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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:  
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN  
RAY GRAHAM  
BRETT SANDERS  
CRAIG WOOTEN  
CINDY WILSON  
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the Anderson County meeting of February 18th for  
3 our special presentation meeting to order. I'd like to  
4 welcome each and every one of you here. Thank y'all  
5 for being here tonight. We're going to start our first  
6 thing, be 2(a) resolution/proclamation; be R2020-005,  
7 Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
9 Mr. Ray Graham, District 3, and I are blessed to share  
10 School District 2, and so we're honored to put forth  
11 this resolution.

12 **THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE BELTON-**  
13 **HONEA PATH VARSITY CHEERLEADERS AS THE 2019 SOUTH**  
14 **CAROLINA STATE 4A COMPETITIVE CHEER CHAMPIONS; AND OTHER**  
15 **MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

16 **Whereas**, through hard work, dedication, teamwork, and  
17 precise attention to detail, under the leadership of  
18 Head Coach Stephanie Cooley Hughes and assistant  
19 coaches Missy Krieger and Bradley Black, the BHP  
20 Varsity Cheerleaders competed in an undefeated season  
21 for the first time in school history; and,

22 **Whereas**, on November 12, 2019 the BHP cheerleaders  
23 traveled to Brookland-Cayce High School to compete in  
24 the Upper State and Regional Cheer Championships.  
25 During the competition the team scored 320 points  
26 receiving the title of Region I and Upper State  
27 Championships and qualifying them for a chance to  
28 compete in the State Cheer Championships; and,

29 **Whereas**, on Saturday November 23, 2019, the BHP  
30 cheerleaders traveled to the Colonial Life Arena in  
31 Columbia, South Carolina to compete in the South  
32 Carolina State Cheer Championships. The team  
33 demonstrated detailed routines that displayed the  
34 team's cohesiveness, thus outperforming their  
35 competition with a winning score of 326, earning the  
36 recognition as 2019 South Carolina State 4A Competitive  
37 Cheer Champions; and,

38 **Whereas**, the Anderson County Council wishes to commend  
39 the Belton-Honea Path Varsity Cheerleaders for being  
40 outstanding ambassadors, reflecting true pride to their  
41 community and setting an example for their peers to  
42 emulate. We are extremely proud of the team winning  
43 the 2019 4A South Carolina State Competitive  
44 Cheerleading Championship. We would like to wish each  
45 of you great success in all your future endeavors.

46 **RESOLVED** in a meeting duly assembled this 18th day  
47 of February, 2020.

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

49 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Ms.  
50 Wilson. Have a second? Mr. Sanders. Further

1 discussion?

2 I know full council echoes what Ms. Wilson said.  
3 Appreciate the job the young people do at their high  
4 school. Anyone else have anything? Hearing none, all  
5 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
6 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

7 CINDY WILSON: And if I may have my  
8 fellow council members down and all of the team and  
9 their coaches.

10 **APPLAUSE**

11 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

12 FEMALE: We just thank you a lot  
13 and thank you for honoring us on our great  
14 accomplishment. Thank you for having us.

15 **APPLAUSE**

16 TOMMY DUNN: We're going to be moving  
17 on now to item 2(b), R2020-006, Councilman Davis.

18 JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 **THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE**  
20 **POWDERSVILLE PATRIOTS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AS THE 2019 3A**  
21 **REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS AND AS THE 2019 SOUTH**  
22 **CAROLINA STATE 3A VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS; AND OTHER**  
23 **MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

24 **Whereas**, the Lady Patriots began practicing and  
25 preparing for the 2019 Volleyball season in April. The  
26 team finished the season with a 10-0 record in regional  
27 play and an overall record of 20-1; and,

28 **Whereas**, on November 4, 2019, the Lady Patriots played  
29 in the Class 3A Upper State Championships against the  
30 Chapman Panthers at Powdersville High School. The  
31 Patriots defeated the Panthers with a winning score of  
32 3-1, earning the title of 2019 3A Regional Champions;  
33 and,

34 **Whereas**, on Saturday, November 9, 2019, the Lady  
35 Patriots traveled to River Bluff High School in  
36 Columbia, South Carolina to compete in the 2019 SCHSL  
37 Volleyball State Championships against the Gilbert  
38 Indians. The Patriots defeated the Indians with a  
39 winning score of 3-0 earning the title of 2019 South  
40 Carolina 3A State Volleyball Champions; and,

41 **Whereas**, as a result of their exceptional performance  
42 during the 2019 Volleyball season, Olivia Knutson,  
43 Alexis Albright and Reagan Davis were selected as 2019  
44 All-Region players; Alexis Albright and Savannah  
45 Roberts were selected as 2019 All-State players; and  
46 Alexis Albright was chosen as the 3A player of the  
47 year; and,

48 **Whereas**, the Anderson County Council wishes to commend  
49 the Powdersville Patriots Volleyball team for being  
50 outstanding ambassadors, reflecting true pride to their

1 community. We are extremely proud of the team winning  
2 the 2019 South Carolina 3A State Volleyball  
3 Championship. We are proud of all of your achievements  
4 and wish you great success in all of your future  
5 endeavors.

6 **RESOLVED** in a meeting duly assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
7 of February, 2020.

8 Mr. Chair, I make that in the form of a motion.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by  
10 Councilman Davis. Have a second? Second by Ms.  
11 Wilson. Any discussion?

12 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

14 JIMMY DAVIS: I just want to say how  
15 proud we are of you as a county, especially in Council  
16 District 6. I remember when they build Powdersville  
17 High School. I'm a Wren graduate, but I'm so proud of  
18 you. I'm just thrilled to have you here tonight and we  
19 invite you back any time for an exciting night of  
20 county council. But we are so proud of you. I know  
21 School District 1 and those folks are proud of you, as  
22 well. We wish you all the best. And I pray God's  
23 blessings upon all you in all that you do. And go win  
24 us another one. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.  
26 Anyone else?

27 I'd just like to echo Mr. Davis's sentiments for  
28 the whole council. You make Anderson County proud.  
29 Appreciate great young people like you, Anderson will  
30 continue to thrive and we appreciate what all you do  
31 for your community.

32 If no more discussion, all in favor of the vote.  
33 Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Davis.

34 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I would have  
35 my fellow council folks come down and the Powdersville  
36 Patriots come forward.

#### 37 **APPLAUSE**

#### 38 **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**

39 JIMMY DAVIS: Coach, I'd like to  
40 present you with a copy of the Resolution I just read.  
41 We're so proud of y'all. If you want to saw a few  
42 words.

43 COACH: Yes, I thank y'all for  
44 having us. Super excited. A lot of the girls actually  
45 got stuck in traffic on 85, so there's not only five of  
46 them. There's twelve of them. But thank you for  
47 having us. Like I said, it was a great season. We  
48 have great fans, great community support. If you want  
49 to come watch an awesome team play, you should come to  
50 Powdersville next year for a great game. So thank you.

1 **APPLAUSE**

2 TOMMY DUNN: We'll be moving on now to  
3 item number 2(c), proclamation, proclaiming February  
4 2020 as Black History Month from all council members.  
5 Councilman Wooten has been gracious enough to introduce  
6 this. Councilman Wooten.

7 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, sir. This is  
8 a proclamation designating February 2020 as Black  
9 History Month in Anderson County.

10 **WHEREAS**, Black History Month, observed in February of  
11 each year, honors, affirms, and emphasizes the  
12 significance of Black history and the many  
13 contributions of African Americans to American life,  
14 society, and culture, as we know it; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Black History Month provides an opportunity  
16 for all Americans to reflect on the rich history and  
17 achievements of people of African descent; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Human Relations Council,  
19 the local NAACP chapter, the local African-American  
20 Churches, and many individuals throughout Anderson  
21 County foster civic, economic, and educational programs  
22 that bear witness to the progress, beauty, and  
23 achievements of African Americans in Anderson County;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council sets aside this  
26 special time to acknowledge African Americans in  
27 Anderson County past and present;

28 **NOW, THEREFORE**, the Anderson County Council does  
29 hereby proclaim the month of **February 2020** as **BLACK**  
30 **HISTORY MONTH** in Anderson County, encouraging all  
31 residents to recognize the importance of black history  
32 throughout our county, participating in countywide  
33 activities that promote unity for the betterment of our  
34 communities, celebrating the diversity and character of  
35 our community, and highlighting the importance of  
36 sharing our culture and customs as the County observes  
37 and commemorates Black History Month.

38 **PROCLAIMED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

39 Mr. Chairman, I put that in the form of a motion.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.  
41 Any more discussion? Second Ms. Wilson. Any more  
42 discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of  
43 the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries  
44 unanimously.

45 Thank y'all. This will conclude this part of our  
46 meeting. We'll reconvene back here at 6:30 for the  
47 start of our regular council meeting.  
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49 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.)**

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RUSTY BURNS  
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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to  
2 call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of  
3 February 18th to order. I'd like to welcome each and  
4 every one of you here. Thank y'all for being here  
5 tonight. We'll get started. At this time we want to  
6 recognize Chairman Graham. Mr. Graham.

