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County of Anderson)

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
GRACIE FLOYD
RAY GRAHAM
CRAIG WOOTEN
BRETT SANDERS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 **(BEGINNING OF MEETING NOT ON AUDIO)**

2 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.

3 Chairman. Let us pray.

4 **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM**

5 TOMMY DUNN: At this time do we have
6 any corrections or changes -- any corrections that
7 need to be made to the November 12th council meeting?
8 If not, do we have a motion to move these forward?

9 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

10 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
11 we have a second?

12 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All
14 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed.
15 All abstentions. Show the motion carries.

16 We'll be moving on now to item number 4, citizens
17 comments. When the attorney, Mr. Harmon, calls your
18 name, please step and for the record state your name
19 and district. Please address the chair. First go
20 around on agenda items only. You have three minutes.
21 Mr. Harmon.

22 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is
23 signed up at this point in the meeting.

24 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

25 Moving on next on the agenda will be item number
26 5, District 2 discussions by Councilwoman Ms. Floyd.
27 Ms. Floyd.

28 GRACIE FLOYD: Today I'm here, but I'm
29 really, really confused about a lot of things because
30 there was information that, again, did not reach down
31 to me.

32 Number one is confusion about pictures today that
33 no one -- that came to me correctly, as usual.

34 And there was also an announcement that they
35 thought was going to be made today, but I was not
36 given the red light to make the announcement until
37 about, until about an hour ago. No one called me and
38 told me about the announcement and that it was
39 supposed to be made. So I did not get the people
40 together who were supposed to work with me on this
41 announcement. And I hate to make it.

42 But then, too, after reading over the, after
43 reading over the paperwork that's supposed to go with
44 the council, which I just received when I sat up here
45 today because no one told me about this either, I
46 don't know what to do. And the person who did the
47 grant is not here to talk with me or I don't know if
48 he's coming or not.

49 But, but I'm reluctant -- I am reluctant to talk
50 about this announcement because I don't know if it's

1 right or not. It doesn't say who it goes to except
2 for the fact that it says that it is the southeastern
3 area of Anderson. The grant was supposed to have been
4 written for District 2. But it doesn't say that. It
5 was not supposed to be written but for one district.
6 It had to be a part of the one district. But I want
7 to make sure it goes where it's supposed to go and
8 that no one is trying to siphon anything out of it,
9 because District 2 sorely needs this grant.

10 Okay. And Mr. Administrator, please. What's his
11 name again?

12 BRETT SANDERS: Who you wanting?

13 GRACIE FLOYD: On the end down there.

14 Yeah, come this way, please. I have to get this mic
15 out of my face. Just please just bare with me. Can
16 you pull this, please, back? Good. That's better.
17 That's better.

18 To the administrator, it has been said that there
19 was a grant for tires to be removed out of District 2,
20 T-I-R-E-S, automobile. But it's my district and I
21 heard pieces of it, but nobody has officially told me
22 that this is something that has happened. Could you
23 please answer me now and tell me, did we receive a
24 grant in the amount of, I think it was two million
25 dollars, to remove the tires, T-I-R-E-S, out of
26 Homeland Park that created so much fire down there?

27 RUSTY BURNS: We are awaiting the
28 final papers to sign to receive the two million dollar
29 grant to clean up the Viva site. So we're existing
30 that paperwork to come in any day and then we will
31 begin that process. We have done all of the
32 preliminary work. We have a scope of work. And we're
33 ready to proceed as soon as we receive that
34 information.

35 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. Let
36 me push a little further. Is this grant for District
37 2 Homeland Park area?

38 RUSTY BURNS: The Viva tire grant or
39 the CBDG grant?

40 GRACIE FLOYD: The Viva tire grant.

41 RUSTY BURNS: That will be in the
42 Homeland Park area at the Viva Tire Recycling Center.
43 That's where it will take place, completely.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
45 Well, let's go a little further with it. What do you
46 know about the grant that we applied for back in I
47 think it was -- I'm not sure if it was August,
48 September? It might have been a little further back,
49 that we waited on so long and we had a committee
50 together for it and we tried to work as best we could.

1 Now, is that -- that grant, I understand, not
2 officially, has come to fruition? Am I correct?
3 RUSTY BURNS: Are we talking about
4 the CDBG grant for housing in District 2?
5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
6 RUSTY BURNS: Yes. And we would need
7 two council members to sign that document today. We
8 received that paperwork, to the best of my
9 recollection, either late Friday or Monday, and we
10 need two council members to sign and that deal will be
11 done. We will send those papers back and then we will
12 begin the process.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I wish you had
14 told me that, along with the rest of it, because I
15 came to town yesterday. Okay. And I could have done
16 that. But why is it necessary for two -- is this only
17 for one district?
18 RUSTY BURNS: It is a Community
19 Development Block Grant, which is federal money, which
20 is funded through the state, and their requirement is
21 that two council members sign the document. No matter
22 what CDBG grant program you have, two council members
23 are required to sign that document.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. At the time we
25 did the grant, the time we wrote the grant, we were
26 told that it had to be for one district only. That it
27 could not go all the way across the board. It said it
28 had to be contiguous with each other.
29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes. They were not
30 concerned with county council district lines, but I
31 believe all fifteen of those houses are in your
32 district. But the neighborhood has to be contiguous.
33 The idea behind that is they want to tear down houses
34 in a certain area so it will have an immediate visible
35 impact and improve the rest of the community.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. At the time we
37 discussed this, it was over at Homeland Park
38 Elementary School. When we discussed this, it was
39 said that another district -- I know it was -- they
40 said District 5 may get some money out of it. But at
41 the time we were told that it would be for District 2
42 because District 2 and Homeland Park needed it so much
43 more than anything else.
44 RUSTY BURNS: To the best of my
45 recollection all of the houses are in District 2. I
46 could be incorrect. I do not believe that I am. In
47 addition to that, we also bid out three other houses
48 in District 2 this week. The Booker Street house, of
49 which you're very family with, and another house that
50 we bid out, but the owner took it down, at 289 Finley

1 Street. And we have another one at 1723 Belton Street
2 and another one 22 Q Street. This is being done with
3 county money. So that would be a total of eighteen
4 houses.

