46 Everything flowed real well. Our Administrator, I even
47 think the newspaper got a picture of him working. So,
48 you know, that was a plus.

49 TOMMY DUNN: A plus or a first?

50 KEN WATERS: Photo bombing, I don't know.

1 But had a real good time and appreciate all the hard
2 work that everybody did on that.

3 Lot of hard work went into the budget. I'm
4 glad to see tonight. Glad to see that over with for a
5 little while. A lot of good things come out of that.
6 You know I've said this before, I was proud to be a
7 part of that because no increases, no increases in
8 millage. Some people got some raises. You know, it
9 was good to be a part of working with that and
10 appreciate having the opportunity to work with the
11 people I did.

12 And last but not least, our prayers and
13 thoughts are with Mr. Crowder tonight. He did work
14 very hard on this, put his heart in it. And just hope
15 he and his family are doing well. Thank you, Mr.
16 Chairman.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Ms.
18 Floyd, condolences on your loss. Thoughts and prayers
19 be with you.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wakefield was my
22 principal, believe it or not, when I was at Westside.

23 Just want to say, I want to thank my fellow
24 Council members, all of us for working hard on the
25 budget and doing things. But I want y'all to just
26 remember one thing. Been doing this -- not as long as
27 some of y'all -- but been doing this seven, eight years
28 now. You get excited sometime, but don't never over
29 till the third reading. So just keep that in mind.
30 All we want is for everybody to get their say in and
31 get things and we really want to appreciate the staff.
32 The work Ms. Davis and the Finance Department what they
33 done of all the different options, scenarios. These
34 sheets that you get just don't make theirselves. They
35 put them together and work this out and really
36 appreciate them and all the hard work the staff and
37 everything. And as Mr. Allen -- it's against his
38 objections, we didn't do a car fee. I know you hate
39 that, Mr. Allen. But got that. I want all Council
40 members to remember Mr. Burns. Make sure this stay on
41 Council members, make sure it happens. Let's get our
42 road list up and we all -- it's in our white book. If
43 you don't like it, make you one, but we're going to
44 move this thing forward because in January, I'm wanting
45 an asphalt contract to go out. We need -- they can't
46 do that until they get a list. We need to be talking
47 to C fund, because it will be very good.

48 Again I want to appreciate the Sheriff for his
49 working with Council and all over the years. When we
50 needed him he's come and helped us out with our budget

1 and shortcomings and all this and it is going to be a
2 thing. I heard somebody say this was a tough budget.
3 It was tough. All budgets are tough. Got -- everybody
4 got your wants, got to balance them. But this one was
5 one of the more easier budgets. We had a little fun
6 this year and it's because of the hard work of the
7 staff doing the savings stuff and past Council. Again
8 I want to give thoughts and prayers to Mr. Crowder,
9 family. Hope he gets back well with us soon, be with
10 us. And enjoyed working on this, but like I said, we
11 got more work to do but this is the hard part. This is
12 over, look forward to moving on, getting things up and
13 we have a new day tomorrow. Now if we can just get the
14 state to pass their budget. Mr. Harmon said he's going
15 to take care of that this week when he goes to
16 Columbia. Get the state to get their job done, we'll
17 all be better off.

18 Thank y'all very much. Meeting be adjourned.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:27 P.M.)