7 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 I just want to recognize the Mayor of Belton, Mayor  
9 Ownbey. Appreciate you being here tonight. One of the  
10 conflicts is a lot of times they meet the same time we  
11 do, so we don't always get to share each other's  
12 meetings. But definitely a pleasure having you here  
13 tonight. Let us know if there's anything we can do for  
14 your guys in Belton.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.  
16 And welcome, Mayor. Yes, ma'am.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: The Mayor of Williamston,  
18 would you please stand up? Good.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Nice to have you here.  
20 Appreciate you.

21 **APPLAUSE**

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you believe I  
23 intended to say, Council member. I know you don't want  
24 to be the mayor, but anyway we're just happy to have  
25 you here with us tonight. Please come back to visit us  
26 again. Thank you.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Thank all of  
28 y'all for being here. Hope to see y'all again.

29 At this time I'd like us all to rise for invocation  
30 and pledge of allegiance; Councilman Sanders, please.

31 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY BRETT SANDERS**

32 TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there  
33 corrections or changes to be made to the January 21st  
34 minutes of 2020?

35 CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

36 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

37 CINDY WILSON: The only thing that I  
38 noted was wherever the name Derrick Singleton appears,  
39 it was not spelled correctly. This is a little  
40 different spelling.

41 TOMMY DUNN: The last name or both?

42 CINDY WILSON: Just the first name,  
43 Derrick.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

47 GRACIE FLOYD: Still there are problems  
48 with something here. On page two of the minutes, Mr.  
49 Chairman, under Tommy Dunn, it says Mr. Burns, mic  
50 cutting out. And it says, us three being together, us

1 three being together, wouldn't that -- and the mic cuts  
2 out again. This what she wrote. Okay. And on the  
3 same page, Ms. Wilson, she says usage of the capacity  
4 to existing -- exiting capacity right now. That  
5 doesn't make any sense. And she says that, as well,  
6 that doesn't make any sense. And on page two again,  
7 she said something like -- she wrote, but she got me  
8 there verbatim. And I don't understand that. I don't  
9 understand what that means. Also, let me see what page  
10 we go to next. Is there any other page? Well,  
11 whatever -- well, it's on page fifteen. It says you've  
12 got to talk in that mic. This is where we're losing  
13 our minutes -- I mean our agenda is getting lost. Uh-  
14 uh, it says, you've got to talk in that mic. This is  
15 where we are losing our minutes. And also on line  
16 thirty-nine, that's fine because I'm trying to  
17 understand something here and it means I have to look  
18 you. But it goes on, no, it don't have to, but it  
19 should have been for information. I thought everybody  
20 got it in their box. But anyway. And it ends there.  
21 And those are the ones that I found. That was it.  
22 Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Anything else? Do we have  
24 a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of  
25 Mr. Singleton's name change? Ms. Wilson makes that  
26 motion. Do we have a second?

27 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. All in  
29 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
30 Show the motion carries unanimously.

31 Moving on to the February approval. Are there any  
32 corrections to be made to the February 4, 2020 meeting?  
33 Hearing none, do we have a motion to move forward?

34 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we  
36 have a second?

37 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. All  
39 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
40 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

41 Moving on to item number 4, citizens comments. If  
42 you signed up, this is for comments on agenda items  
43 only. You have three minutes. If you would, please,  
44 state your name and district you live in and address  
45 the chair, please. When Mr. Harmon calls your name,  
46 please step forward. Mr. Harmon.

47 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first  
48 speaker is James Allen.

49 JAMES ALLEN: Yeah, my name is James  
50 Allen. It's on that gun. I go to the same church.



1 I'm not going to mention the church because there's  
2 been a bad approach on it already. But I go to church  
3 there; been going there since I was twenty years old.  
4 Never thought about carrying a gun in our church. In  
5 the last year it got real bad and then last month two  
6 killings right in front of our church. We do have  
7 people carrying concealed weapons in our church. Only  
8 the ones that can carry concealed weapons that went  
9 through the proper training. And recently two deaths,  
10 shootings, right in front of our church. Last week we  
11 had two bullets that come through our front door of our  
12 church. The church service wasn't going on at the  
13 time; went straight through our front door of our  
14 church. Not counting the fellowship hall being shot,  
15 awnings been shot.

16 And we do this now to protect our children. I'm at  
17 the age now I'm ready to meet my Lord, but we've got  
18 children that's not quite that ready. I wish everybody  
19 in the world would have that In God We Trust in our  
20 heart so we wouldn't have to carry concealed weapons.  
21 But we don't. We don't.

22 So I'd like you to really consider this. It's not  
23 something we want to do, but it's something we have to  
24 do now. And I really wanted to bring this up that it's  
25 just a danger alone in our church. We love everybody.  
26 We wish everybody loved us. That's all I wanted to  
27 say.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Next, Mr.  
29 Harmon.

30 **APPLAUSE**

31 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next  
32 speaker is Mike Manley.

33 MIKE MANLEY: Good evening. My name is  
34 Mike Manley. I live at 1158 Cartee Road. I live in  
35 District 4, Mr. Sanders' district. And here to speak  
36 tonight about a rezoning request that was made about  
37 six months ago now.

38 The neighbors and Richard Bennett, who I think is  
39 going to speak a little bit later, have been working  
40 very hard on trying to come to some kind of compromise  
41 as far as how we might approach this. And I think  
42 we've probably come up with a good plan as far as the  
43 approximately ten acres. We're looking at having some  
44 restrictive covenants put on it. I think our major  
45 concern, or my major concern at this point in time,  
46 just remains how the county would react to enforcing  
47 that.

48 There is -- like I say the paperwork has been  
49 filled out as far as that. So I would be interested  
50 because I know Mr. Sanders has to recuse himself once

1 we start talking about the agenda items. So he's not  
2 able to ask that question. I would appreciate one of  
3 the other council members, though, asking the county  
4 whether or not they would take any role in enforcing  
5 that restrictive covenant. Thank you very much.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next, Mr.  
7 Harmon.

8 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Rich  
9 Bennett.

10 RICHARD BENNETT: District 4, 307 Compass  
11 Point. I'll speak, as well, on the Cartee Road. As  
12 Mr. Manley spoke, we have been working on it for quite  
13 a while. We've tried to come to a compromise. I think  
14 it's been good for both sides. We signed the  
15 restrictive covenants. And I think it's been a  
16 win/win. Hopefully (inaudible) as far as county  
17 enforcement, I don't know the answer how it would move  
18 forward. (Inaudible) for everybody's benefit. Thank  
19 you.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Next, Mr.  
21 Harmon.

22 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Michael  
23 Thompson.

24 MICHAEL THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, council, my  
25 name is Michael Thompson. I live at 1166 Cartee Road.  
26 I'm here to speak about the rezoning on the property on  
27 Cartee Road as the two gentlemen have previously spoke  
28 about. The reason I'm speaking is because I was pretty  
29 adamant the first meeting or so about this rezoning,  
30 you know, opposition to it. But we have since had a  
31 couple of meetings with Mr. Bennett, with the people of  
32 our neighborhood and we have worked out a great plan, I  
33 think, that satisfies everyone involved.

34 Now, we have a small group here today. We're  
35 representing fifty -- approximately fifty families that  
36 live off of Cartee Road. And as you know, that enters  
37 on and off of the exit from I-85, so it's a pretty  
38 dangerous traffic situation. One of our concerns was  
39 the amount of traffic that might be generated by making  
40 this a commercial property. But what we've agreed to,  
41 and I think you all have a copy of a deed restriction  
42 Mr. Bennett's lawyer put together, and a couple of us  
43 have been allowed to review that and actually make  
44 changes to it. And basically, not to spend a lot of  
45 time on it, but what's been done was a deed restriction  
46 was put in place by Mr. Bennett that not only puts a  
47 barrier, a tree barrier if you will, a natural zone,  
48 thirty feet along the -- between this piece of property  
49 and the highway that we all travel on. And then that's  
50 on the first 2.6 acres and then the rest of it on up to

1 the boundary line is going to have a twenty-foot wide  
2 natural barrier. He has restricted this piece of  
3 property to have only one highway -- one access onto  
4 Cartee Road. And also the closest 2.63 acres to our  
5 property is being restricted to a water retention pond  
6 area. No other construction can be done on it.

7 So I just want to say on behalf of myself, we have  
8 tried to get our neighbors together to deal with this,  
9 and the meetings we had some people turn out. I  
10 prepared a sign and put on that property right beside  
11 the road so that everybody that's affected that's come  
12 out for the last two days could see that sign and know  
13 about this meeting. We don't have an association, so  
14 I'm not speaking for anyone other than myself. But I  
15 would withdraw my concerns from you guys approving this  
16 rezoning. I think Mr. Bennett has done everything that  
17 we had hoped that he would without limiting his right  
18 to rezone the property ---

19 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

20 MICHAEL THOMPSON: --- for commercial  
21 purposes. And I'm in favor of allowing that to  
22 proceed.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
24 Harmon.

25 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next  
26 speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

27 ELIZABETH FANT: ... full house here.  
28 Just a matter of record, when the gavel was pushed  
29 tonight, it was only 6:29, so I did not actually get my  
30 signature on the sheet, but I am speaking at the  
31 beginning and the end.

