IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
KEN WATERS
TOM ALLEN
CRAIG WOOTEN
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the Anderson County February 20th, 2018 Regular Council meeting -- or not I’m sorry, Special Presentation part of our Council meeting to order. Like to welcome each and every one of you here. Glad you all made it to come out. At this time we’re going to go to 2(a) Resolution 2018-003. Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is the second year in the row that we’ve had the honor of recognizing these awesome young people. This is a Resolution to Recognize and Honor the Palmetto Mustang Varsity Cheerleaders for their Selection as the 2017 South Carolina State 3A Competitive Cheer Champions; and other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, the Palmetto Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team competed November 13, 2017 at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, South Carolina and earned the recognition of South Carolina State 3A Competitive Cheerleading Champions; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Head Coach Carol Brooks and coaches Susan McAbee and Spenser Davis, the team demonstrated drill team precision, methodical and detailed routines that displayed the team’s cohesiveness, thus outperforming their competition; and

Whereas, the Palmetto Varsity Competitive Cheerleaders beat their biggest revival Brookland-Cayce by 46 points. Through hard work, dedication, teamwork and precise attention to detail the ladies of the team finished the competition with a winning score, a total of 304 points; and

THEREFORE, Anderson County Council commends the Palmetto Varsity Competitive Cheerleaders for being outstanding ambassadors, reflecting true pride to their community and setting an example for their peers to emulate. We are extremely proud of the team winning the 2017 South Carolina Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Championship.

Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 20th day of February, 2018.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may. We have a motion from Ms. Wilson, we have a second? Second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: And I believe we’ll get a quick sample of how these young ladies won this championship.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION WITH VIDEO)

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all. Appreciate it.
We’ll be moving on now to item number 2(b) 2018-014. This will be Councilman Waters. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yes, sir. I’d like to bring this before Council in the form of a motion.

Resolution R2018-014 A Resolution to Honor Ms. Donna Roper for her decades of Service to the Anderson County Museum, the Pendleton District Commission, and Anderson County as a Whole; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Whereas, Ms. Donna Roper, an Anderson County native, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1976 and a Master of Arts in Applied History (a field now known as Public History) in 1989; and

Whereas, Ms. Roper began working with the Pendleton District Commission two years following her graduation from college, first as an intern and then as an official employee from 1979 to 2005, a position that called for her to care for the archival collections at Hunter’s Store, among many other duties, and led to her pivotal role in founding the Anderson County Museum, which began in 1983 as a cooperative effort of Anderson County, the Anderson County Historical Society, Anderson Heritage and the Pendleton District Commission; and

Whereas, Ms. Roper, in her position at the Pendleton District Commission, served as curator of the Anderson County Museum during the foundational years between 1983 and 1998 an enormous task that required devotion in coordination of volunteers, depth of knowledge in installation of exhibits, meticulousness in record-keeping of artifact donations as the collection grew, and organization in work with the Museum Advisory Committee after its creation by Anderson County Council in 1984; and

Whereas, Ms. Roper graciously stepped forward when Anderson County took over full responsibility for the Museum to help its first hired director ensure a smooth transition, remained a resource for and a friend to the Museum throughout her career, and in 2006 having retired from the Pendleton District Commission, was appointed to the Anderson County Museum Advisory Committee to represent District Six, faithfully serving—as Chairman in 2013 and several terms as Secretary—until her resignation in January of 2018; and

Whereas, Ms. Roper—who volunteers monthly in the Museum’s Roper Research Room that has borne her name since its dedication in 2014 and continues to be an invaluable resource of knowledge of the early days of
the Museum and of Anderson County to every Museum employee, volunteer and visitor—remains dedicated to preserving our shared past and ensuring a successful future for the Anderson County Museum; and

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of Anderson County, the Anderson County Council, with gratitude for her many years of committed service to the Pendleton District Commission, to the Anderson County Museum, and to Anderson County as a whole, do hereby honor Ms. Roper for her distinguished contributions and express our best wishes to her for continued success and happiness in the years to come.

Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 20th day of February 2018.

And I bring that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Mr. Waters. Second, I think the entire Council. Any discussion? I’d just like to echo Mr. Waters just said and that plaque appreciate the service and what all you done for Anderson County. I was really grateful and its citizens. If we can ever be of service to y’all, let us know. Thank you very much. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yes, I’d like for all of us to step down and we’ll present the plaque to Ms. Roper.

KEN WATERS: Ms. Roper, we’d like to present this plaque to you. And we appreciate all your service. You’ve been a good citizen and I really appreciate you representing District 6. You have done a job well done. And it’s been great having you represent District 6 on that Museum Committee.

