State of South Carolina  
County of Anderson  

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2018  

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

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LACEY CROEGAERT
RAY GRAHAM: At this time we’re going to
go ahead and call the meeting to order. Mr. Dunn,
Chairman Dunn, should be here shortly.

This is in reference to Resolution Proclamation
R2018-020. This is a Resolution to Recognize and
Express Appreciation to the Anderson County Hazardous
Materials (HAZMAT) Team for its Dedication to Serving
and Protecting the citizens of Anderson County.

At this time I’d like to recognize Councilwoman Ms.
Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Hazardous Materials
(Hazmat) Team serves to ensure the protection of public
health and safety, the protection of the environment
and mitigation of environmental damage, the protection
of property and assets, and the safety of all emergency
responders; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County covers 757 square miles
and is home to significant commerce-related transport
and manufacturing activity--including a thirty-six mile
stretch of Interstate 85, numerous railroad lines, and
many major industrial operations that use hazardous
materials--and in an average year, an estimated one out
of every three trains and one out of every ten trucks
are carrying hazardous materials, creating an ever-
present threat to public and environmental health and
safety; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Hazmat Team is
responsible for responding to the accidental or
intentional release or spill of dangerous chemical,
biological, fuels, pesticides, or radiological/nuclear
agents into the environment, typically responding to
spills of liquid and gaseous agents resulting from
container failure, transportation accidents or human
error and most frequently dealing with fuel spills and
propane gas leaks; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Hazmat Team is made
up of volunteers from various fire, emergency, and law
enforcement agencies in the County and is well-equipped
with grants from the Local Emergency Planning Committee
(LEPC) and extensive initial and frequent required
training and certification; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council, in
recognition of the crucial role of the Anderson County
Hazmat Team in maintaining the public and environmental
health and safety of Anderson County and the citizens
we represent, do hereby recognize and resolve its
appreciation to the Anderson County Hazmat Team.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 20th day of
March 2018.
And, Mr. Chairman, may I put that into the form of a motion?

RAY GRAHAM: Do I have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

RAY GRAHAM: Motion made by Councilman Wilson. Second by Councilman Allen. All in favor.

CINDY WILSON: If we might have these good folks to come to the front and my fellow Council members, we would like to make an award. Thank you.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

RAY GRAHAM: At this time this portion of the meeting will be adjourned until 6:30 at the beginning of the Regular Business Meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.)
IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
GRACIE FLOYD
TOM ALLEN
CRAIG WOOTEN
KEN WATERS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN:    At this time I’d like to call
the March 20th Regular Anderson County Council meeting
to order. Like to welcome each and everyone of you
here. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Tom
Allen if he’d lead us in Invocation and Pledge of
Allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)

TOMMY DUNN:    Before we get on regular
agenda, I’d just like to tell the folks I apologize for
not making the six o’clock meeting. I lost track of
time. Appreciate y’all taking care of that.

We’ll move on now to Item number 3, Approval of the
March 6th minutes of the meeting. Are there any
corrections to be made? Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON:    Yes, sir. Thank you. On
page 3 on line 41 Ms. Faith Line’s name was misspelled.
It’s L-I-N-E. And on page 30 (verbatim), was should be
were. That’s all I have. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:    Are you going to put that in
the form -- anyone else have anything?

CINDY WILSON:    May I make a motion that we
approve the minutes as amended?

TOMMY DUNN:    Have a motion to move
forward with the minutes with those changes. Mr.
Waters seconds it. Any more discussion? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.

We’ll move on to Item number 4, Citizen Comments.
Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and
district for the record. Address the Chair. You got
three minutes and keep matters on agenda items only.

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

ELIZABETH FANT:    Good evening. I’m speaking
on the Sheriff’s report. I want you to pay attention
to some of these numbers. If you look at the
Communications Center dispatch, you will note that on
an average, average daily calls for February, 1513
average a day. With a total of 42,372. That’s a lot
of calls. I talked with the Sheriff, found out that,
Mr. Burns, a lot of these people that are calling in
they call in for just an abundance of what to them is
important but they are not things that ??? -- let me
start over with that sentence. They are calling in for
a lot of different reasons that they think that the
county can do something about. But they’re not
anything that has to do with county government. It’s
stuff like my Charter cable is out. Or maybe it does
have something to do with government, but it’s
incidental, like there’s a street light out down at the
end of the street. Or what time does so-and-so come on
TV?