32 It's kind of ambiguous when we have more than one  
33 sets of minutes. When you say page so and so, Ms.  
34 Floyd, or whoever, we don't know which set of minutes  
35 that you were talking about. There were two sets of  
36 minutes and I had to scramble to find what you had  
37 said. However, the microphone thing, we've really got  
38 to nail that down. You guys and ladies need to speak  
39 into the microphones. You need to pull it down in  
40 front of you and speak into it and not turn to somebody  
41 else to speak, because that's when we lose you. And  
42 Ms. Floyd, there are places in here where we can't see  
43 what you said because of that reason.

44 I want to talk about the sheriff's report. The  
45 sheriff has added a few categories on the report. And  
46 I'm really liking what I have to see. At the bottom he  
47 talks about extra patrols in the areas of Pickens Road  
48 and Hamlin Road for Brett Sanders. I have noticed that  
49 up there a marked amount of crime is being cut because  
50 they're stopping people to see if they've got stolen

1 goods on their trucks and whatever. It works.  
2 Stopping people who look suspicious works.

3 We also have stopping the traffic on 86 in Piedmont  
4 for Jimmy Davis. That's also a hot spot. And for Ms.  
5 Wilson also on Big Creek Road with litter. This is  
6 excellent. The sheriff's report gets better every  
7 time.

8 Also, you've got a category about courthouse; how  
9 many juveniles transported, how many bench warrants,  
10 how many family court cases in a month. Six hundred  
11 and seventy-four. What is going on with our families.

12 Anyway, for those of you that don't get this, you  
13 ought to really get a copy of it because it tells you a  
14 real good snapshot about what's going on in the county,  
15 where the crime is. And the gentleman who already got  
16 up to speak, it's a question or something that you all  
17 are going to have to take under consideration because  
18 people need to be able to carry their weapons to  
19 protect themselves. That's the bottom line.

20 **APPLAUSE**

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else  
23 signed up to speak.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

25 Moving on now to item number 5, presentation from  
26 South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, Stephen  
27 Johnson. Mr. Johnson.

28 STEPHEN JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, chair  
29 members, I appreciate you having me here. My name is  
30 Mr. Johnson. I'm a recruiter with the South Carolina  
31 Youth Challenge Academy. We're located at the backside  
32 of Fort Jackson in the Leesburg Road area. We are a  
33 five and a half month residential program for at-risk  
34 youth between the ages of sixteen and eighteen. It's  
35 for kids that have either dropped out of school or been  
36 expelled or just having disciplinary problems or just  
37 want a more regimented, structured, controlled  
38 environment versus the normal school system.

39 So we're not in competition with the school system.  
40 We're actually an alternative to the alternative  
41 because we know every county has their alternative  
42 school system. We give every kid maximum opportunity  
43 to excel in the education system. However, there are  
44 other issues or behavior problems or whatever going on  
45 with that young person's life, so we have this program  
46 to offer them.

47 So it's five and a half months residential. First  
48 two weeks is very structured, very controlled, where  
49 they learn the rules and regulations and what they have  
50 to do while they're there in the academy. And then the

1 remaining five months is where they're pursuing their  
2 GED, academic excellence through the GED, and also  
3 learning critical life coping skills. And they also  
4 receive additional job skills training. They receive  
5 training on physical fitness, health and hygiene,  
6 responsible citizenship.

7 There's eight core components. I have a brochure  
8 up here you can get before you learn today. And I've  
9 given one to every council member, as well.

10 The thing that I wanted to emphasize to everyone is  
11 just what y'all are saying. We had some of you up to  
12 talk about guns, the need for guns. We had people get  
13 up and talk about the crime rate in your county. The  
14 young people that I'm talking about, we have at least  
15 fourteen young people this year only, just this year,  
16 and we've been doing this since the nineties, from  
17 Anderson County. That's not a bad thing. That's a  
18 good thing. Almost all of those young people that came  
19 through our program were total successes and went back  
20 to their counties and become more productive, positive  
21 and family members, students and citizens within a  
22 community.

23 So the point I'm getting at is these young people  
24 are what we're talking about. They are our future.  
25 They are our replacements. We can all talk about  
26 what's not going right, but we're not going to be in a  
27 situation where we can control that forever. We have  
28 to train our replacements. If you have kids that you  
29 don't know where they're at right now, but you're in  
30 here asking about policies and procedures, rules and  
31 regulations and what we should do -- I'm not trying to  
32 lecture, I'm just saying -- you're not always going to  
33 be in control of that. So you need to be working on  
34 your future. If you don't know where your children are  
35 at, it's something to think about.

36 Okay. And then the crime rate, if you are a young  
37 person with one of those people that was incarcerated  
38 or carted away, we need to look at that. So all I'm  
39 trying to get at is, there is light at the end of the  
40 tunnel, but we all just have to take action. We're  
41 taking action on other issues; admirable. But you have  
42 to take action on your future. The future is,  
43 hopefully, these things won't be as necessary because  
44 we've taught responsible citizenship. We've led by  
45 example. We've prepared our replacements to carry on  
46 what we have worked so hard for.

47 Okay. Don't get me preaching. But the program is  
48 available. It's five and a half months long. Now when  
49 the kids graduate from us, and it's males and females  
50 between sixteen and eighteen -- we'll take them when

1 they're fifteen if they're going to turn sixteen while  
2 they're with us -- but when they graduate from us they  
3 usually go on to college or they go on to vocational  
4 technical schools or they go into the military. We  
5 have an average of about nine or ten kids per cycle.  
6 We do two classes a year. So each graduation is about  
7 a hundred kids. About nine or ten of those go in the  
8 military. And so the point is, they leave us hopefully  
9 to go on and do bigger and better things. And then  
10 they go back to their community. They go right back to  
11 where they came from. So if we didn't do anything  
12 before they got there, we need to be prepared to  
13 receive them when they get back to help them continue  
14 their success.

15 I'd like to thank everybody for letting me have the  
16 few minutes that I had here. But I can't emphasize  
17 enough -- a lot of people aren't aware of the program  
18 until they absolutely, desperately need it. They need  
19 to be aware of it. We need mentors. We need  
20 volunteers where we take young people from all over the  
21 whole state. There's forty-three of these across the  
22 whole United States in thirty-seven different states.  
23 Some states have two and three programs. So there is a  
24 necessity for it. There is a need for it. Colin  
25 Powell, back in May of '81, warned everyone that we  
26 would have waves of gangs across the United States.  
27 When he the million man march, he said, we need  
28 mentors. We need leadership, guidance and direction.  
29 And now here we are. He's not a fortune teller. He's  
30 a person with leadership, guidance and direction and  
31 enough forethought to know that he needed to train his  
32 replacements because he was a general and thought like  
33 a general. But we don't need to think like generals.  
34 We have to think like leaders.

35 So the program is available. If you have any  
36 questions I'll be available back in the lobby when you  
37 get done. Thank you very much.

38 **APPLAUSE**

39 CINDY WILSON: May I? Mr. Chairman, I  
40 have a question. Mr. Johnson, two quick questions.  
41 Number one, how do young people get into your program?  
42 Do they have to be nominated or what have you? And who  
43 finances the program?

44 STEPHEN JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am. Thank you for  
45 those questions. The financing is done through the  
46 National Guard Bureau at the Washington, D.C. level.  
47 We receive seventy-five percent federal funding and  
48 twenty-five percent state and local funding. We also,  
49 naturally, would take donations. We have a foundation.  
50 We have a website, it's [www.scyouthchallenge.com](http://www.scyouthchallenge.com). Or

1 you can just google Youth Challenge; it'll come up.  
2 And then an application is actually online. You can  
3 apply online.

4 Now, the people that get referred to us, they get  
5 referred to us by law enforcement, kids that are minor  
6 offenders that want to make a change in life. They  
7 can't be felons. They have to be between sixteen and  
8 eighteen. We get referrals from schools; we get  
9 referrals from parents; we get self-referrals. So the  
10 kids that come to us are from all different walks-of-  
11 life with all different reasons for being there. But  
12 once they get there, they're a candidate that wants to  
13 become a cadet, that wants to become a more positive  
14 family member, citizen. I hope I answered your  
15 questions.

16 TOMMY DUNN: I think you did.  
17 Appreciate it. Thank you a lot.

18 STEPHEN JOHNSON: Thank you.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number  
20 6, be a presentation South Carolina Carry, Mr. Jones.  
21 Mr. Jones.

22 RANDY JONES: Thank you for having me  
23 tonight. My name is Randy Jones. I'm the Anderson  
24 County leader for South Carolina Carry in Zone 3. I  
25 also reside in Ms. Wilson's District 7. So I'm here to  
26 speak both for me personally, as well.

27 First of all, South Carolina Carry is a non-profit  
28 501(c)(4) corporation operating within South Carolina.  
29 Our mission is dedicated to promoting appreciation and  
30 respect for the basic liberties guaranteed by the Bill  
31 of Rights, and most importantly, the Second Amendment,  
32 which we believe protects all the other rights. The  
33 Second Amendment does not grant us rights, but protects  
34 our God-given rights from a tyrannical government.  
35 This is a critical truth about our Constitution that  
36 many just don't understand.