5 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I know about the
6 two differences. But the thing is, I was trying to
7 keep the money where it belongs in District 2. That's
8 what I'm trying to do.

9 We've fought, we've fought for this grant. Thanks
10 to Newton, we found out that the state had reinstated
11 this grant and that it used to be a normal grant that
12 was given away, but they stopped it. And then they
13 brought it back.

14 RUSTY BURNS: Correct.

15 GRACIE FLOYD: And my district and I
16 worked to get this money. We didn't have anybody else
17 helping us trying to get the fund.

18 Okay. Now, Mr. Administrator, I don't have any
19 kind of paperwork that shows me anything. I don't
20 have the contract. I've got this little piece of
21 paper that tells me different things. But as far as
22 where it goes and who signs it, I sure would like to
23 see. I would like to see it.

24 RUSTY BURNS: We will email you a
25 copy of the properties this afternoon.

26 GRACIE FLOYD: Is it possible that I
27 can go to your office or meet you in the street
28 somewhere where I can sign it. I'm having to go back
29 -- I'm not at home right now. And I'm not well enough
30 to stay alone. So what I'd like to do is to go
31 somewhere and sit with Mr. -- our attorney.

32 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Harmon?

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I'd like to sit
34 with Mr. Harmon so it can be explained as we go along.

35 RUSTY BURNS: We can do that.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: This is -- this grant
37 is very, very, very important of us -- to us. A lot,
38 as you know, have been done to Homeland Park, but not
39 much has been done for Homeland Park. And I think
40 it's Merry Christmas Homeland Park time. And I just
41 want to make sure that it's done correctly.

42 And with that I will wait for you after the
43 meeting so that we can go.

44 Is it possible you can send to have it come here?

45 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Newton
46 is at a meeting with the Federal Aviation
47 Administration. I will text him and see if he can
48 provide that list and bring it here.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Good. Thank you.

50 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be

1 moving on to item number 6, ordinance third reading,
2 be 6(a), an ordinance to amend an Agreement for the
3 development of a Joint County Industrial and Business
4 Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties
5 so as to enlarge the park. (Project Unity Gateway).
6 And if I'm not mistaken, this is a project that
7 will be helping Greenville out. This will be a public
8 hearing. At this time, anyone wishing to speak to
9 this, please step forward and state your name and
10 district for the record. Address the chair. Anyone
11 at all? Anyone? Hearing and seeing none, the public
12 hearing will be closed.
13 At this time do we have a motion to put this on
14 the floor?
15 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
17 we have a second?
18 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
20 Now discussion. Hearing none, all in favor of the
21 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
22 motion carries.
23 We'll be moving on now to item number 6(b), 2020-
24 026, an ordinance authorizing (1) the conversion and
25 transfer of property subject to an existing Lease
26 Agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina (The
27 "County") and Michelin North America, Inc. (FKA
28 Michelin Tire Corporation) (The "Company"), to a
29 Fee-in-Lieu of Property Taxes arrangement under Title
30 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, as amended;
31 (2) the execution and delivery of such documents as
32 may be necessary to effect the intent of this
33 ordinance; and (3) other matters relating thereto.
34 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
35 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
36 your name and district.
37 What this is doing is cleaning up some paperwork
38 and getting our name off the chain of title, off of
39 these documents that was created years ago, cleaning
40 up everything. Not costing us no money. We ain't
41 giving nothing. No inducements.
42 Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please
43 step forward and state your name and district and
44 address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and
45 hearing none the public hearing will be closed. Do we
46 have a motion to move this forward?
47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
49 we have a second?
50 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

1 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

3 Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the
4 motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
5 motion carries.

6 Moving on to item 6(c), 2020-027, an ordinance
7 authorizing (1) the conversion and transfer of the
8 property subject to an existing Lease Agreement
9 between Anderson Count, South Carolina (The "County")
10 and Michelin North America, Inc., (FKA Michelin Tire
11 Corporation) (The "Company") to a Fee-in-Lieu of
12 Property Taxes arrangement under Title 12, Chapter
13 44 of the South Carolina Code, as amended; (2) the
14 execution and delivery of such documents as may be
15 necessary to effect the intent of this ordinance; and
16 (3) other matters relating thereto.

17 This, again, will be a public hearing. Anyone
18 wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward
19 and state your name and district and address the
20 chair, please. Public hearing. Anyone at all?
21 Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be
22 closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

23 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

26 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
28 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.

30 Moving on to item number 6(d), 2020-028, an
31 ordinance authorizing, (1) the execution and delivery
32 of an Infrastructure (Special Source Revenue) Credit
33 Agreement by and between Anderson County, South
34 Carolina (The "County") and Michelin North America,
35 Inc. (FKA Michelin Tire Corporation) (The "Company")
36 to provide for Infrastructure Credits with respect to
37 certain property located in the County; (2) the
38 benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park
39 designation to be made available to the Company and
40 such property; and (3) other matters relating thereto.