We have got to educate our public and let them
realize that some of this stuff -- the government can’t
do everything and it’s not meant for that. 9-1-1 is
meant for emergencies. Not your everyday little picky
things. And we are tying up our system with these
kinds of calls. So I’m hoping -- I’m working with the
Sheriff’s department and seeing if we can’t get
something going that will be kind of fun and also
educational.

But Mr. Burns with his TV station, he’s going to
have to pick up the slack on a lot of these things that
we’re just not telling the public.

And the other one is about the litter. 1,401 bags
of trash picked up in the month of February. And
that’s just a pitance of what’s out there. Now you
think about how many people are in the county, two
hundred thousand people. If every person in the
county, if you’ve got five in your family and three are
young’uns, then you’ve got to pick up the slack for
them. If everybody picked up five pieces of trash a
week whether it be you stop at the post office, you see
a cigarette butt there, or you get out of the car and
there’s a drink bottle somebody left in the parking
lot. Or, like me, I pick up trash everyday.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on now to Item number -- there’s no 5 or 6,
Third Reading or Second Reading.

Moving on to Item number 7, Ordinance First Reading
7(a) 2018-006 an ordinance to amend an agreement for
the development of a Joint County Industrial and
Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville
Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Leon, you want
to take that, or Mr. Burns?

LEON HARMON: Yes, sir. I’ll speak to
that. This is for a Greenville County project. It
involves Klootner Metals that will be placed into the
Anderson County/Greenville County MCIP. We have done a
number of these in the past and through these
Greenville County will provide one percent of the
revenue off of that fee to Anderson County.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. We
have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second by Mr. Allen. 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 8(a) Resolutions 2018-021 a resolution expressing intent to cease county maintenance on and to authorize County consent to judicial abandonment and closure of a portion of Barr Circle designated as C-01-0037. Mr. Ken Waters. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yes. This Barr Circle, during all the excitement in discussing zoning, we found this road that is not being used and probably would be a good idea just to abandon it out of the county system. Mr. Harmon, would you like to address some of the issues on that?

LEON HARMON: The only thing that I would like to add, Mr. Waters, is this resolution simply expresses Council’s intent regarding closing the road. Council cannot close a road. It has to be done by judicial order.

KEN WATERS: So we bring this in the form of a motion that we suggest that this ---

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters. Have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. 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 9, Report from the Public Safety Committee meeting held March 19, 2018. Chairman Graham. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just an update on some of the information that was covered in the Public Safety meeting yesterday. There was discussion concerning moving forward with the Hazmat liaison/deputy director. We are -- we had actually already voted on this position and after getting the job description and stuff lined up, we are requesting that they go ahead and post that and that will be determined as far as who’s going to be filling that position in the near future.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: As far as discussion on Code Enforcement Officer, we did bring this discussion before Public Safety. We currently -- we’re in the process of the original code enforcement officer deputy Cochran had basically taken another job at the Sheriff’s department. With that being said, they had
interviewed several deputies and to my understanding they've placed Dale McCarley in that position today. In talking with the Sheriff and Captain Hill, along with the Public Safety Committee, it is recommended that that deputy spends the next ninety days concentrating on the Big Creek area landfill area to try to ease some of the burden off on some of the issues they were having over there with trash, with trucks speeding up and down the road, different law enforcement items that were being basically broken there. But an officer's presence ???. With that being said, we're moving forward with that. And the officer that has actually taken this position, he is radar certified so he can run radar. And he is also very familiar as far as stopping vehicles and conducting traffic stops. So hopefully with this moving forward we're going to be able to ease some of the burden off of that community over there.

Next thing that was discussed in Public Safety was discussion concerning the Coroner's office. With the possibility of the Public Defender hopefully we should have a closing on their new location toward the end of the month. The Public Safety brought forth with full support to recommend to full Council that we allow the Coroner's office to move to this location which would basically put them kind of out there in the law enforcement complex area and kind of be a better access to anyone dealing with -- you know, needing to meet with them on their needs. This was brought forth in the form of a motion through Public Safety.