KEN WATERS: And we’d also like to present you with a challenge coin. We had these made a couple of years ago and has each one of the cities and municipalities and also Piedmont and Powdersville on that. That is given to people when they do an excellent job like you have. We also have some gifts for you. And appreciate that. We appreciate you very much. If there’s any time you want to come around, you feel free to do that. You like to say anything?

MS. ROPER: Yes, I would. I would like to say how extremely proud I am of our wonderful museum, and Beverly and her wonderful staff. And my colleagues on the Advisory Committee and thank you for recognizing my work and I will still be supporting the museum any way I can. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: That’s going to end this portion of our Council meeting. We’ll reconvene at 6:30 for the start of our Regular Council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:21 P.M.)
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County of     Anderson   )

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018

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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the Regular meeting of the Anderson County Council of February the 20th, 2018 to order. At this time I’d like to ask us all to rise for Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Council member Ms. Cindy Wilson.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll be starting in just a second. Excuse me. Okay. We’ll be moving on now to Item number 3, Approval of the Minutes of February the 6th. Are there any changes or corrections to be made to those minutes? Anyone have any? Hearing or seeing none, we have a motion to move forward with these minutes?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Graham and second by Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 4, Citizens Comments.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one has signed up for this portion of the meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to item number 5, Report from the Finance Department on mid-fiscal year 2017-2018 Report for Budget Actual Expenses versus Actual Revenues. Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just want to take this opportunity to give you a brief update on what’s -- where fiscal year ’18 is tracking. I’m happy to report that it appears that the net income before the supplemental budget appropriation is about a half a million dollars to the good. Now, keep in mind, you know, we budgeted about five point four million. So it is tracking very well. And if you do the two point seven in the supplemental budget, your total general fund balance is going to be over twenty-four million. I’m projecting it at six thirty eighteen. So there was just some concern about passing the supplemental budget before we do that, let’s address where we are this year. And I’m happy to report that it seems to be tracking a lot better than expected. A lot of that is due to vacancies, revenues coming in better than was expected. Your register of deeds office, the revenue is far exceeding what we thought. And so property taxes are tracking very favorably as well. Right on track. So I’m happy to report that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it.

Moving to Item number 6, Third Reading, there are
none.

We’ll be moving on to Item number 7, Second Reading. 7(a) 2018-002, a Supplemental ordinance to amend to Ordinance 2017-016 the operating and capital budget of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. We have a motion? This is second reading. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second Mr. Allen. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 20 -- I’m sorry -- 7(b) 2018-003 an ordinance authorizing a fee-in-lieu-of-tax arrangement on behalf of Project Spindle, (The “Company”) Pursuant to a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina (the “County”) and the company; authorizing a 5 year extension of the investment period for all investments over the statutory minimum investment; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Financing Agreement (IFA) granting certain infrastructure credits to the company. Mr. Burris Nelson, you have anything you want to add to this or anything you want to say?

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate the opportunity to speak to Council. This project, Project Spindle, is creating seventy-one new jobs, bringing a little more than ten million in total capital investment. New payroll to the county will be two point two million a year. And the total community impact first year a little over five million and over a twenty year period a total of sixty-seven million. And, of course, this comes to Council as a recommendation from staff and the Economic Development Advisory Board and we respectfully request that you give favorable consideration to this project.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move this forward?
KEN WATERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters makes the motion, Mr. Graham seconds. Any discussion? Questions, comments for Mr. Nelson? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y’all. You and your staff.

Moving on to Item number 8, Ordinance first
reading. There are none.

Item number 9(a) we’ll be taking up in the Finance Committee report.

And so we’ll go to Item number 9(b) R2018-016, a resolution approving the Anderson County and Oconee County Hazard Mitigation Plan developed to assist counties in the Upstate in reducing the human and economic costs of natural disaster and serves Anderson and Oconee Counties has been updated. I put that in the form of a motion.

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? No discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

If y’all will -- if there’s no objections, I need to take about a five minute break. Got to get some paperwork. Anybody got any objections to that before we move on to finance report. Thank y’all.

(RECESS 6:39 P.M. TO 6:42 P.M.)

TOMMY DUNN: Sorry about that. I think our mikes are fixed. They told me not to touch it. Everybody awake now?

Okay. We’re going to be moving on now to Item number 10, Report from the Finance Committee held on February 16th, 2018. I filled in for the Honorable Mr. Chairman, Mr. Ken Waters was out of town. He asked me to fill in for him, so I did. So we’ll be going down.