41 Again, this will be a public hearing. Anyone
42 wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward
43 and state your name and district, and address the
44 chair, please. Anyone at all? Hearing none and
45 seeing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we
46 have a motion to move this forward?

47 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms.

49 Wilson. Have a second?

50 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
2 discussion. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none,
3 all in favor of the motion show of hands. All
4 opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.
5 Moving on to item number 6(e), 2020-031, an
6 ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the
7 Anderson Count Code of Ordinance, to include new
8 Zoning District Classifications and also to amend
9 Section 5:2 Residential Agricultural District
10 Setbacks.
11 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
12 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
13 your name and district and address the chair, please.
14 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public
15 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move
16 this forward?
17 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms.
19 Wilson. Do we have a second?
20 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
22 discussion?
23 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly explain?
24 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
25 CINDY WILSON: This just provides
26 additional classifications for our zoning ordinance so
27 that new precincts that choose to zone in the future
28 have more agricultural residential classifications --
29 zoning classifications to choose from if they choose.
30 And existing zoned areas, landowners who want to
31 rezone to these classifications have that opportunity.
32 Thank you.
33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
34 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
35 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.
36 We'll be moving on now to item 6(f), 2020-034, an
37 ordinance to Amend Section 38-118 (f) of the Anderson
38 County Code of Ordinances, so as to clarify Traffic
39 Impact Study Requirements.
40 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
41 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
42 your name and district and address the chair, please.
43 Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing
44 none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a
45 motion to move this forward?
46 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
48 we have a second.
49 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
50 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

1 Any discussion?

2 CINDY WILSON: May I?

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

4 CINDY WILSON: This is a very badly
5 needed measure because of the growth in our county
6 right now with new development. My only concern in
7 this is that we may not have more specific
8 requirements in place for more density development
9 dumping into close proximity to some of our problem
10 intersections. We have a number of intersections in
11 the county like over in the Whitehall area and then
12 Crestview and Midway Road in my district. They back
13 up in the mornings and in the afternoons. It's just
14 an untenable traffic issue.

15 And in District 7 the city is proposing to annex
16 into my district now. And they're planning to put
17 about a hundred homes in one section of property that
18 is currently zoned for like half acre lots. It's in a
19 very, very difficult place. It would be hard for even
20 one dwelling to access that intersection during these
21 high traffic times.

22 So I would request that in passing this we will
23 revisit it as new proposals come forward to make sure
24 we are not exasperating traffic issues even worse.
25 Thank you.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone
27 else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
28 Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

29 Be moving on now to item number (g), 2020-037, an
30 ordinance to approve a Sublease Agreement between
31 Anderson County, South Carolina and Lake Hartwell
32 Development Group, LLC for the Asbury Park Site on
33 Lake Hartwell located at the end of Asbury Park Road.

34 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
35 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
36 your name and district and address the chair, please.
37 Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public
38 hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move
39 this forward?

40 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
42 I have a second?

43 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

45 Now discussion. Seeing and hearing none, all in favor
46 of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
47 Abstentions. Show the motion carries.

48 I believe Ms. -- I lost my train of thought. Ms.
49 Tomlin is here I believe. I want to appreciate her.
50 Is that right, Mr. Burns, the one that's heading this

1 group up?
2 RUSTY BURNS: Yes. She's right
3 there.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. Appreciate you
5 taking this endeavor and look forward to a very
6 successful venue out there.
7 At this time we'll move on to item number (h),
8 2020-042, ---
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh (affirmative).
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Before you move on,
12 please, on this end I don't know about him, but on
13 this end you introduce someone, we can't understand
14 what you're saying on this end. Would you please
15 introduce the lady again and have her come up ---
16 TOMMY DUNN: We're not going to have
17 her come up. But I'll introduce her. This is the
18 lady that's going to be running Asbury Park.
19 GRACIE FLOYD: Do what again?
20 TOMMY DUNN: The one we just voted
21 on, the Asbury Park thing, this is the lady that's
22 going to be running it.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: Running a park?
24 TOMMY DUNN: The park, water park,
25 at Asbury Park, Old Asbury Park on Asbury Road. This
26 is the one we just voted on right here. That will be
27 item number (g). That's the one we just voted on.
28 Moving on to item number (h), 2020-042, an
29 ordinance to develop a Jointly owned and operated
30 Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with
31 Greenville County, such Industrial/Business Park to be
32 geographically located in Greenville County and
33 established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of
34 Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to
35 provide for a written Agreement with Greenville County
36 to provide for the expenses of the Park, the
37 Percentage of Revenue Application, and the
38 Distribution of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation.
39 (Project Lighthouse).
40 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
41 speak to this matter, please step forward and state
42 your name and district for the record, and address the
43 chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, do we
44 have a motion to put this on the floor?
45 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
47 we have a second?
48 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
49 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
50 discussion. Seeing and hearing none, all in favor of

1 the motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstentions.
2 Show the motion carries.

3 Be moving on to item number 7, second reading, we
4 have none.

5 Item number 8, ordinance first reading, we have
6 none.

7 Going to 9(a), resolutions. This will be 9(a),
8 2020-041, a resolution authorizing the execution and
9 delivery by Anderson County, South Carolina of an
10 Inducement Agreement with a company known to the
11 County at this time as Project Switch, whereby, under
12 certain conditions, Anderson County will execute a Fee
13 in Lieu of Tax Agreement with Project Switch with
14 respect to an Industrial Project in the County whereby
15 the project would be subject to payment of certain
16 Fees in Lieu of Taxes, and an Infrastructure Finance
17 Agreement whereby Project Switch will be provided
18 certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement
19 of investment in related qualified Infrastructure; and
20 providing for related matters. (Project Switch).