GRACIE FLOYD: Question.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Could you please tell me about the Coroner's office? When was this brought into a concern and where are they going to move?
RAY GRAHAM: The Coroner's -- first of all to answer your question, the Public Defender's office, we actually voted to move forward with purchasing a new facility for them due to them, in a nutshell, not having enough room out there at that --
GRACIE FLOYD: I knew about that one, but I didn't know about the Coroner's office.
RAY GRAHAM: Okay. Well, this -- the purpose of this is to move the Coroner's office out to this facility which is where the Public Defender was at.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And how long has this been on the table?
RAY GRAHAM: We discussed it yesterday
GRACIE FLOYD: Yesterday.

RAY GRAHAM: In the Public Safety meeting. And we’re bringing it forward as a motion to full Council.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Is this place going to be big enough? Have we looked at it to see if it’s going to be big enough?

RAY GRAHAM: Yes, ma’am. Mr. Richardson with Building and Grounds met with the Coroner and they basically went and toured that facility. There are several issues at the other facility. Naturally the maintenance upkeep according to Building and Grounds and it just seems to be a better fit for them to get out of the older building and get into this one that with basically little to no changing in it, give them plenty of office space. And also, again, it would put them out there in the same area with law enforcement complex, which would be more suitable in their -- as far as holding evidence right beside them in the evidence tech room and all that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, what I know about the present Coroner’s office and this place right now, that’s the only benefit that I can see. Do we -- we don’t have time before we vote to go look at it ourselves to see, you know, if it’s going to be conducive for them to be able to work there? Because we already have one place we’ve already outgrown. But I would have just liked to be able to look at it. To see it. I don’t know how many others of you have had a chance to see it, to look at it, but I haven’t.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I don’t have a problem with that. I mean we can hold off on that. TOMMY DUNN: I don’t either. RAY GRAHAM: Would love for you to be able to look at the facility. TOMMY DUNN: I got no problem with that. The main thing is, the people that’s using that building, which would be the coroner, has signed off and said it was adequate for him. So I hope he knows what his space is and his thing and Brian Richardson and them. I think in a nutshell, this Council decided -- looked at buildings over a year ago and trying to downsize and ?? inventory ?? cut our costs on upkeep some of these things. It’d be a great savings if we could get rid of the upkeep on Tower Street, I think. But if y’all want to wait the next Council meeting, that’ll be fine.

GRACIE FLOYD: Has everybody had a chance to look at it?
TOMMY DUNN: I haven’t looked at it, I mean I could have because it’s been on the agenda, but I choose not to.

GRACIE FLOYD: Most of us have not even seen it.

KEN WATERS: Just like Mr. Dunn, I ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, yeah, I know that.

But anyway ---

TOMMY DUNN: I’ve seen the building, I mean I hope we all have as long as it’s been in County system.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, but I have seen the building as well. But I just wanted a chance to look at it before I voted. That’s all.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

RAY GRAHAM: Are we going to move forward?

TOMMY DUNN: If that’s the thing, let’s just give her a chance to look at it.

RAY GRAHAM: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Let her look at it.

RAY GRAHAM: At this time I’ll withdraw that recommendation. And Ms. Floyd, if you’ll get with Mr. Richardson.

GRACIE FLOYD: I will take a look at it before the next meeting.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you so much.

Moving forward, our other discussion was concerning the Sheriff’s department boat. As everyone knows, we did lose an officer in a fatality incident concerning a boat this past year. With that being said, it kind of brings some hardship for officers that worked with this individual to turn around and go back and work on this same boat. The Sheriff’s department approached us about the possibility of basically getting rid of the boat and going back with a newer one. With all that being said, there were two jet skis that were available that was not being used. Those items were auctioned off. DNR looked at the boat, the current boat that we have, and they’ve agreed to give us X amount of dollars for the boat. At this time, the Sheriff’s department and Stone with fleet services has placed the boat on the gov deal which will be auctioned off. And providing we’re not able to get more than what DNR is offering, and naturally it would go to DNR, with that trade-in value. If it ends up being it auctions off for more than what DNR is offering, then naturally we’d go with that sale.