Item number 3(a) Airport Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting truck. Request permission to purchase a airport aircraft rescue and fire training truck. This is due to the fact that out of the last four inspections by the FAA we were in jeopardy of not passing three of those. Approximate cost is three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. FFA will cover approximately ninety percent of this cost at a total of three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. The state will reimburse five percent, which is seventeen five. County’s match will be five percent which will be seventeen five. Previously the FAA would not cover the vehicles. However, the Anderson County Airport manager, Justin Julian, kept discussing this with them and finally got permission for it to be covered.

General fund will need to loan the airport the funds until the summer of 2019. We’ll be reimbursed by FFA and state Aeronautics Commission. Vehicle previously purchased for this would go to the Building and Ground who have a need for it. If we don’t purchase this vehicle we would have to buy a new skid truck to go in the back and would cost us thirty-five thousand dollars
and no reimbursement. We can get a whole new truck as
designed for fire fighting aircraft. It would put out
anything around the airport for seventeen five out of
our thing. This come from the Finance Committee and
doesn’t need a second. Open the floor up for
discussion. Any discussion?

TOM ALLEN:        Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN:       Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN:        My microphone work? Yeah.

Yeah, I think is really a critical element and
something that we need. We can get a three hundred and
fifty thousand dollar truck for seventeen thousand five
hundred; you can’t beat the deal. And the last time we
had the inspection out there, the skid ARFF that we
have didn’t work. And that’s really embarrassing when
you go up and -- if you ever have a crash out there at
the airport and you pull our little contraption out
there and it doesn’t work, it’s going to look really
bad. And especially with air shows coming up. Right
now we’re having local fire departments come in and
back us up for the air show. But we definitely need
this. And at a price like that, can’t beat it. Thank
you.

GRACIE FLOYD:     I had a question, Mr.

Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, ma’am. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD:     You said something I didn’t

understand because you ended it with out of our thing,
we can get -- you said that we can get some money out
of our thing.

TOMMY DUNN:       We’ll be getting seventy-
five -- seventeen thousand five hundred dollars will be
our part of the matching thing will have to be coming
out of General Fund.

GRACIE FLOYD:     General fund?

TOMMY DUNN:       Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD:     All right.

TOMMY DUNN:       And that will be loaned to

the airport who will be paying us back in 2019. And
along the lines of what Mr. Allen said, bottom line is
if we don’t have a fire truck or piece of fire
apparatus to pass and meet the requirements at the
airport, they will shut our airport down as we know it.
And we don’t want that to happen. We’re on the verge
for that to happen. Airport’s on the verge of taking
off and much better than a lot of business and we want
to keep it up on that right there. If nothing else,
appearances. Anyone have anything else? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 3(b) Town of Pelzer Vehicle Request. Town of Pelzer has asked Sheriff McBride for administrator vehicle to be used by their mayor and town representatives on city business. Mr. Stone has identified a 2004 Dodge Intrepid that has 167,912 miles on it that he is recommending to be transferred to the town of Pelzer and the Sheriff is signed off on this and is all right on this. And we have done this in the past with other municipalities around. This comes from Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I haven’t -- I have not known any of the other municipalities that do this. Is it something that we have done before?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Last one that I remember -- last one we done, we done Belton.
RAY GRAHAM: We just done three, one for Pelzer and also was it Belton?
TOMMY DUNN: I know we done Belton.
RAY GRAHAM: It was one of the other ones. Seems like there was three of them.
TOMMY DUNN: We done Belton and Williamston, I know before.
RAY GRAHAM: Recently.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Dunn, my question is, okay, now if Pelzer -- and I have no problems with them asking for that and I think if they need it, it’s a good idea, but this is not a thing where they’ll be paying us back, will they?
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: He’s just going to give it to them?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But this is not a police vehicle?
TOMMY DUNN: It was a police vehicle used out of the sheriff’s office, but they don’t, they’re not using it now. And it would be put out for auction by us. But instead, they’ve asked for it and Mr. Stone has recommended this is the vehicle to go to Pelzer. They’re not going to use it for a police vehicle. They’re going to use it for administrative vehicle, run around vehicle.
GRACIE FLOYD: But it’s the same one they’ve had as a police vehicle.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. That’s right.
GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I don’t want it to be misinterpreted that I have a problem with it,
because I don’t.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 4(a) Fiscal year 2017 State Homeland Security Grant. The bomb team is requesting to purchase the following items under the State Homeland Security Grant: One portable x-ray generator for five thousand dollars to enhance the capability of the x-ray system they have; two technical fragmentation style desks for ten thousand dollars, at five thousand dollars each. These are required by the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board. This is a new requirement; one light weight EOD search suit for fourteen thousand dollars. This is a tackle search suit used to respond to weapons of mass destruction events and supports SWAT response in actual or suspected MWD situations. This is a replacement suit for an item that is over eighteen years old; three thousand dollars for four night vision helmet mounts and five thousand dollars for exercise support for the annual regional exercise. There’s no county match. This is all coming from the grant the sheriff’s office has put in for and has received. And as we all know we are -- unfortunately we’re having some instances here lately with some bomb activities and we need to give them, in my opinion, all the support we can give them. This is coming from the Finance Committee and doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

RUSTY BURNS: There’s one item forklift that was discussed in the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

RUSTY BURNS: Can Ms. Davis speak to that one second, please, sir?