21 Mr. Harmon, do you or Mr. Burns have anything you
22 want to say about this?

23 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this
24 represents a thirteen million dollar investment and
25 the creation of two hundred new jobs. And an Anderson
26 County existing industry that the county recruited
27 about six years ago.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Burns.
29 Do we have a motion to move this forward?

30 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
32 we have a second?

33 BRETT SANDERS: Second.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

35 Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
36 hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion
37 carries.

38 Moving on to item number (b), be 9(b), 2020-042, a
39 resolution to authorize and ratifying the transfer and
40 assignment of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and
41 rights related thereto by SMF, Inc. to EDECO LLC,
42 D/B/A SMF; the continuation in force of such agreement
43 following such transfer; the execution and delivery of
44 agreements requesting and approving the transfers by
45 and between the County and the Transferee; and other
46 matters related thereto.

47 Mr. Harmon, do you or Mr. Burns want to ---

48 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, SMF is a
49 company that's been recruited to Anderson County is
50 being purchased by EDECO. It will provide more

1 financing. It does not change the terms of our
2 existing agreement with SMF or the new company one
3 bit.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
5 move this forward?
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Questions, please, ---
7 TOMMY DUNN: Let's get it on the
8 floor first.
9 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
11 we have a second?
12 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.
14 Now, Ms. Floyd.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. The
16 administrator, would you please go back and explain to
17 us what is SMF? Some of us understand, but not all of
18 us.
19 RUSTY BURNS: It is a metal working
20 company that is located on Highway 28 almost at the
21 intersection right there, really across from the
22 Burger King. And they do metal fabrication. And
23 that's where they're located. And they are being
24 purchased by another company. And we have an existing
25 agreement with them. So this will transfer our rights
26 from SMF to this new group.
27 GRACIE FLOYD: And the new group, I'm
28 taking is the LLC, EDECO LLC?
29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am; correct.
30 GRACIE FLOYD: And the D/B/A, what is
31 that?
32 RUSTY BURNS: Doing business as.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that's new. And
34 SMF, I understand it's not Smurf, so what is it?
35 RUSTY BURNS: No, ma'am, it's just
36 SMF, just the initials. They're just initials. It
37 doesn't stand for anything other than those initials.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. One other
39 question, please. And what type business is it?
40 RUSTY BURNS: Metal working. They do
41 metal fabrication. They make parts for many different
42 industries.
43 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right.
44 Thank you.
45 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma'am.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?
47 (End of audio) All in favor of the motion show of
48 hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion
49 carries.
50 Moving on now, bid approval, item number 10. Bid

1 approval number 21-020, Prestressed Concrete Cored
2 Slab Units. Mr. Burns, do you want to -- or Mr.
3 Carroll is here. Mr. Carroll, do you want to address
4 this?
5 ROBERT CARROLL: I'd like to make an
6 award to Florence Concrete Products for a hundred nine
7 thousand seven hundred sixty ---
8 GRACIE FLOYD: We cannot understand
9 what he's saying.
10 ROBERT CARROLL: --- excuse me -- seven
11 hundred and thirty-six dollars. And this project is
12 the Shackleburg Road bridge project.
13 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Carroll, that's
14 going to be for the bridge at Shackleburg Road. And
15 how is that bid for? Twenty-nine thousand ...
16 ROBERT CARROLL: One hundred nine
17 thousand seven thirty-six.
18 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. One hundred
19 nine thousand ...
20 ROBERT CARROLL: ... seven thirty-six.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Seven thirty-six. And
22 that company is?
23 ROBERT CARROLL: Florence Concrete.
24 CINDY WILSON: May I ask a question?
25 TOMMY DUNN: Let's put a motion on
26 the floor first, if we can.
27 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do
29 we have a second?
30 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
32 Now discussion. Ms. Wilson.
33 CINDY WILSON: This is a bridge that
34 had silted in from the development upstream and the
35 sewer project. And will this new slab culvert type
36 design help us to weather the storms? I mean will
37 this accommodate years more of silting, as it appears
38 that it will continue to wash upstream?
39 ROBERT CARROLL: I can't answer that
40 question, Ms. Wilson.
41 CINDY WILSON: Well, the bridge has
42 been out for a good while; hasn't it?
43 ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.
44 CINDY WILSON: Well, let's just hope
45 that this raises it high enough that it won't silt in
46 again.
47 RUSTY BURNS: I can assure you that
48 will happen.
49 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.
50 Thank you.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
2 Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of
3 hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion
4 carries.
5 Moving on, does anyone have any appointments that
6 I'm not aware of? Any at all?
7 We'll be moving on now, requests by council
8 members. Mr. Sanders.
9 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman?
10 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir. You can go
11 ahead and do Mr. Davis's. I'm going to get to you.
12 Go ahead.
13 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. I have
14 several things. One, Mr. Dunn has a request for -- to
15 match a ten thousand dollar PARD grant for a
16 basketball court at Wellington Park.
17 TOMMY DUNN: I've got that. I'm
18 going to do it.
19 RUSTY BURNS: Then the next thing,
20 Mr. Davis, who could not be here with us today, wants
21 to request from his recreation account five thousand
22 dollars to match a twenty thousand dollar PARD grant
23 for Hurricane Springs Park. He also would like to
24 donate one hundred dollars to Anchored in His Grace
25 Ministries.
26 And all council members will notice that that is
27 on the agenda. Anchored in His Grace Ministries is
28 headed up by one of our facilities workers. His name
29 is Matthew Merriweather. And they intend to feed the
30 homeless on Christmas Day out at the Anderson County's
31 Farmer's Market. And if we could have some other
32 council members participate in that, it would do a
33 whole lot of good. And it will all be used to buy
34 food to prepare the meal. And they will prepare the
35 food for Christmas Day to distribute to the homeless.
36 TOMMY DUNN: Can we have a motion?
37 I'll make the motion for Mr. Davis for five thousand
38 dollars to match the PARD grant for Hurricane Springs
39 and also a hundred dollars to the group Mr. Burns
40 mentioned about feeding the homeless on Christmas Day.
41 Put that in the form of a motion for Mr. Davis.
42 CINDY WILSON: Second.
43 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson.
44 Now, discussion? Hearing none all in favor of the
45 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
46 the motion carries.
47 Now, Mr. Sanders.
48 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
49 I would also like to donate five hundred to Anchored
50 in His Grace Ministries to help feed the hungry on