37 The Second Amendment is under attack. I wish I  
38 could sit down with each one of you on the council and  
39 share all I understand about where we are in the fight  
40 for the Second Amendment, but I don't have four or five  
41 hours to do that. I am working hard, though, to make  
42 sure that those I come in contact with get to hear the  
43 other side, as this is rarely ever presented to the  
44 average person. We often hear that we need more gun  
45 debate. But the truth is, gun ban supporters don't  
46 want that because the facts are not on their side. I  
47 want to be a source of information for you when you  
48 need to know more about the whole picture as it relates  
49 to gun issues. The issues are typically very hot  
50 issues; often very difficult to discuss in a manner

1 that actually explores the whole subject. But I  
2 welcome the opportunity to sit down with each one of  
3 you to answer any questions you may have or as a group  
4 to help in educating others on the facts relating to  
5 gun safety. I could also get other excellent resources  
6 from our group to come with me with deal with more  
7 specific concerns.

8 Most of us are bombarded with information about the  
9 dangers of guns; handgun owners almost every day from  
10 the mainstream news media. This is a result of a major  
11 misinformation campaign that I hope South Carolina  
12 Carry can help correct. The facts are guns save lives.  
13 This is supported by studies by the CDC. It's also  
14 demonstrated by our law enforcement people every day  
15 they go to work. Their guns, along with the other  
16 tools that they carry with them, are the best defense  
17 tools in protecting their life as well as others  
18 against evil people.

19 There's never been a time in our country when the  
20 support for the second amendment has become under  
21 attack as it is today. Michael Bloomberg is funding  
22 gun ban groups like Moms Demand Action, Every Town for  
23 Gun Safety with tens of millions of dollars each year.  
24 Their goal is to ban all guns from everyday citizens  
25 like you and me, but not from the really important  
26 people like themselves and the full time security  
27 people that surround them at all times. The elite  
28 people pushing this agenda feel they are just worth  
29 more to society than the rest of us; the rest of us  
30 average American people. That's very sad but true.

31 The Supreme Court has ruled several times to  
32 protect the Second Amendment from being infringed upon  
33 by local and state governments. But many liberal  
34 courts have refused to uphold this ruling, which has  
35 fueled the rampant attack we're seeing in many states  
36 today. It's time for the Supreme Court to stop these  
37 lower courts from projecting their views and beliefs  
38 that allow these rights to be taken away.

39 People across the nation are now standing up and  
40 doing everything possible to raise awareness of this  
41 and to work with their local governing bodies and law  
42 enforcement to stop outsiders from coming in and trying  
43 to take away these basic rights.

44 Law abiding citizens in state like Illinois have  
45 been pushing for more and more gun control laws, but  
46 they have started taking steps to prevent these  
47 infringements from being forced on them in their local  
48 counties and municipalities. This movement has swept  
49 across Virginia after the Democratic party gained  
50 control of both houses and the governor's office and



1 announced their intent on passing some of the most  
2 restrictive gun laws ever in that state.

3 Many other states are also going through similar  
4 efforts and this has now ignited like a wildfire in  
5 South Carolina. If you look at this screen map, it's a  
6 little bit outdated, but you can see that there's a lot  
7 of states like Illinois, Virginia and especially states  
8 in the mid-west area that have all taken steps to  
9 become Second Amendment sanctuaries. In Virginia, if  
10 you look at this map, you'll see that there's just  
11 three red spots on this map where the sanctuary  
12 ordinances have been declined. But most of the state  
13 is all green and have done a lot to make sure that  
14 they're going to protect their Second Amendment rights.

15 In South Carolina we have three counties that have  
16 already passed Second Amendment resolutions. We've got  
17 several that are highlighted in orange here that are  
18 now taking steps to try to create that movement in  
19 those states -- in those counties, so we're -- of  
20 course, Anderson County is one of the ones that we're  
21 hopeful we'll be able to move forward with that, as  
22 well.

23 South Carolina Carry would like to help in getting  
24 this passed in Anderson County. We have submitted a  
25 draft ordinance to the council to consider and pass for  
26 the citizens of Anderson County. Thousands of  
27 concerned citizens that you represent have already  
28 signed petitions in support of this proposed ordinance.  
29 These were obtained just in the past week to two weeks,  
30 so we're confident we'll have many more by the time  
31 that this proposed ordinance gets on the agenda for its  
32 first reading.

33 The Second Amendment is the cornerstone of the  
34 freedoms protected under the great Constitution of the  
35 United States. This is the very same Constitution that  
36 our military, law enforcement officers, and the people  
37 who work for our government to represent us, the people  
38 of this county, state and country, have sworn to  
39 uphold. We expect to have your support in moving  
40 forward with this ordinance for Anderson County and the  
41 support efforts should our state consider a statewide  
42 sanctuary status effort.

43 Please don't let this be taken away from us, a well  
44 regulated militia being necessary to the security of a  
45 free state, the right of the people to keep and bear  
46 arms shall not be infringed.

47 We have 2020 elections coming up and South Carolina  
48 Carry will be working diligently to educate the voters  
49 in South Carolina about those candidate positions,  
50 where they stand on the Second Amendment issues that we

1 value so dearly. Our group is growing rapidly and this  
 2 Second Amendment sanctuary movement has awakened a  
 3 large group of South Carolina voters. These voters are  
 4 standing up for their Second Amendment rights and we  
 5 fully expect to see sweeping changes as we work to put  
 6 the strongest 2A candidates into office this year.

7 I appreciate you listening to us tonight, and I  
 8 would just like -- I know there's a lot of people here  
 9 that have come tonight to be in support of that. So if  
 10 you're here to support the Second Amendment rights and  
 11 maybe you're wearing an orange sticker, if you wouldn't  
 12 mind standing up just so that people can see that.

# **APPLAUSE**

14 RANDY JONES: Thank you very much.

15 TOMMY DUNN: We'll be moving on now to  
 16 item number 7(a), ordinance third reading, first will  
 17 be 2019-032, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to  
 18 rezone plus or minus 9.75 acres from R-20, single  
 19 family residential, to C-2, highway commercial, at  
 20 Cartee Road and I-85 in District 4. Mr. Sanders is  
 21 going to recuse himself. Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

22 BRETT SANDERS: Can I say something first?

23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

24 BRETT SANDERS: I'd just like to say that  
 25 I'm excited to see developers and people in the  
 26 community work together. It shouldn't always be a  
 27 council's decision. And I just want to applaud you  
 28 guys on that, and I appreciate all your hard work.  
 29 Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.  
 31 Mr. Sanders. Get his, Jimmy, if you don't mind. Would  
 32 you just state the reason why you're recusing yourself.

33 BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, the reason why I'm  
 34 recusing is one of my accountants is, I think, part of  
 35 the investors in that development. He's also a  
 36 contributor to my campaign. So I don't feel it would  
 37 be in my best interest to vote either way.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

39 BRETT SANDERS: Thank you.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Now at this time can we  
 41 have a motion on the floor?

42 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

43 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis to move  
 44 forward. Do we have a second?

45 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now  
 47 open the floor up for discussion.

48 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

50 CINDY WILSON: There was a reference to

1 covenants and restrictions, but we have none of that in  
2 our packet here. I'm not sure we would be a party to  
3 that. Perhaps Mr. Harmon could clarify that for us.  
4 TOMMY DUNN: I wanted to ask that. I  
5 think ...  
6 LEON HARMON: The county would not be a  
7 party to that document, Ms. Wilson.  
8 CINDY WILSON: From my real estate  
9 background, covenants and restrictions are imposed by  
10 one party on another party, and if the party accepting  
11 the covenants and restrictions should violate that, it  
12 would be the position of the person or people imposing  
13 that to enforce. Would that be correct?  
14 LEON HARMON: Yes, ma'am. That is  
15 correct. And I do have a copy of the document that has  
16 been put together and there is an entire section in the  
17 agreement entitled enforcement.  
18 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.  
19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon,  
20 that's on -- I'm asking -- but if that's on record,  
21 recorded, with a break, fallback, it would be a civil  
22 matter, but also wouldn't the county say that this is  
23 not going to happen because this is in that  
24 restriction? A deed recorded like that?  
25 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, if someone  
26 wanted to do something in that restricted area, yes, I  
27 think the county probably would, at that point, not  
28 permit that. But as far as strict enforcement of the  
29 document itself, it's a private enforcement matter.  
30 TOMMY DUNN: But as far as permitting  
31 it, though, it's on record that the county should  
32 permit that?  
33 LEON HARMON: That's correct.  
34 Permitting would be a totally different issue.  
35 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. Thank you.  
36 Any more discussion?  
37 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.  
38 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Graham.  
39 RAY GRAHAM: I just want to commend the  
40 community and also the developer. I mean, personally  
41 the way I look at it, when people own property, you pay  
42 taxes on the property, unless there's already  
43 restrictions in place, I find it hard for the  
44 government to actually step in and try to regulate  
45 that. But still I understand we have guidelines. And  
46 I definitely commend both parties to coming together,  
47 working together and basically coming up with a  
48 solution that hopefully it's going to be feasible for  
49 everyone. So definitely commend both parties for that  
50 and appreciate y'all's work toward that, along with the

1 county staff.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else before we  
3 vote?