TOMMY DUNN: It’s all about you, Mr. Burns. Go ahead.

RITA DAVIS: Apologize, sir, that I didn’t put it.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. But this item was added to the Finance Committee agenda at that meeting, but was not on this paper. This is a forklift that’s went out of -- we need to be replaced, it’s for the -- Greg Smith department.

RITA DAVIS: That’s right.

TOMMY DUNN: He’s -- they’ve gotten two
out there very bad. One is broke down. They took two
to make one and so this is to replace one to get on it.
Ms. Davis, I’ll let you put the numbers.
   RITA DAVIS: That’s correct. And it’s
coming out of our left over lease funds. Southland
Equipment Service for thirty-seven thousand ??? hundred
twelve, six four. He’s in desperate need of this
forklift. It’s on your Council agenda.
   TOMMY DUNN: And this did come from
recommendation from Mr. Stone who is our maintenance
supervisor.
   RITA DAVIS: It is, definitely, yes, sir.
   TOMMY DUNN: Again, this coming from
Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Are there any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
Moving on to Item number 4(b). This will be --
this was the item I was mentioning earlier, 9(a) was on
the thing that we’d be talking about in the Finance
Committee report. This is Tri-County Technical College
Waste Tire Research Grant. This is basically just a
pass-through. We’re passing it through for us and
handling for the paperwork. No money out of Anderson
County’s pocket and this is all for research. Tri-
County Technical College has requested that Anderson
County serve as an applicant and administrator for the
DHEC Recycle Tire and Plastic Research Education Grant
and Development Service. The program will advance
scrape tire and plastic technology through education
and technology transfer. Memorandum of Understanding
will be developed that will outline each party’s role
and responsibilities related to the grant funded
project. Anderson County will not be providing any
funds under this grant, only assistance in the grant
application and administration.
We have -- again, this comes from the Finance
Committee and doesn’t need a second. Are there any
discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Ms. Davis, you touched on mid-year financial update
a while ago. Do you need to do anything else? That’s
right. That’s what she talked about a while ago.
Item number 6 is a transfer. PAWS request for --
this is in their budget, they just have to move one
line item to another -- permission to transfer thirty-
five hundred dollars to uniforms. This is coming from
fifteen hundred dollars from telephones, and two
thousand dollars from water and sewer. And this money
was asked for -- this was -- uniform was, I believe was
asked for in the general budget, but we cut it when  
they done their budget request and also they’ve gotten  
some new part-time employees to put uniforms on down  
there. Again, this comes from the Finance Committee  
and doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion?  
All in favor --- Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: At the last -- is this the  
same request?

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: This is a different request?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I think they had one last  
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TOMMY DUNN: They did.

GRACIE FLOYD: So we’re having another  
transfer this year -- I mean this month, this week.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re exactly right. But  
this is an in the department transfer. I mean, it’s in  
their budget. It’s not over budget, they just moving  
one line out of their budget to another.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I know what a transfer  
is. But I’m beginning now to concern -- to be a little  
concerned about why so many transfers. Two isn’t many,  
but we had one last month, last week, last time we met.  
And we have one this week. And I don’t think I was  
able to make the one for the week before that. How  
many transfers have we had so far from PAWS? Can Ms.  
Davis answer that question for me?

TOMMY DUNN: I doubt if she can, but she  
can get you that information. Do you know off the top  
of your head or can you get Ms. Floyd that information?

RITA DAVIS: It hasn’t been that many.

Like you said, Ms. Floyd, they asked for medical  
supplies last time ??? thousand, I believe, to be moved  
to medical supplies. But they’re having to hire part  
time to clean the cages before they’re open to the  
public and that’s why they need some scrubs and boots.  
New employees.

TOMMY DUNN: If you would get us that  
information about how many transfers they’ve had up to  
this point.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. It’s not that  
many.

TOMMY DUNN: But keep in mind ---

RITA DAVIS: This is probably the third I  
think.