1 Christmas. And two hundred fifty for Tiaras to
2 Crowns. I'd like to put that in the form of a motion,
3 sir.
4 CINDY WILSON: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders;
6 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing and
7 seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
8 All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.
9 Ms. Floyd.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I did my
11 allocation before. District 2, at the last meeting,
12 did a thousand dollars to Haven of Rest for their
13 Christmas dinner. As well as to Calvary Christian
14 Children's Home to take care of some of the Christmas
15 needs. And it was somebody else. But just wanted it
16 to be noted that District 2 has done its allocations
17 for the Christmas season already.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
19 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.
20 Chairman. I'm going to do three thousand dollars to
21 Anderson Pregnancy Center and also a hundred dollars
22 to Anchored in His Grace Ministry. Bring that in the
23 form of a motion.
24 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.
25 Graham. Have a second?
26 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
28 Any discussion? All in favor of Mr. Graham's motion
29 show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries.
30 Anything else, Mr. Graham?
31 RAY GRAHAM: No, sir.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
33 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr.
34 Chairman. I would like to allocate two thousand
35 dollars to Anderson Interfaith Ministries for home
36 repairs and utility assistance during the Christmas
37 season. And then also two hundred fifty dollars to
38 Anchored in His Grace Ministry. I put that in the
39 form of a motion.
40 CINDY WILSON: Second.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr.
42 Wooten; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Seeing
43 and hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of
44 hands. All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion
45 carries.
46 Moving on, Ms. Wilson.
47 CINDY WILSON: Oh, thank you.
48 District 7 would like to appropriate two hundred
49 dollars to the town of Pelzer for their mural project
50 and a hundred dollars to Anchored in Grace Ministry.

1 And may I put that in the form of a motion?
2 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.
4 Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none all in favor
5 of the motion show of hands. All opposed.
6 Abstentions. Show the motion carries.
7 At this time I would like to make a motion to use
8 twenty-five hundred dollars out of District 5's
9 account to match the PARD grant at Wellington Park and
10 also a hundred and fifty dollars to help feed the
11 group on Christmas Day, the homeless. Put that in the
12 form of a motion. Have a second?
13 CINDY WILSON: Second.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
15 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
16 All opposed. Abstentions. Show the motion carries.
17 Now at this time administrator's report.
18 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time,
19 Mr. Chairman.
20 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll have
21 comments from council members. Ms. Wilson.
22 CINDY WILSON: Well, we've worked
23 through a very ---
24 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman.
25 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I must have
26 missed something.
27 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I think
28 you missed citizens comments.
29 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
30 I did. Citizens comments. Mr. Harmon, thank you for
31 calling that to my attention. It wasn't intentional.
32 Trying to do two things at once here.
33 At this time when Mr. Harmon calls your name,
34 please step forward and state your name and district
35 for the record and address the chair. You have three
36 minutes. Mr. Harmon.
37 LEON HARMON: First speaker is Tamika
38 Diten. I can't read that last name.
39 TAMIKA DITEN: Good afternoon. I know
40 what I'm about to bring to the table has nothing to do
41 with anything that you all are talking about. I'm not
42 really looking for a handout, but I'm looking for
43 assistance.
44 Me and my family, we're currently evicted from our
45 home in September. It's me, my fiancé. I have two
46 girls and a little boy. We have reached out to
47 Thrives of South Carolina for rental assistance due to
48 the fact that me and him had lost our jobs at the
49 time. We were looking for the rental assistance. Me
50 and him now are currently working.

1 But due to the eviction that is posted on our
2 record, it's like no one wants to give us a chance.
3 Any place that we apply for -- we even applied for
4 Friendship Court Apartments to see if we could move
5 there. Due to the eviction being posted, we wasn't
6 ever given a chance. Currently we're staying in a one
7 bedroom apartment with my mother-in-law.

8 With all of us in that household it's hard. Not
9 only that, she lives in Friendship Court Apartments.
10 And also, with that being said, they're currently
11 getting ready to go through a remodel. Where are they
12 going to place all the people? Where exactly are we
13 going to go? Everyone is (unintelligible).