4 CRAIG WOOTEN: Just to clarify, the  
5 gentleman's question was about whether or not the  
6 county would enforce. It would be incumbent upon the  
7 private citizens to seek enforcement, but they could  
8 have reasonable assurances from the county that we  
9 would not permit something in violation of the  
10 covenants.

11 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

12 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.

13 TOMMY DUNN: I'd just like to also say  
14 this is what we were hoping to accomplish when this  
15 thing started six months ago. Appreciate the people  
16 that owns the property working. I know they spent a  
17 lot of time in it. The people in that community care  
18 about their community, working for this. We appreciate  
19 it. I think things like this is a win/win situation.

20 For the record show Mr. Sanders recused himself and  
21 he stated his reason. And also Ms. Floyd had a reason  
22 she had to leave. She'll be back. Nothing to do with  
23 this right here. She had a thing.

24 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All  
25 opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously  
26 with folks here. Thank y'all.

27 We'll be moving on now to item number 8(a). Bring  
28 Mr. Sanders back in, if you would. We'll be moving on  
29 now to item 8(a), this is second reading, 2020-001, an  
30 ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or  
31 minus 23.66 acres from R-20, single family residential  
32 to R-A, residential agricultural, at 150 Burns Bridge  
33 Road, again in District 4.

34 This is going to be a public hearing. Anyone  
35 wishing to speak to this matter, step forward and  
36 please state your name, district, address the chair on  
37 this matter. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing  
38 and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed.  
39 Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Mr.  
40 Sanders, second Ms. Wilson. Now any discussion?  
41 Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.  
42 Show the motion carries with the council members  
43 present. Show Ms. Floyd is still out of the room.

44 Moving on to item number 8(b), 2020-002, an  
45 ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease purchase  
46 agreement in an amount not exceeding \$2,200,000  
47 relating to the leasing and purchasing of software, the  
48 execution of necessary documents and closing papers.  
49 Again, this second reading. This is the one we've had  
50 multiple meetings on and discussions. Helping us with

1 our overall computer program for the whole Anderson  
2 County. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

3 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second  
5 Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the  
6 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the  
7 motion carries unanimously.

8 Moving on to item number 8(c), second reading,  
9 2020-003, an ordinance to amend section 42-116 of the  
10 Anderson County, South Carolina Code of Ordinances so  
11 as to amend the definition of maltreatment as that term  
12 applies to any animal or pet. Comes from Chairman  
13 Graham. Mr. Graham.

14 RAY GRAHAM: This comes forth from the  
15 Public Safety Committee. This is ordinance 2020-003,  
16 an ordinance to amend section 42-116 of the Anderson  
17 County, South Carolina Code of ordinances so as to  
18 amend the definition of maltreatment as that term  
19 applies to any animal or pet.

20 Basically breaking this down, this is basically  
21 allowing the sheriff's department some leeway on  
22 charging a county ordinance magistrate's court fine  
23 versus charging some more serious crimes with it. In  
24 doing so, it -- basically if a citizen in Anderson  
25 County is mistreating animals or whatever and there's  
26 some educational opportunity there, the sheriff's  
27 department can do it at a lesser fine and educate the  
28 people as far as the dos and don'ts and it just gives  
29 them some leeway.

30 This was brought forth from Public Safety as a  
31 recommendation.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman  
33 Graham. Coming from Public Safety it doesn't need a  
34 second. Any more discussion? All in favor of the  
35 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Let the  
36 record show Ms. Floyd is back on the bench. Vote is  
37 unanimous.

38 Moving on to item number (d), 2020-004, an  
39 ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of  
40 the joint county industrial and business park, 2010  
41 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to  
42 enlarge the park to add Project Yellow to the business  
43 park. At this time -- I meant to do this before the  
44 meeting or at the beginning of the meeting. At this  
45 time I'd like -- Mr. Nelson has been under the weather.  
46 How is he doing, Mr. Burns?

47 RUSTY BURNS: He is doing better today,  
48 sir.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Is he at home?

50 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir, he is now.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Let's keep him in our  
2 thoughts and prayers as we go through this about him  
3 and his family, make a speedy recovery. This is second  
4 reading on this. Do we have a motion to move this  
5 forward?

6 JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second  
8 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing and seeing none,  
9 all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed  
10 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

11 Going to move on to item number 9, ordinance first  
12 reading, 9(a), 2020-005, an ordinance authorizing the  
13 execution and delivery of special source revenue credit  
14 agreement by and between Anderson County, South  
15 Carolina and Project Robo, with respect to special  
16 source revenue credit to be applied against fee in lieu  
17 of tax payments related to certain investments in the  
18 county. Mr. Burns, you going to take this?

19 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, what we have  
20 here is a company that already employs thirty people in  
21 Anderson County. They want to invest 1.7 million  
22 dollars within five years and they want to generate  
23 twenty-one new jobs. The jobs will pay thirty-seven  
24 dollars and seventy-three cents an hour. This is the  
25 first expansion. We expect four other companies to  
26 result from this activity.

27 CRAIG WOOTEN: Mr. Chairman, I just want  
28 to see if I can recuse myself. I actually worked for  
29 this company. I no longer work for them, but I worked  
30 for them for about seven years. And so I just think it  
31 would be appropriate to recuse myself.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Appreciate it.  
33 Let the record show Mr. Wooten has recused himself and  
34 he stated his reason. Do we have a motion to move this  
35 forward?

36 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

37 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second  
39 by Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
40 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like  
41 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr.  
42 Graham, will you get Mr. Wooten to step back in here?

43 RAY GRAHAM: Yes, sir.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Number 10, there are none.  
45 Number 11, a report from the Public Safety  
46 Committee meeting of February 12. Can't be a whole lot  
47 because I think most of it was in executive session.  
48 Mr. Graham.

49 RAY GRAHAM: It wasn't. Mr. Chairman,  
50 there's really nothing to discuss. We did go into

1 executive session to discuss contracts and really more  
2 or less educating some of the members of Public Safety  
3 as far as updating as far as what was going on. No  
4 changes. Nothing was determined. More or less just a  
5 discussion meeting. So at this time there's nothing to  
6 report.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 Moving on now, item number 12, bid approval, 12(a),  
9 this is bid number 20-032 concessions at the Anderson  
10 Sports and Entertainment Center. A bid was put out to  
11 handle concessions at the Anderson Sports and  
12 Entertainment Center because we currently do not have a  
13 preferred caterer at the Civic Center. The bid was  
14 sent out to five catering companies. There was only  
15 one responded, Dove Catering. Concessions will pay  
16 Anderson County, as follows: twenty-two percent for  
17 the first twenty-five thousand monthly gross sales;  
18 twenty-five percent for monthly gross sales in excess  
19 of twenty-five thousand. Staff recommends awarding the  
20 contract to Dove Catering who is a local vendor. They  
21 have all their insurance and stuff in place.

22 Do we have a motion to move this forward?

23 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we  
25 have a second?

26 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any  
28 discussion?

29 CINDY WILSON: May I?

30 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson and then we'll  
31 come to Ms. Floyd.

32 CINDY WILSON: How long will this  
33 contract run? It doesn't state?

34 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's a year; ain't  
35 it?

36 CINDY WILSON: So we've got a year to try  
37 them out and make sure it's working? Okay. Thank you.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: ... Mr. Carroll was one of  
40 the ones who did this. Mr. Carroll, am I right?

41 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Is he not saying anything?

43 TOMMY DUNN: He nodded his head.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, he did? I can't see  
45 way back there. Mr. Carroll, what I'm concerned about  
46 is that we sent out five bids and we only heard back  
47 from one. Okay. There are other places in Anderson  
48 County that I'm familiar with with catering. But I  
49 don't see, I don't see many of them. In fact, I only  
50 notice one person. Were the rest of them from Anderson

1 County, as well?

2 ROBERT CARROLL: I don't believe so, ma'am.  
3 We reached out to other venues like over at AU, over at  
4 North Greenville, at the Bon Secour Center, at Clemson,  
5 and found who had concessions and that type for them  
6 for catering. And those are the companies we reached  
7 out to. We have Dove Catering to come in to request a  
8 copy of it. I think they've done some events at the  
9 Civic Center in previous years.

10 TOMMY DUNN: They have.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, they have. But I  
12 don't see Anderson College. Did they not -- I mean you  
13 didn't list them as giving a bid?

14 ROBERT CARROLL: It's the companies that do  
15 work for those universities and other locations I just  
16 mentioned. These other four that are listed.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Café Bon Appetite, no  
18 response. Mercer Technologies, Center Plate, as well  
19 as Aramark, Anderson College and other places.

20 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am. That I  
21 mentioned. Yes, ma'am.

22 GRACIE FLOYD: That really concerns me  
23 because we only had one person out of five to respond  
24 to the -- to this?