GRACIE FLOYD: The third? Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: And as I said ---
1  GRACIE FLOYD:  Do we have -- would you
2  please to check, would you please check to see if we
3  have a department who is getting a little too much --
4  well, asking for too much transferring.  Okay?
5  RITA DAVIS:  Yes, ma’am.
6  GRACIE FLOYD:  Yeah.  I’d like to know.
7  RITA DAVIS:  I think you’ll find it has
8  slacked off this year.
9  TOMMY DUNN:  Yes, ma’am.  So far.
10  GRACIE FLOYD:  Yeah, but I’d like to know
11  -- I would like to know.
12  RITA DAVIS:  Yes, ma’am.
13  GRACIE FLOYD:  Just how many, how many that
14  they’re getting.
15  RITA DAVIS:  Yes, ma’am.  Be glad to.
16  GRACIE FLOYD:  All right.  Thank you.
17  TOMMY DUNN:  All in favor of the motion
18  show of hands.  All opposed like sign.  Show the motion
19  carries unanimously.
20  Item number 7.  Make a motion we go into Executive
21  Session for contractual matters regarding the purchase
22  of a building.
23  RAY GRAHAM:  Second that.
24  TOMMY DUNN:  Second Mr. Graham.  All in
25  favor of the motion show of hands.  All opposed like
26  sign.  Show the motion carries unanimously.  Mr. Burns,
27  if you would ask those ladies ---
28  (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
29  CINDY WILSON:  Mr. Chairman, may I make a
30  motion that we come out of Executive Session having
31  received information regarding a building purchase,
32  with no action made.
33  TOMMY DUNN:  Motion Ms. Wilson, second
34  Mr. Waters.  Any discussion?  All in favor of the
35  motion show of hands.  All opposed like sign.  Show the
36  motion carries unanimously.
37  Mr. Graham.
38  RAY GRAHAM:  Mr. Chairman, I’d like to
39  make a motion to direct the County Administrator to
40  move forward with negotiations to purchase a building
41  to house the public defender’s office.
42  TOMMY DUNN:  We have a motion by Mr.
43  Graham, have a second?
44  TOM ALLEN:  Second.
45  TOMMY DUNN:  Second Mr. Allen.  Any
46  discussion?
47  CINDY WILSON:  May I ask a real quick
48  question?
49  TOMMY DUNN:  Ms. Wilson?
50  CINDY WILSON:  What will we do with the old
building? Maybe put more jail cells?

TOMMY DUNN: Them folks back there is smiling ear to ear. They probably already got -- they
probably already moving the public defender out now, wanting to move into it. We’ll find a reason -- a use
for it, I’m sure.

I just want to say, make sure this motion is very clear. This motion is for negotiations and it will come back before Council for a vote before any purchase is done. They have done -- make it very plain. They -- staff and public defender’s office, even before Ms. Jones -- have been looking diligently for more space. They’ve got money to hire more public defenders but have nowhere to house them. This is a state mandate that we do the building. They’ve -- dire need of space over there. They have done extensive research with our people along with theirs trying to find an adequate space. Even looked at renovating that building, which was done several years ago, opened up the most you can get out of our thing. So keep that in mind, trying to make the best out of a situation. And this is part of what the committee’s together with Mr. Graham talked about last meeting, is hopefully not just the jail thing, but along with the jail thing, is to speed turnaround court time and less people in jail, quick -- moving through the system quickly and this will help with that, we hope. But good luck. And this money is not coming out of our general fund. This is money that the public defender’s office has been able to save and come back over the things, is where this money is coming from. If it is spent and this still goes through. Anyone else?

RAY GRAHAM: I would like to reiterate that as well. Ms. Johnson, we definitely want to thank you for the -- taking care of your budget and watching your numbers and basically being able to come to us with this with actually a plan in place to pay for it and that’s definitely impressive in public service so we definitely appreciate your work on that.

TOMMY DUNN: I want to commend -- I also tag on to what Mr. Graham said. Appreciate what y’all done out there at the public defender’s office and being good stewards of the taxpayers’ money. Appreciate it very much. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

That concludes the Finance Committee report.

Moving on to Item number 11, appointments. I’m not showing none. Does anyone have any appointments?