14 At this point I'm not sure what to do. I'm not
15 looking for a handout, but I'm looking for guidance.

16 TOMMY DUNN: Ma'am, if you'll stick
17 around after the meeting, we'll get somebody to try to
18 get you some help.

19 And as far as the Friendship Court thing, that's
20 -- it went through us. It's a city project. And I'm
21 sure, to answer your question, Councilwoman Bee
22 Thompson, Dr. Thompson, has wholeheartedly endorsed
23 that project. I'm sure she would be glad to talk to
24 you and give you any answers about that. They are
25 working through that.

26 But for you and your fiance's situation. I
27 couldn't quite understand. Are y'all working now or
28 not working?

29 TAMIKA DITEN: Yes. Me and him both
30 are currently working.

31 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

32 TAMIKA DITEN: We have all of our
33 things right now in a rental unit.

34 TOMMY DUNN: You just stick around
35 here after the meeting and we'll do -- can't make no
36 promises, but I can promise you we'll do our best to
37 try to get you some assistance; okay?

38 TAMIKA DITEN: Thank you so much.

39 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

40 Anyone else?

41 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Maurice
42 Martin.

43 MAURICE MARTIN: I'm Maurice Martin.
44 I'm a community leader. Been here for fifteen years.
45 And I've been affiliated with the community. And I
46 brought this young lady in here, her and her family.
47 We're an organization of the Heart of Community. What
48 we do is help families like this.

49 This pamphlet right here, I've done went through
50 this pamphlet, I'm familiar with this pamphlet. I get

1 a call at eight thirty at night trying to put families
2 in homes. We've done called the Salvation Army, AIM
3 and SHARE. These organizations get 2.5 million
4 dollars or whatever, but then you cannot place a
5 family. It's cold right now.

6 And as community leaders, what we do take money
7 out of our pocket and try to provide. Hopefully y'all
8 can be able to make a phone call. Because when we
9 make phone calls we get an automated service. We need
10 to get these familiar in homes. I get calls every
11 week, different types of organizations like myself
12 that's not even in this pathway, we help provide for
13 these families out of our pocket. We don't get
14 reimbursed. We work nine to five.

15 And then going on that Friendship Court, Ms.
16 Wilson, I appreciate you giving me that pamphlet. I
17 read all the way through that. That Friendship Court,
18 them tenants over there, their rent is going up. What
19 was promised to them that the rent don't supposed to
20 go up. So therefore it's been a breach of contract
21 through something. I understand it's dealing with the
22 city. But y'all's name is on this, too. I done
23 talked to the tenants. They received their letter
24 September the 11th that their rent was going up. The
25 reading was here in November. They had -- y'all had a
26 reading before -- I mean after the tenants. The
27 tenants got a letter right now saying their rent's
28 going to go up. Which up on the contract states that
29 the rent is not supposed to go up.

30 It's a twenty year plan. Some of them people
31 don't even know where to go. They've got contracts
32 right now stating that they're going to be homeless.
33 Then they're saying that it's supposed to be
34 reimbursed. Them people cannot be reimbursed to go
35 somewhere else to stay until it be renovated.

36 So we need to be able to come up with something.
37 So after I leave here I've got to tell these tenants
38 and hopefully y'all can do something to this right
39 here. Where do we put them at? Do I need to take
40 money out of my pocket every week to be able to help
41 these people? We've got money -- I see y'all throwing
42 money at certain areas, but then you've got families
43 that's homeless and need assistance. Plus we've got
44 about forty-two organizations that don't help these
45 families after five o'clock or even on Saturdays and
46 Sundays.

47 So, hey, what we need to do is join together and
48 help these families. Thank you.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

50 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one

1 else is signed up.

2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

3 Now have remarks from council members. Mr.
4 Sanders.

5 BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Thank you,
6 Mr. Chairman. I know this is probably our last
7 council meeting of the year. And everyone is aware
8 that Mr. Wooten is going to be moving on. I'd just
9 like to thank him for his friendship, for his help and
10 guidance, and I wish him and his family the best. I
11 know he'll move on to bigger and better things.

12 I also want to thank every one of our council
13 members, our administrator, our employees, for making
14 my life a little easier and for trying to help assist
15 in making Anderson County a better place.

16 Thank you, sir.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.
18 Ms. Floyd.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. I'm just happy
20 to be here. I've gone through some rough times. But
21 it came, you know, all at one. You know, first we had
22 the pandemic, then we had the food program and then we
23 had the voter's program and the Census program. And
24 we've been through it all.

25 Is that Marian Tarrant out there I see?

26 MARIAN TARRANT: Yes, it is.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Marian, please
28 stand up. Remove your mask quickly. Okay. This is
29 Marian Tarrant. I want to introduce him because he
30 and his family has walked every step with me. We
31 didn't stop at one thing, we went the whole mile,
32 until he could not go anymore. And after he fell
33 sick, then I came behind him. No, I don't have COVID.
34 I have something; they don't know what it is. But I
35 know it hurts. And I know that I cannot stay by
36 myself. So I will be housed in Charlotte with my son.
37 I can get back and forth to Anderson if I need to.

38 But all I ask is that if you're going to cancel a
39 meeting, please call me and let me know. Don't wait
40 until I'm on Highway 85 coming to the meeting to get a
41 phone call to say it's been canceled. That's all I
42 ask. Please, if plans -- if you know something else
43 is going on -- the person who's calling everybody
44 else, I'd like for you to call me and give me some
45 factual information.