25 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: And Mr. Chairman, what's  
27 the possibility of having it rebid?

28 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think that would  
29 be a good idea. Someone won it in a fair bid, and they  
30 would have every reason to sue us, I would think, if we  
31 didn't do that. That wouldn't be -- this ain't the  
32 first time since I've been on council this has happened  
33 as far as the vendor at the Civic Center, not getting  
34 nobody to bid on it. I think last time they only had  
35 one company to bid on it, the last time. I think we've  
36 personally -- I don't know nothing about Dove Catering,  
37 but I think we're fortunate to have somebody to put in  
38 for it and give it a try.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I seem to remember there  
40 was one time we did go back and rebid it for one  
41 reason. I can't remember the reason why we did it.  
42 But I just don't feel comfortable with Dove Catering.  
43 I just think that when we get one -- when we only get  
44 one bidding -- one bid in, we need to go back and look  
45 at why. Maybe we're not doing something right.

46 TOMMY DUNN: We're good. Anyone else?  
47 All in favor of the motion. All opposed. Show the  
48 motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn,  
49 Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson in favor; Ms. Floyd  
50 opposes.



1 ROBERT CARROLL: Thank you.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

3 Moving on to item number 13, this is capital for  
4 roads and bridges equipment. This will be item number  
5 13, capital, roads and bridges equipment. This is  
6 permission seeking to purchase a FP5 Flameless Patcher  
7 that will be mounted to a freight liner conventional  
8 cab. The bid was sent out but there was not a response  
9 that met the specifications due to the following three  
10 items that are needed on this piece of equipment: a  
11 proprietary swing arm for performing shoulder-type  
12 work; electric heating design; a telematics package  
13 which is cloud-based software which generates  
14 performance data and information for each crew and all  
15 materials that area used that will feed into our  
16 existing Cartegraph system. Therefore, staff is  
17 recommending purchasing sole source from Kergkamp,  
18 Incorporated out of Kansas. It's the only company that  
19 offers the piece of equipment that contains the three  
20 items listed above. This machine will allow Road and  
21 Bridges to perform pothole patches effectively which  
22 result in the patching lasting longer. Roads and  
23 Bridges currently cold patches, which means they use  
24 cold asphalt to fill and roll over it with a pickup  
25 truck. This new equipment will come with a self-  
26 contained roller/compactor that will be used to roll  
27 over the hot asphalt. The new equipment will also  
28 result in less waste of asphalt because it has an  
29 asphalt hopper on the back which keeps the asphalt hot  
30 for up to forty-eight hours which results in less  
31 waste. All the tools will be on the truck and the job  
32 will be accomplished more efficiently and effectively  
33 like it's supposed to be accomplished. Price is one  
34 hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred thirty-two  
35 dollars and paid for out of the capital funds that's  
36 it's already budgeted for it.

37 Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

38 Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second.

39 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now  
41 discussion. Ms. Wilson.

42 CINDY WILSON: I see that the delivery  
43 cost is thirty-seven hundred fifty dollars. Would it  
44 be less expensive to ---

45 TOMMY DUNN: Speak up. I'm sorry.

46 CINDY WILSON: It's thirty-seven hundred  
47 and fifty dollars delivery. Would it be viable for us  
48 to send an employee and a flatbed out to pick it up?  
49 Would that ---

50 TOMMY DUNN: Probably not. We can

1 check on that. It's coming from Kansas. Probably have  
2 to send two people. They're going to lose some work;  
3 wear and tear on your equipment going through all the  
4 DOT stuff and everything. Probably not.

5 JIMMY DAVIS: It becomes a liability  
6 issue by the title of ownership of the vehicle when it  
7 takes place.

8 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

10 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

11 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

12 JIMMY DAVIS: I just want to make a  
13 clarification on this just so that we know. I've spent  
14 some time with Matt Hogan and speaking of this because  
15 I was pretty concerned about it. But one of the  
16 problems that we have as a county is we're filling  
17 potholes and cracks and other places in our county  
18 roads and everybody knows we have terrible road  
19 conditions. But one of the problems that we have,  
20 especially in the cold months, is the only thing that  
21 we can do is, because the asphalt plants are closed, we  
22 can't use hot asphalt. This will allow us an  
23 opportunity and wherewithal to do a better job of  
24 filling potholes that will be on a permanent basis or a  
25 more permanent basis. There's no permanent  
26 (inaudible), but it will fill the pothole in a better  
27 way that's more to our standards and they will last  
28 longer until we can do something with the roads. This  
29 is the best equipment that will do the best job to fill  
30 the potholes for Anderson County. It will do a much  
31 better job than anything we've ever done. And I think  
32 it's much needed especially -- I can say it's much  
33 needed in my district, District 6. I'm in full support  
34 of it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

36 Anyone else? Mr. Sanders.

37 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Mr. Burns, do  
38 you know if we have to hire additional personnel or use  
39 the same staff?

40 RUSTY BURNS: Use our same staff.

41 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion  
42 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
43 carries unanimously.

44 At this time do we have a motion to go into  
45 executive session to take legal advice regarding some  
46 legal matters regarding Mungo Home Properties, LLC?

47 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I'd like to  
48 make a motion that we move into executive session to  
49 discuss legal advice regarding Mungo Home Properties,  
50 LLC.

1 CINDY WILSON: Second.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis;  
3 have a second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion  
4 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
5 carries unanimously. We'll be back shortly.

6 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7 TOMMY DUNN: I call the county council  
8 meeting back in session. Motion, Ms. Wilson?

9 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may we make  
10 the motion to come back into session from executive  
11 session, having received legal advice regarding Mungo  
12 Home Properties, LLC and Anderson County Planning  
13 Commission, with no votes taken.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms.  
15 Wilson. Have a second?

16 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. All in  
18 favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.  
19 Show the motion carries unanimously.

20 Mr. Davis, do you have a motion?

21 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, thank you. I'd  
22 like to make a motion that the county -- Anderson  
23 County move forward with the hearing now scheduled for  
24 March 30, 2020 in the Mungo Homes case.

25 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.  
26 Davis. Do we have a second?

27 CINDY WILSON: Second.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any  
29 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
30 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
31 unanimously. Thank y'all very much.

32 We'll be moving on now to item number 15,  
33 appointments. I didn't see none. Does anybody have  
34 any? Anything come up, any boards?

35 Seeing and hearing none, requests by council  
36 members. Mr. Sanders, do you have one? Mr. Sanders,  
37 get your mic.

38 BRETT SANDERS: I have one for Goats for  
39 Goodness in District 4 for the amount of fifteen  
40 hundred.

41 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.  
42 Sanders for fifteen hundred dollars for goats and  
43 goodness.

44 CINDY WILSON: Second.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now is  
46 there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show  
47 of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
48 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

49 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would like to  
50 do five hundred for the Shriners circus.

1 RUSTY BURNS: If I may, Mr. Chairman, in  
2 everybody's box, I believe it was last week, the annual  
3 request from the Shriners for the Shrine Circus at the  
4 Anderson County Civic Center. That's coming up the  
5 latter part of March. And so this is just the usual  
6 request that they make in order for us to get tickets  
7 to give to children.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Sanders,  
9 five hundred dollars for Shriners. Do we have a  
10 second?

11 CINDY WILSON: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any  
13 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
14 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries  
15 unanimously. Anybody else have anything?

16 CINDY WILSON: May I?

17 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

18 CINDY WILSON: District 7 would also like  
19 to appropriate five hundred for the Shriners' tickets  
20 for the children.

21 TOMMY DUNN: We have five hundred  
22 dollars from Ms. Wilson's account. Do we have a  
23 second?

24 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any  
26 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.  
27 All opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously.  
28 Anyone else? Mr. Graham.

29 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
30 Mr. Chairman, this is actually one we had a couple of  
31 meetings back and we didn't have all the information,  
32 so I pulled it at the last minute. I'd like to  
33 allocate twelve hundred -- I'm sorry, I'm trying to  
34 pull this number up -- twelve hundred forty-three  
35 dollars and eighty cents to Crescent High School  
36 Anglers. I bring this in the form of a motion.

37 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr.  
38 Graham. We need second.

39 CINDY WILSON: Second.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any  
41 discussion? All in favor of the motion of Mr. Graham  
42 show of hands. Opposed. Show the motion carries  
43 unanimously. Anyone else?

44 RAY GRAHAM: I'd also like to do five  
45 hundred dollars to the Shriners Circus for the tickets,  
46 as well.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham puts a motion  
48 for five hundred dollars for the circus. We need a  
49 second. Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in  
50 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion

1 carries unanimously. Anyone else?

2 Out of District 5, five hundred dollars for the  
3 circus. Put that in the form of a motion. Second Mr.  
4 Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion  
5 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion  
6 carries unanimously. Anyone else?

7 Moving on to administrator's report.

8 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.  
9 Chairman.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to 18,  
11 citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name  
12 you've got three minutes. Please address the chair.  
13 Mr. Harmon. State your name and district for the  
14 record.

15 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first  
16 speaker is Ankoma Anderson.