But with that being said, the Sheriff’ department approached us about using half of the remainder of the
balance from the drug seizure funds and using the other
half from capital projects. Is Ms. Rita here tonight?
I’m wanting to say that coming from capital projects
was around twenty-four thousand dollars, is what it’s
going to do. The difference is basically not only are
we going to replace this boat with a new boat which is
basically identical, same model everything. So we’re
going to end up having a new boat to operate as far as
with the Sheriff’s department fleet. And we’re also
coming forth with a recommendation to replace the boat
that we originally were using at Broadway Lake that has
basically been out of service for probably four or five
years, Ms. Floyd? I think?

GRACIE FLOYD: I think it’s been longer
than that.

RAY GRAHAM: Yes, ma’am. It’s very
possible. And basically with this opportunity we have
now, we want to also replace that smaller boat. And
the benefit with the smaller boat is it will be able to
be used on Broadway Lake, which there’s definitely
justification there. We also have the opportunity of
using it at Saluda River during the Saluda River Run
and stuff where we are doing the kayak launch
facilities.

So we’ve got a lot of different locations the
smaller boat would work better as far as working with
the Sheriff’s department and serving the county’s
needs. But on top of that we’d be getting a brand new
boat for the -- actually patrol boat for the Sheriff’s
department as well. The small boat will also be
available in the event that we have the larger
tournaments, like this past week with Bass Masters,
where it would give us another boat to operate that.
So that small boat is kind of covering several
different stones where we’re able to, you know, kind of
provide services back to actually several different
communities versus just Hartwell. That was brought
forth in the form of a motion as well with full support
from Public Safety.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
Committee doesn’t need a second. Now open for
discussion.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The only problem
I have with that is that now I understand that the boat
that the Sheriff is going to get there’s nothing wrong
with that boat. It’s just that they don’t want to have
to use that boat because of the death of one of the
officers. But the boat that you’re talking about from
Broadway, please keep in mind that the boat that was
taken away from Broadway was and did and still belongs
to Broadway. The boat was -- the money for the boat
was given to the people at Broadway for them to buy a
new boat. They bought the boat, they used the boat,
and then the boat was taken away without any kind of
regard to the facility or to the people out there. And
now you want to -- you’re talking about replacing that
boat with a smaller boat that will be used everywhere.
I don’t -- I’m just -- I’m really just happy that we
have decided finally to replace what belongs to
Broadway Lake. But I don’t know, I’d like to talk more
about how it will be used.

RAY GRAHAM:       If I could clarify. When I
said smaller, Ms. Floyd, compared to the boat that used
to be at Broadway, it will actually be a little big
bigger than that boat. Smaller is in definition
compared to the actual patrol boat that we have now.
The patrol boat can be used at Broadway but you truly
have got to have someone that’s experienced in
utilizing that boat, because it is a larger boat, sits
lower in the water, and there are some shallow
locations in Broadway. So that’s the purpose of moving
forward with -- when I say a smaller boat, it’s
actually a little bit bigger than the one we originally
had down there.

GRACIE FLOYD:     Well, the size of the boat,
you’ve already explained that. You said that the boat
was a little larger than the old boat was. So, you
know, that’s great. That’s good. We appreciate that.
But the thing is, you were saying all these places that
the boat could be used. And what I’m trying to
establish here is that the boat was taken -- taken --
and we’re going to replace it with another one. But
I’d like to see something -- how are we going to work
it out so it could be used at other places when it’s
Broadway Lake’s boat.

RAY GRAHAM:       First and foremost, if I
may. The boat that you were speaking of, that boat was
a fiber glass boat, the seat’s rotted, and literally
was dilapidated. We had to basically go in, redo the
boat. We ended up passing it over to fire service to
assist in drownings and things of that nature. The
boat was not kept up, taken care of, maintained,
because technically it had no official home other than
Broadway Lake. And there was no one down there to
maintain that property. This boat here, and this is
something I’ve preached highly on ever since I’ve been
on Council, this boat here belongs to Anderson County.
It does not belong to Broadway Lake. It does not
belong to Hartwell Lake or anyone else. It belongs to
Anderson County. And in that case it doesn’t even belong to the Sheriff’s department. It’s the citizens of Anderson County. That’s the purpose of me putting this boat on here. The Sheriff’s department has worked well with us on this to get these numbers together. This boat here is actually an aluminum boat, Ms. Floyd. And the benefit there is we don’t have the risk of just the weather just beating down on the property and basically rotting it and literally, you know, five, six, eight years down the road being exposed to weather and basically have no value there.