46 Like I came down here today for this meeting, but
47 I came to take a picture. And then I found out, what
48 picture? The picture will be made January the 5th.
49 But you know, I was told that the picture -- group
50 picture will be done today. All right.

1 I ask you, again, treat me just like you treat the
2 others. Just as fair and just as honest and just as
3 good as you treat the others. I'm not asking for
4 anything that no one else is getting. But that's what
5 I'm asking. I'm asking for information so that I can
6 continue working with the people of this area, of
7 District 2. That's all I want. If you can't do it,
8 then talk to me and maybe we can help you find another
9 job, as well.

10 I'm going to miss Mr. Wooten. I really am. Mr.
11 Wooten, you know, you don't hear much from him, but
12 most of the time he was the most fairest person on
13 this council. That's my opinion. If you don't agree,
14 that's up to you. But Wooten, I'm going to miss you.
15 I wish it could have been longer. I wish I could be
16 around to see you fly, son, because you are going to
17 fly and you're going to fly higher. Don't let nobody
18 clip your wings when you've -- and another thing, Mr.
19 Wooten, don't follow anybody. Don't ever follow
20 anybody; okay? You're already at the top.

21 And that's about everything. For those of you who
22 kept in touch with me -- not many of you -- but some
23 of you did. And I appreciate it.

24 When I was home eating potato chips the day my
25 husband -- husband? -- the day my son came to pick me
26 up, he saw those potato chips which led to him taking
27 me back. But those of you who called me to see how I
28 was doing, I appreciate it. Those of you who didn't
29 ... Thank you.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

31 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr.

32 Chairman. Just want to wish everyone and their
33 families a Merry Christmas. I know this year has been
34 very trying for everyone. You know, we've just been
35 through so much. But you know, hopefully as we rock
36 into the New Year of 2021, it brings forth some better
37 opportunities; not only for our county, for our state
38 and our nation, but also for our citizens.

39 You know, there's so many families that have
40 really hit some hard times due to this pandemic that's
41 been handed to us. You know, as we look at the
42 unemployment numbers, you know, they're looking great
43 unless you're that percentage that's still out of
44 work. And you know, I realize the importance of that.
45 It's great to see our county rebounding. But we've
46 still got some ways to go.

47 And I know Mr. Nelson is not here today, but I
48 mean, his group is continually working hard as far as
49 getting more industry in our great county. And
50 honestly I don't think no one up here, none of the

1 county staff will be satisfied until we have zero
2 percent unemployment. We want it to truly be at a
3 point where if you want a job, that opportunity is
4 here for you to grow and to prosper for you and your
5 family.

6 As far as Craig goes, Craig, we came on council at
7 the same time. Been to a couple of conferences
8 together. It's truly been a pleasure working with you
9 side by side up here at each meeting and also through
10 different things that I think council has accomplished
11 over the last four years. I truly wish you and your
12 family the best. Likewise, I think the sky is truly
13 the limit. You don't talk a lot, but when you do --
14 and I've made the statement to my wife -- it's always
15 worth listening to because you have truly put a lot of
16 thought behind it. I always really take something
17 away every time you do speak. And definitely
18 appreciate the friendship. And hope we can stay in
19 touch. And again, wish you and your family the best.
20 Thank you for everything you've done for Anderson
21 County.

22 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
24 Ms. Wilson.

25 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr.
26 Chairman. In spite of the force majeure level of
27 adversity our country and our state and county have
28 endured, our county has -- we have some really bright
29 blessings to be very thankful for.

30 As Mr. Graham pointed out, our unemployment
31 situation is almost back to where it was prior to the
32 terrible virus. And our county does offer to help
33 citizens seeking work. We kind of pair them up and
34 provide them information and training. Anyone wanting
35 a job in Anderson County that can pass a drug test now
36 is almost assured of finding something pleasant to do
37 that pays well. And it's a blessing to work with such
38 incredible citizens. Our county people, our state
39 people, we're so blessed.

40 And I wish Mr. Wooten the very best going forward.
41 If I can ever be of service to you and your family,
42 please let me know.

43 And just simply want to wish everyone a very
44 happy, healthy new year and a very, very nice Christ
45 birthday. Thank you.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

47 I'd just like to say to this gentleman, have you
48 talked to anybody at the city? Or did you just come
49 to the county? Have you talked to anybody at the
50 city? Have you talked to Bee Thompson, Dr. Thompson?

1 Okay. Because I believe they would be the ones that
2 could help out on that Friendship Court project. And
3 I believe they would.

4 MALE: (Inaudible.)

5 TOMMY DUNN: That's what I'm saying.
6 They should be able to help out, and I know Ms.
7 Thompson will help out if she can.

8 I'd just like to say, I want to thank the
9 administrator and his staff and all the county
10 employees for the job they've done this past year, and
11 their families. It's been a very difficult year. I
12 hope we start to see some light at the end of the
13 tunnel. But I want to, again, thank them for the job
14 they've done and how well they've served Anderson
15 County through some very difficult circumstances to
16 get through this.

17 At this time I would like to ask my fellow council
18 members to step down front with Mr. Wooten. Our
19 council members have got together and got you a little
20 something.

21 **PRESENTATION TO CRAIG WOOTEN**

22 TOMMY DUNN: Craig, I just want you
23 to know council thought that was something another --
24 you get a lot of stuff, you've probably already got
25 one or what not. That's just something to remember us
26 by.