17 ANKOMA ANDERSON: Yes, first of all let me  
18 say good evening to everyone.

19 TOMMY DUNN: Good evening.

20 ANKOMA ANDERSON: Mr. Chair, I come on  
21 behalf of the Anderson County Ministers Organization,  
22 as well as I serve as pastor of the Welfare Baptist  
23 Church in Belton, District 2. And I want to speak  
24 about the SC Carry presentation that was done a few  
25 moments ago. I want to say a few things.

26 Our fourth President of the United States of  
27 America said that if men were angels, no government  
28 would be necessary. He further stated that if angels  
29 were to govern men, neither external nor internal  
30 controls of government would be necessary. And so I  
31 want to be clear here today that my stance is not in  
32 opposition to citizens having the right to bear arms;  
33 but rather it's in vehement opposition to loose  
34 regulations and easy access to firearms.

35 Currently there's a growing body of research that  
36 suggests that a lack of gun control and easily  
37 accessible firearms contribute to gun violence in all  
38 forms. This begs relevant questions. How many more  
39 young people we do need to be gunned down in Anderson  
40 County? How many more bodies need to be slain? How  
41 much more blood needs to be senselessly spilled in our  
42 streets? How many more lives with unmet potential need  
43 to be lost before citizens and the conscience of this  
44 council exclaim that enough is enough?

45 Therefore, it's incumbent upon us, you, me, to  
46 protect our citizens from the terrorism of gun  
47 violence. This council decides to side with loose  
48 regulation, it will become even more difficult to tell  
49 exactly who the terrorists are. And I want to say  
50 this, as well. I'm somewhat disappointed that I've

1 come here today and it seems as if you guys have  
2 already fixed what you are going to support and how it  
3 is that you're going to vote. But I want to go on to  
4 say that nationally our Congress has been infiltrated,  
5 packed, political action committees, NRA, members who  
6 are paid to enact legal legislation that continues to  
7 allow gun manufacturers to produce massive profits at  
8 the sake of our citizens.

9 What citizens? The ones in South Carolina. The  
10 ones who fell prey to white supremacists in Charleston  
11 at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.  
12 What citizens? The citizens of Anderson County.  
13 Eleven year old Ja'Naiya Scott was gunned down in her  
14 west end apartment in Anderson County back in June.  
15 What citizens? The ones who were -- or the guy who was  
16 shot down at a convenience store here in Anderson. And  
17 lastly, let's not forget the precious life of Jacob  
18 Hall at Townville Elementary.

19 So lastly I say, let's not make Anderson County a  
20 sanctuary for guns, but a sanctuary of safety.

21 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

22 ANKOMA ANDERSON: I want to go on record to  
23 say that individuals are already able to carry weapons  
24 with concealed weapons permit. But what we're doing  
25 here today, or what was discussed was to lessen  
26 regulations so that anybody can have a weapon. And  
27 that doesn't need to take place. Thank you.

28 **APPLAUSE**

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Harmon.

30 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next  
31 speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

32 ELIZABETH FANT: Total change of  
33 environment. I want to talk about being careful with  
34 what we say, what we record, so forth. Opportunities  
35 it seems like this week are just coming down the  
36 pipeline one right after the other. I was at one  
37 meeting where four hundred dollars was written on the  
38 information and it was supposed to be four thousand. I  
39 worked with a charitable group where we were taking  
40 donations and one person wanted to give five thousand  
41 sixty-nine dollars, and the person at the other end  
42 thought it was fifty dollars and sixty-nine cents, so  
43 they missed out on about five thousand on a donation.

44 I was checking some of my receipts getting ready to  
45 do my taxes. I had a credit card where somebody added  
46 two dollars to what I had on my credit card. I also  
47 have a place where somebody gave a five hundred  
48 donation, and I have the receipt that I got from the  
49 bank where it was supposed to be deposited. It's not  
50 on my bank statements, so I now have to go after that.

1 I understand on Facebook that there's several  
2 restaurants here in town that are overcharging people.  
3 Another organization that I went to this week, they had  
4 in the minutes that a certain person had said a certain  
5 thing and that certain person wasn't even at the  
6 meeting. Another meeting I went to, the minutes, the  
7 person's last name was left off in the minutes.  
8 Another thing that I saw was a calendar and the date is  
9 wrong for the event on the calendar.

10 Everybody can make mistakes. Mistakes are made.  
11 None of us are not human. But we need to, on whatever  
12 we are presenting, make sure we are as accurate as we  
13 can be because people look at that and think, y'all are  
14 not serious about whatever it is that you are -- the  
15 organization that you're dealing with.

16 I see so many errors, grammatical errors and things  
17 that I think people must think we are just local  
18 yokels. I see toys for tots. T-o-y-'-s for tots. I  
19 see you're welcome, y-o-u-r, your welcome, et cetera.  
20 We really need to step up our game. Thank you.

21 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one else  
22 is signed up.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

24 Moving now to comments from council. Mr. Davis?

25 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, my  
26 microphone is on so I can be properly recorded tonight.  
27 We need to watch what we read on Facebook, but it ain't  
28 always true; right? Ronald Reagan once said, great  
29 change in America will happen at the dinner table. And  
30 I believe that that's one of the things that America  
31 has got to get back to. If we want to see great  
32 change, we've got to get back to the family unit.

33 Points well taken. I fully support our Second  
34 Amendment. I am a concealed weapons holder. I am a  
35 proud member of the NRA, member number 5884474. And I  
36 believe in my right to be able to buy firearms, hunt  
37 with them and do what I need to them. I understand the  
38 problem. But being in restrictive regulation is not  
39 where this country, this state or this county needs to  
40 be. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr.  
42 Sanders.

43 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: Do you hear me now? Good.  
46 Thank you. I want to talk about the budget transfer.  
47 First of all, they were supposed to be typed; not  
48 written. I know I'm the only one up here that had  
49 problems reading the handwritten budget transfer from  
50 PRT to SP-Pops, six hundred dollars. I couldn't read

1 it at all; what it was saying.

2 Also, we've got some more here from sheriff to  
3 sheriff. I don't bother them too much, though. But  
4 there's one here that was also written and it's hard to  
5 understand what it's saying. It's supposed to be  
6 typed. And there's another one here, Ms. Fant, it's  
7 supposed to be for asphalt and they have two thousand  
8 five hundred dollars. But the total -- I think the  
9 total was two fifty. Instead of writing two thousand  
10 five hundred, they had to go back and write in a zero  
11 on that part. And it was also written. Golly, the  
12 budget transfer from the PRT and the Sports Complex, I  
13 wish you could see it. It was five thousand dollars.  
14 Then they scratched that out and they put three  
15 thousand eight hundred. And then the bottom thing was  
16 five hundred dollars -- one, two -- five thousand  
17 dollars. It's a mess. It's a mess.

18 Also, one of the meetings I attended, the Finance  
19 meeting, there were several errors that was presented  
20 to the committee. And there were -- they wrote reasons  
21 why there were problems in it, but it shouldn't have  
22 been a problem on it. If we have all those people down  
23 there working in the Finance Department, those errors  
24 should have been caught before it got to the point.

25 Okay. You missed a Valentine's Day party. Was  
26 anybody here, anybody here that went there? Okay.  
27 God, you missed it. You really missed it. We had a  
28 good time. We had a real good time. Mr. Burns, you  
29 looked real good in your black pants and your white  
30 shirt acting as a host for it. Seth Ridley, you did a  
31 good job being there. I thank you guys. Anybody else?  
32 Let me know. But believe it, it was good. It was  
33 good. We had a lot of people there. And my senior  
34 sisters were there and we had a good time. You were  
35 there. Did you have fun? You had fun? Yes, yes, we  
36 had fun, too.

37 When I see errors in the minutes, I don't bother  
38 with she left the s off of this and supposed to be a  
39 period there. I go for the meat of the thing. And  
40 when I say something is wrong, I only do it so it can  
41 be corrected before the minutes have been voted on.  
42 Because once the minutes has been voted on, that's it.  
43 So Ms. Fant, it's not the fact that I was pointing out  
44 that you couldn't hear other people. All I was doing  
45 was pointing out there is a mistake here, it should be  
46 fixed. And if it's the fault of these things here,  
47 then that should be fixed, too.

48 Also, something that was said tonight about  
49 stopping people in trucks and all of that. That's  
50 profiling. You can't do that. You have to have a



1 reason to stop somebody. You can't just stop a person  
2 because, number one, he's driving a truck or he's  
3 coming down this road. It's got to be for a reason.  
4 And I think I'm right about this. If you're looking  
5 for crackerjacks but you see a box full of guns, then  
6 you have to stay with the crackerjacks because that's  
7 what you were going for. Sheriff's office, am I right?  
8 Well, if I'm not right, that's the way it ought to be.

9 I have some concerns in today's things. I don't --  
10 there's some questions I need to ask before I vote on  
11 it again. Mr. Davis, I have some questions I'd like to  
12 talk to you about after -- well, maybe at home.