CINDY WILSON: I do.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay, Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
May I reappoint to the Museum Board Mr. Ricky Bell and
Mr. Lee Bagwell. And I put that in the form of a
motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Ms.
Wilson. Second by Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on Request by Council members. Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Allen?
TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: I have two, I believe. The
first one is the carnival that’s coming to town in
Anderson soon. I said carnival but I meant circus. I
would like to appropriate five hundred dollars from the
District 2’s recreational fund in order to help them
with this endeavor. And I put that in the form of a
motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Floyd. Second
Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: The next one is an
organization called the Proverb’s Mentoring
Organization. They do have a 501(c)(3). And the
purpose for the fund is to take the students to a -- on
a spring break college tour for the high school
athletes. They are asking for two thousand dollars --
oh, wait a minute. They’re asking for two thousand
dollars in order to have the money to work with these
students. And that’s in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Ms.
Floyd. Have a second? Second Mr. Allen. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: No, that’s all.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, for District 1's
recreation fund, I’d like to appropriate four thousand
dollars to the Anderson Free Clinic. It’s going to be
the Walk with the Docs and then a series of events
going throughout the fall in District 1. And I put
that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I have a question.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Wooten, you said that will be for a series of events?
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am. And the first one’s the Walk with the Docs. And then I think the second one is in September, and I’m drawing a blank. I think it’s a 5K, but it was two of them. Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And the money’s to be divided among those two ---
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah, that’s -- when I spoke to the Executive Director I just said -- she just sort of showed me the schedule for the year and I said, well, I’d like to just sort of donate to the entire cause.
GRACIE FLOYD: I see. I understand. Thank you.
CRAIG WOOTEN: And I’m sorry. I have one other.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Also, with the Proverbs Mentoring Organization, I’m familiar with these gentlemen and they’re quality guys and they do a lot of quality work and I’d like to appropriate one thousand dollars to their organization.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten and second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion on this? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: That’s it.
CINDY WILSON: District 7’s almost zeroed.
TOMMY DUNN: Out of District 5’s rec account, I’d like to appropriate five hundred dollars for the Hejaz Shriners Circus. Put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 13, Administrator’s Report. Mr. Burns.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Going to be moving on to Item number 14, Citizens
Comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please restate your name for the record, address the Chair, you have three minutes.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. Have several things. One is housekeeping again on the agenda. Every time we have a fee-in-lieu-of or an ordinance, whatever, and there’s a piece of paper in here that’s a signature paper. I believe that at the top it needs to be typed on that page what the ordinance number is, because otherwise you have a piece of paper that has signatures and you don’t know what it goes to and it could go to anything. There were three of those tonight.

On the recreation money, District 6, I was looking at everybody’s and I noticed that Mr. Waters’ District 6 had two different allotments to Foothills Foundation, one three thousand and another one five thousand and Foothills Community Foundation is a foundation that does a lot of good. But when you just classify it like that, we don’t know what it’s going to. And I don’t think that’s enough information.

The biggest news on the agenda tonight is Anderson County Sheriff’s office report. Man, our Sheriff’s department is jam up tight. Average daily calls for assistance, one thousand three hundred and eighty-four. And for the month, forty-two thousand nine hundred and one calls. That is a lot of calls coming through that they have to handle. Another noteworthy statistic is the Detention Center, the average daily population is four hundred and one, which I think is down from the heights that it had been. Litter people -- and we always fussing about the litter and it’s always out there -- but our litter crew, Mr. Greg Smith is in charge of that, they cleared twenty-nine point four miles in January. They picked up trash bags worth one thousand six hundred and fourteen bags of trash. And they also picked up a hundred and ninety-one tires.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, comments from Council -- anyone else?

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, comments from Council members. Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just wanted to make sure that anyone who would like to attend the Cheddar meeting that will be next Tuesday night at 6:30 at the Cheddar Fire Department. And this involves an update on the disposal contract, the roads
issues and other citizen concerns over there. Mr. Harmon will be attending, Mr. Graham and I will, and our South Carolina Department of Transportation District engineer, Mr. Kevin McLaughlin, and hopefully Mr. Holt Hopkins can come, too, and others. We’ve made a lot of progress. Mr. Graham has been working really hard on that; and everybody. When you’re talking about a forty-five million dollar value to a contract, it’s important and especially the happiness of the community over there is very important.

There was another item that was brought to my attention last week. And I’ve asked Ms. Croegaert to copy everyone with the issues at Omega Farm on Long Road. Some of these type issues are present in a lot of the current development going on in the county. I’m very concerned regarding our building standards and development standards in the county. This one, people who live there have had septic tanks pumped out two and three times within the year. Homes built on a drain where the basements are filling. It’s a nightmare. And I’m fearful that even though our county is following rules and regulations, we may be a party to a lawsuit. It is just a dreadful mess over there. And I’m hoping we can find our way to make things a little clearer and more effective in our development and building standards areas. Anyway, food for thought.