27 I just want you to know from me personally since
28 you've been on council, it's been a joy to work with
29 you. You have been a breath of fresh air. Good
30 ideas. Always good to talk to. Always I've known you
31 to think things out and not make rash decisions. I
32 know you always wanted to listen to the other side.
33 You've done a good job for your constituents. You've
34 done a great job for Anderson County. You'll be
35 missed as a council person, but more yet, you're going
36 to be missed, in my opinion, as a person and what
37 you've done on this council in the short time you've
38 been here. We really do appreciate it. I've enjoyed
39 working with you. And I want you to not be a stranger
40 and come see us. I'm sure we'll be needing your
41 wisdom. And the council person that's coming in, the
42 district might want you to serve on a committee or
43 two, so keep an open mind on that, too.

44 And I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
45 Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and safe Christmas
46 and a good New Year.

47 Mr. Wooten.

48 CRAIG WOOTEN: Man, thank y'all so
49 much. This has been a wonderful experience over the
50 past four years, and I can't thank you guys enough.

1 And so one of the things I do know is every first and
2 second Tuesday from now on I have three minutes to
3 come talk to y'all about anything that I want to and
4 I'll exercise that possibly.

5 But, you know, I was thinking last night about
6 this being the last meeting and sort of what I learned
7 from each one of you. And I was thinking about Brett.
8 Brett to me embodies sort of business and
9 relationships because he's easy to work with. He
10 understands friendship and working out problems. But
11 he's also savvy and making things happen. And so I've
12 always appreciated that interaction with him.

13 I hate that Ms. Floyd left. This goes way back.
14 This is probably 1990, 1992, I remember my father
15 saying he hoped Mr. Floyd won. And I said, but dad,
16 we're Republicans. And he said, well, I worked with
17 him in the school system and he's a good man and
18 that's a good family. And that's who we need to hope
19 wins. She's always been very kind to me. And I'll
20 never forget the words she said to me at my dad's
21 funeral. And I wish her the best. One of the things
22 I've always respected about Ms. Floyd, she's a
23 tireless advocate for her area. And she's not ashamed
24 to stand up. She's not ashamed to fight for her
25 people. And she taught me a lot in that, that there
26 is a time to do just that. And I appreciate that from
27 her.

28 Chairman Dunn, I just -- I don't think anyone in
29 this county understands how much you do outside the
30 meeting. You can call Tommy Dunn day or night about
31 any one of the subjects and he's knowledgeable about
32 it. We're not an easy group to lead. When you get
33 into this game you've got to be a little bit
34 opinionated. And you have to have a little bit of
35 hubris. But he leads us. And in my time here he has
36 made sure that we got things done. And that is to his
37 credit. And he doesn't take a lot of credit. But I
38 don't think anybody will ever know how much he does.
39 And I appreciate you.

40 You know, Ray and I came on together four years
41 ago and he's been a good friend, him and his wife
42 Linda. I've always considered them people I could
43 call and talk to. One of the things I've always
44 respected about you is in the Public Safety Committee,
45 Ray, when he talked about EMS and police, he did both
46 of them. I mean, he was an EMS person. He was a
47 police person. And so he brought a perspective that I
48 could always trust that he knew what he was talking
49 about. And I had never done any of those things. And
50 I tried to make informed decisions, but he's a good

1 man and he cares about his community and he cares
2 about the people, you know, when it comes to law
3 enforcement and EMS.

4 And I was thinking about you last night, Ms.
5 Wilson, and one of the things that I really learned
6 from you is Ms. Wilson is a tough negotiator. And she
7 comes from a real estate background. And I remember
8 we were working on negotiations with a landfill or
9 waste company. And I was like, we can't get any more,
10 this is all we can get. And she said, no. And I just
11 about threw my hands up. And she got more. Because
12 she also is a tireless advocate for what she believes
13 in. And she advocates for her district and this
14 county and she does a wonderful job at it. And I
15 learned by watching her in committee the things that
16 you can get done when you're willing to stand up and
17 be bold, and I appreciate that. And you know, I
18 appreciate her friendship at church. And one of the
19 things my dad would always ask me about was he wanted
20 to know how Ms. Floyd was doing and he always wanted
21 to know how Ms. Wilson was doing. And I thank you for
22 that. And thank you for your friendship to my family.

23 With that, I won't be a stranger. I wanted to say
24 also a big thanks -- I can't thank everybody in the
25 county, but I wanted to say a big thanks to Rusty and
26 Leon. I always joke you know how busy Leon is because
27 -- Mr. Harmon -- because if you go into his office
28 there's so much paperwork and he's always working on
29 something for us. He's a trusted advisor, as you make
30 decisions, to lead us in the right direction and I
31 appreciate that.

32 And Mr. Burns, thank you for your efforts. It's
33 sort of weird, I came into this, I remember -- I told
34 him this before -- I remember going to Rusty's house
35 when I was in the sixth grade for a birthday party for
36 his daughter. And so when I came on the council, he
37 was always Jennifer's dad to me. And then he became
38 the administrator. And then at the end of four years,
39 I enjoy calling you my friend. I don't think there's
40 anybody better in this county to lead the county, that
41 knows all the inner-workings of it and also cares
42 about the employees and cares about the people of this
43 county's well being than you do. And I appreciate
44 that.

45 With that, I hope everyone else has a Merry
46 Christmas. I wish Tom and Ken were here because those
47 guys were awesome and I miss seeing them. But I wish
48 everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.
49 And just thank you so much.

50 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for those

1 kind words, Mr. Wooten. And again, hope everybody has
2 a good, safe Merry Christmas.
3 Meeting be adjourned. See y'all the first of next
4 year.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:06 P.M.)