13 But all in all, it was a pretty good meeting. Oh,  
14 except for one thing. You guys are on Facebook. Some  
15 of y'all are on Facebook. Who Facebook? Nobody but  
16 me? Oh, nobody else. And not me, I'm not on Facebook.  
17 I don't have time for that. But I wasn't on Facebook,  
18 but somebody called me and read something and sent me a  
19 copy of my name saying that I was not signing some  
20 paper. I didn't understand that thing at all. So I  
21 made a phone call and found out that there was some  
22 sheets going around for somebody to sign in support of  
23 gun stuff. All right. Did you get a sheet? Did you  
24 sign something? Well, they said I was the only one  
25 that didn't sign, Brett. We need to find out what  
26 they're doing to you. But they said I was the only one  
27 that did not sign; okay? No, I didn't sign because I  
28 didn't know I was supposed to sign something. I don't  
29 do Facebook.

30 And about this gun thing, you know, folks, I'm  
31 worried about the family that we had to get a boat to  
32 get them out of the water. That's what I'm worried  
33 out. I'm worried about those seventy-seven houses  
34 that's got to be torn down or move people out of and  
35 then tear them down. That's what I'm worried about.  
36 I'm not worried about no gun. You see this? That's a  
37 concealed weapon. How do you get one of these? You've  
38 got to have a gun. I've got two. I've got two. But  
39 it's not going to save your life; it's going to save my  
40 life. And I've got them and I'll use it. I will use  
41 it. But I don't like people to tell lies. I don't  
42 know who y'all are listening to when you're reading  
43 this stuff. But call me, Gracie Floyd, call me, and  
44 I'll tell you what I've got. In fact, you can come  
45 3:00 in the morning and I'll tell you, too. But don't  
46 play me because anything I do, I can tell you I did it.  
47 Thank you.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

49 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

50 First and foremost, I do support the Second Amendment.

1 Definitely was honored listening to the gentleman that  
2 come tonight and speak about South Carolina Carry. I  
3 have done some research on that group and it definitely  
4 seems to be a great group with a strong passion.  
5 Definitely looking forward to see what they're able to  
6 do.

7 Over the past several weeks, we have had some --  
8 just some tremendous bad weather in Anderson County.  
9 And a lot of times there are so many -- you know, we  
10 rely so much on our county employees, the different  
11 divisions, to step up. Normally it's when everybody  
12 else is at home either in bed or taking care of their  
13 own families or what not. I don't mean -- who is  
14 Meredith Lake Road; is that yours, Mr. Chairman. I'm  
15 not sure whose district it is, but out in the Townville  
16 area, but I actually rode out there. It literally was  
17 washed away. And those guys basically went in and  
18 rebuilt that and got access back to those residents.  
19 County employees. I'm sure they worked overtime and  
20 worked some long weekends to get that to come to  
21 fruition. You know, that's Roads and Bridges.  
22 Sheriff's Department, EOC, David Baker and his group.  
23 I mean they worked tireless hours during these storms  
24 that we had. And I definitely want to take this  
25 opportunity to commend each and every one of them, each  
26 and every one of our employees that stepped up,  
27 naturally our department heads, the entire staff. I  
28 mean there was just some tireless hours that was put  
29 in. And at the end of the day it was to keep the  
30 citizens safe and basically bring back to order what  
31 was damaged through the storm. We did have some  
32 serious wind and rain over the past several weeks and  
33 just want to commend each and every one of those guys  
34 and let them know that we do notice and we do  
35 appreciate all their work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.  
37 Mr. Wooten.

38 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I'd like to thank  
39 Mr. Jones for speaking earlier. I saw Mr. Jolly in the  
40 back. I don't know if Mr. Lanier is here. But I know  
41 Mr. Shirley was here. I have found that these  
42 individuals that I've been able to speak with and  
43 attend their meetings over the last month have focused  
44 a lot on education. They've been very articulate in  
45 their message. And I find it encouraging that  
46 regardless of what your position is on an issue that  
47 people will rally together, come to a county council  
48 meetings and petition their government for change  
49 and/or -- not even change but almost sort of a  
50 reaffirmation of belief.

1        So I know that some of these items can be  
2 polarizing, but to say that I support the Second  
3 Amendment by no means deems that I want guns in violent  
4 people's hands or I want people hurt. Actually I feel  
5 safer that some people do have guns because I know  
6 there are situations where they're protecting people.  
7 So I hope as this conversation continues we don't let  
8 the national media polarize us, but we actually allow  
9 ourselves to have legitimate conversation on it. And I  
10 think that's key to any democracy or republic, as you'd  
11 have it, but more so in the local community. So I do  
12 appreciate those opinions being brought forth and I do  
13 appreciate the people who have spoken on it. Thank  
14 you, Mr. Chairman.

15            TOMMY DUNN:            Thank you, Mr. Wooten.  
16 Ms. Wilson.

17            CINDY WILSON:            Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 Sadly the most dangerous cities for gun violence in our  
19 nation have also the strictest gun control laws. And  
20 that evil creature, Dylann Roof, should never have been  
21 allowed to have a gun. He had a violation that the FBI  
22 failed to pick up on. That is horrific. He was  
23 treated with kindness and hospitality by those dear  
24 saintly people. That's horrible.

25        Anyway, we had a meeting over in the Cheddar  
26 Community this past week, and thank you to our county  
27 and all who attended. **There are** still serious issues  
28 over in that community. We have the landfill, sewer  
29 lines, pipelines, ethanol facility all clustered in one  
30 area. Unfortunately Kinder-Morgan which is a national  
31 company, which was welcomed to this county, failed to  
32 engage with our county to form emergency contact  
33 protocols during their purchase of the ethanol  
34 facility. Then low and behold, they've had two  
35 terrible pipe **bursts** for fuel in the Belton and Honea  
36 Path -- excuse me -- the Belton and Cheddar areas. One  
37 was a big geyser that went out and was tended to. The  
38 other was almost half a million gallons spilled into  
39 the community over there that was not picked up by the  
40 company but by citizens going by.

41        We're five years into the clean-up. DHEC has done  
42 some good over there. But unfortunately there's  
43 nowhere near the collection of the fuel out of the  
44 ground that needs to be done. They've collected about  
45 two hundred and twenty thousand gallons. It's now gone  
46 into the bedrock. It's gotten into the creek. I would  
47 hopefully have a measure for our council to  
48 respectfully request DHEC at some point in the near  
49 future to require the company to punch wells into the  
50 bedrock and pump the fuel out. Their biosparging and

1 other measures are not being as effective as it should.  
2 After five years the people living downstream and in  
3 the area deserve better.

4 Another quick comment. In looking at the  
5 transfers, I thought that any of the transfers that  
6 were more than ten thousand required council approval  
7 and I would hope that we weigh in, in the future.  
8 Thank you.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

10 Couple of quick things brought to our attention  
11 tonight, quickly on a couple of things. One is the  
12 clock. The clock we go by, that one sitting back there  
13 on the wall, it was one minute past when I started the  
14 meeting. That's the clock I go by. It's fair.  
15 Everybody can see that.

16 And on the minutes Ms. Floyd was talking out, the  
17 first one was the one in January and the other one was  
18 in February. That's when I called them out. That's  
19 one we was talking about; that's the one we voted on.

20 Thirdly, I want to thank Mr. Burns, you and your  
21 team, everybody, everybody that works for county  
22 government just about plays a part in these storms and  
23 works on these delays. Appreciate them and what they  
24 do. I seen them out working again yesterday. Sewer  
25 Department was running ragged trying to pump out some  
26 lines and everything over this torrential downpour and  
27 really taxing our employees, but want to appreciate  
28 them.

29 One last thing I want to say is on this -- I'm a  
30 firm believer in the Second Amendment. But also, since  
31 I've been on council, I don't think there's been  
32 nothing more misunderstood in a short period of time  
33 what this thing went around. My phone blew up the  
34 other night. I even got a text coming in to the thing  
35 tonight and people not understanding what this thing is  
36 about and what we're talking about and it got all --  
37 one group thought it was doing sanctuary cities for  
38 illegal immigrants. Then it got we're going to take  
39 people's guns away. Went the right opposite. County  
40 council couldn't do that if we wanted to. This is a  
41 feel-good thing. We've got a Second Amendment.  
42 Somebody told me the other day, Mr. Driver made the  
43 comment -- me and him don't agree on a lot of things,  
44 but he made the comment about what we're talking about,  
45 you've got a Second Amendment.

46 I fully expect, as Mr. Wooten has been involved  
47 with several groups and talking about it, I think this  
48 group's got one opinion, this other group's got an  
49 opinion. Our thing, the way our government does,  
50 council will come up with something hopefully be a

1 resolution. Mr. Harmon will be the one that writes it.  
2 He has to oversee us in our county ordinances that way  
3 and he keeps us out of trouble, not to let us get in  
4 trouble.

5 But there's certain things -- nobody on Anderson  
6 County Council, nobody, is trying to take nobody's  
7 guns, but there will be, I think in the near future,  
8 hope we can get something by next meeting night, a  
9 resolution to get it out where everybody can look at  
10 it, see it; very plain, very simple spoken so everybody  
11 can understand about what you call it.

12 I appreciate everyone here tonight and I hope we  
13 keep having big turnouts. Thank y'all very much.  
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15 **(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.)**