Thank y’all very much.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: I -- only thing I would say is I’m very optimistic about this spring and this summer with the Civic Center. I feel like we’ve got some good things going on that’s going to bring a lot of folks in town. Going to benefit the businesses and localities. And I feel like the judicial committee is doing the right thing and it’s compounding on the efforts that we talked about last year and trying to get folks to trial faster and it’s not just about the jail. And I think what we’re doing with the public defender’s office is very positive for the folks that need it. So I think a lot of things to be optimistic about.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

One thing I wanted to mention. At the last meeting there was some question as far as juniper switches that we had approved in finance meeting to pursue and also approved in Council. One of the questions was one of the citizens had brought up the pricing of a switch
that he had located. I just wanted to let everyone
know that we did check back with the Sheriff’s
department or the IT department on this. Basically the
switches comparing it to was in a sense a refurbished
switch. So it was not comparing apples to apples. The
switches that we actually pursued and were -- had
priced, the actual state contract was actually higher
than what we actually got the switches for due to our
employees’ diligence on pricing these switches. They
actually got it cheaper than what they had them listed
for. So I just wanted to make sure the citizens were
aware that our employees are being diligent about that.
And just -- I appreciate the employees taking extra
steps to ensure that we are getting the best pricing,
you know, whether it’s the juniper switches or whatever
we’re pursuing. So just wanted to clarify that because
there was some question on that. Again, just to
confirm it, the apples was not being compared apple to
apple. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I received a letter in
the mail and I’m sure that all of you received it as
well. It was from the Fire Chief. Okay. And it
concerned me some. It was said one time a long time
ago before you guys got here that we should not be
spending money that was set aside for -- money that was
set aside for recreational activity. It was said at
that time that we all need to go to the legislative
people and talk to them about raising money or
appropriating money for the fire departments. They
really do need that money and the money that we can
give them for our -- from our rec funds is probably a
drop in the bucket, where they could get more if we
would just go to the legislative body and ask them to
give them what they need. I intended to bring the
letter with me, you know, so I could read it to you
because it says, I think it says something in there
that Anderson County is not cooperating with them in
helping them get what they needed. Did it say that,
Mr. Burns? Did you read that?

RUSTY BURNS: I saw the letter, Ms. Floyd.

They said they withdrew their request for that
increase.

GRACIE FLOYD: You saw a letter I didn’t
see. Okay. Well, I’ve got another letter that was
saying they needed some funds. And from what we do
with our recreational funds, I think that they could be
right. And if they withdrew it, it’s news to me. And
if they withdrew it I don’t see why. Because if we’re
having to give money to the fire department, then it’s wrong and every one of us did it. Even me. But we need to do something so we can keep the recreational -- the meager amount that we get for recreation, we need to ensure that the people who that money was put aside for should get it. We’ve got, we have -- there’s a need for that because we don’t have a recreational department or recreational plan for our people. They have in the city, but we don’t. So every little bit we can get to these kids or to these people who are trying to do something, we need to do.

And if you look over all the recreational funds, you’ll see that sometimes a lot of the funds aren’t going to rec programs. In fact, there was one part of Anderson didn’t even know they had a rec fund. But that’s what I have to say. Now, I will get the letter again and I will read it and if they said that forget the whole thing then I one who wants to forget it. And I will come back to you and I will apologize. But unless I see that in writing to just forget the whole thing we’ve got enough money, I’m going to stick to my guns. We need to see what we can do to increase the needs -- increase the money that’s needed to run our fire station appropriately. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.
TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah. I wanted to thank the public defender’s office, too, for being here tonight and having this discussion with us. And one of the comments that came up was we’re going to try to do this to move the process along faster in the legal field. And I’m all for that because that’s been one of my heartburns many times as the folks sit over in the jail way too long, just waiting to, you know, for their case to be heard. So we’ll do anything -- I will do anything to help you and I thank you for that.

Also just wanted to mention, too, that last week over at the Civic Center they had the Upstate High School Archery competition over there for middle school and high school. And I’m telling you, it amazes me. Next year they’ll do it again. I think this was the fourth year. But there were four hundred and seventy kids there shooting 3-D targets, bull’s eye targets, the whole thing. A lot of family members there watching. And I could -- I don’t know what the thrill is about archery. I mean, I like it, I shoot out in my backyard quite a bit as a matter of fact. But I could see a few dozen kids, but they have nearly five hundred kids showing up every year to shoot. And they’ve done an excellent job, Department of Natural Resources, and
the PE instructor at LaFrance school have really supported this thing to a great extent. But if you get a chance to go see it next year, do it. Pretty interesting.

I would also mention, too, at the Civic Center on the 3rd of March, this again will be, I think, the fourth year for the Junior ROTC drill competition which started over there. And it’s really caught on. We’ve got at least twenty schools showing up this year from around the Upstate, plus I think Georgia and North Carolina have teams coming in. And the kids go through their drill routines and they are graded by active army members or guard reserve active members. So it’s a pretty interesting competition to see these kids over there and I’d recommend people go to that, too.

And other then that, Mr. Chair, I’ll shut up. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Wow. Just listening at all the things that are happening in Anderson County, you know, there was one time when we came on Council, the economy was so bad, we were happy to get one thing going. And now, just listening to all that, I don’t know where I’m getting old or just can’t remember all the things that’s happening, just listening to -- remind me ---

TOM ALLEN: You’re getting old.

KEN WATERS: Okay, I appreciate that. But just listening to all the things happening, there’s so much going on. The ROTC at the Civic Center. Watching those kids and how they practice and, you know, how hard they work and how well they do with that.

And can I ask a question? How many county employees we have here tonight? Sheriff’s department and all of that. And including the prosecutor -- I guess you guys, too. So we got, what five or six citizens here. You know, that’s -- there’s a hundred and ninety-something thousand people doing something somewhere else that are citizens in Anderson County. Usually if something is wrong, you hear from them. Now, I get phone calls. You know, pothole here and pothole there; things like that. But just looking at what’s here tonight, I’ll have to say looks like we’ve done a pretty good job. And so I’m pretty proud of, you know, being a part of this. And the things we’ve accomplished. Not to mention the Bass Masters coming to Anderson County. You know, that’s going to be a part of Greenville. That’s part of the Upstate.
That’s not just part of Anderson County. That’s part
of the Upstate. Last weekend they had a high school
bass tournament and had a great turnout for that. And
you know, that’s just one of the things. Looking at
some youth activities coming to the Civic Center ball
park. Just one thing after another. And just
listening to some of the county employees working.
Man, they’re just doing a great job. They’re so busy
till you can’t keep up with them. And you know, just
looking back at what’s been accomplished, I’m proud to
have been a part of this. And the good job that
everybody’s done. And so I just want to thank
everybody. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
Just want to thank Mr. Graham for following up on
the IT department and Sheriff’s office on last week as
was brought up in the Council said. That was part of
the motion, you know, make sure it was apples to apples
and it wasn’t.

Just want to say, you know, never got a problem
with any citizen questioning anything; it’s their
right. Want them to ask question and stuff. But that
particular gentleman got up and made some accusations
about employees being lazy, about this, that and other
about county employees. You know, you ought to know
your facts before you get up. Or maybe you do and you
want to grandstand. There’s plenty of times from the
Finance Committee meetings to this meeting to ask any
Council person, his or whoever else, a question about
going something. That’s what sort of aggravates me
sometimes about people just wanting to make accusations
in public, just throw out accusations. Very easy to
do. Not having all the facts.

Second thing, wanted to make sure all clear up a
little maybe not the letter Ms. Floyd was talking
about, but a letter I’m sure everyone got from the
Chairman of the Anderson County Fire Commission, Mr.
Holiday, withdrawing his request and asking the County
Council to raise people’s taxes to fund a bond for the
County Council. So that, and that will be looked at
more. But that was the letter that the Fire Commission
withdrew and it came from the Chairman of the Fire
Commission.

At this time I just want to bring up a few facts
and a few things that have been coming to my attention
and staff and Mr. Harmon I’ve asked to make a
recommendation between now and the next Council meeting
for Council to decide on, there may even be a need for
a special Council meeting at some point. This is
talking about our opium problem. Anderson County had
twenty deaths due to opium overdose in 2016. Same year
county EMS squad administered two hundred and sixty-
five doses of Narcan in order to treat opium overdoses.
We have one of the state’s highest rates of babies
being born with neonatal abstinence syndrome. Almost
seven out of every one thousand babies delivered in
Anderson County is born with an addiction to opioids.
In 2016 there were around ninety-four opium
prescriptions dispensed for every one hundred residents
in our county. This means that the number of opioid
prescriptions almost equal to the county population.
In earlier years the number of opioid prescriptions
filled actually exceeded the number of people living in
Anderson County. That is dying down, but it’s not
going to solve our problem and our liability is only
going to increase with this. And I think it’s time --
this has been talked about throughout the country,
throughout the state. I think Anderson County needs to
be the leader at the forefront on this. Be looking and
I’ve asked Mr. Harmon, he has met and I have too, Mr.
Burns has, about some people, about doing something
about this, make recommendation. Stand up. This is a
problem and not only have we paid for it in the past,
we’re paying for it in the present, we’re paying for it
in the future with our EMS providers, part of our jail,
our health care, people losing their homes, losing
their jobs. Very bad and very distasteful thing that’s
happening. And we need to try to get on this and do
what we can do to help our citizens of Anderson County.
I ask and urge each and everyone of you to be in touch
with Mr. Burns and Mr. Harmon and get filled in on this
if you haven’t already and be looking about
doing something about this.

Appreciate each and every one of y’all. Meeting
will be dismissed.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 P.M.)