So the true benefit to this boat is to Anderson County in whole. It will be maintained by the Sheriff’s department with their other fleet of boats. And with that being said it will be made readily available to work events down at Broadway and also go down there, you know, during the summertime even when there’s not events there. The boat is primarily -- will be used for that location, but it’s also going to be used for other things where the needs are in Anderson County. That’s what the Public Safety was recommending.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I thank you for that explanation. But may I please inform you that the boat -- a grant was written for that boat. And the boat -- because of the grant, the boat was given to Broadway Lake. I have information home that says it belongs to Broadway Lake. And Broadway Lake belongs to the county.

Also, the boat was placed at Broadway Lake and it was used and over time it was dilapidated. It got broken down, or just whatever. But there was never anything from the county about fixing it up. They just gave it away. And then the person they gave it to, I think it was Anderson City fire department, fixed the boat up. Which we could have done. We would have had our boat. But instead of that, you fixed the boat, the boat was fixed up and Broadway Lake didn’t have anything out there. And now we’re going to get a boat, which we’re grateful for and we thank you considering that fact. But the part that gets me is that everybody is going to use the boat instead of it being a dedicated boat for Broadway Lake.

RAY GRAHAM: That’s correct. Just to clarify that, we do not have the money for a boat to specify and put one down at Broadway Lake and sit there. Public Safety, we’ve done our due diligence to ensure that we’re utilizing the money that Anderson County citizens works hard and pays for to ensure that this boat is going to get the most use possible. We
I had two jet skis, again, that was not being used, that was setting there. And if I’m not mistaken had like sixty or eighty hours on it and they were five years old. They were not getting used. Those properties were sold. That was put into a pot, along with the disposal of the other boat, which was again put into the pot, along with some drug seize money that again is being put into the pot. The Sheriff’s department capital fund is where the remainder is coming from.

And again, Public Safety is recommending that we move forward with purchasing these two boats that will be staged with the Sheriff’s department. They will have full control of these boats to be utilized throughout Anderson County where they’re needed. And also, I’m sure they will be working with the Anderson City Technical Rescue in the event they need a boat just like we’ve always done. The purpose is to ensure the citizens of Anderson have their needs met that they need.

GRACIE FLOYD: Council member, I have one more question. One more point to make, okay. When that boat was taken, the committee went to Mr. Burns and asked about the boat. He put it in writing, which I have a copy of, that says Broadway Lake will be given another boat. That another boat will be purchased for Broadway Lake. I took that information to the people down at Broadway Lake. They read it, they put it in their minutes, and then we went ahead to follow the process of giving that boat away. We even had a committee to go out and look for another boat according to Mr. Burns’ letter. The letter -- he never went through -- how can I say this? He never followed through with his statement, in writing, that Broadway Lake would get another boat.

And the people on it, down on Broadway Lake vote -- voted -- to go ahead, be satisfied with the fact that the boat was taken because Mr. Burns, in writing, said that he would provide -- that the county would provide another boat for Broadway Lake.

Now, I know that the powers to be will do whatever, but I know what’s fair. And I know what happened. I can produce the letter. I can bring people from Broadway Lake who can substantiate what I have said. And I still say thank you for the considerations of getting us a boat. But the only thing I would like for it to be is to be given back to the Broadway folks, according to the grant that was written for the boat and according to the letter from our Administrator who said that he would provide us another boat. He didn’t say that it would be used by the rest of the county.
1 And with that, I thank you for listening to me.
2 TOMMY DUNN: I’ve got a motion on the
3 floor. All in favor ---
4 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
6 TOM ALLEN: Couple of quick questions.
7 So there’s nothing really wrong with the boat, right?
8 How much is this boat going to cost?
9 TOMMY DUNN: Should have been in your
10 packet.
11 TOM ALLEN: I didn’t see it. It wasn’t
12 on here. But okay, irregardless. And then you said a
13 few minutes ago. I thought -- is one of these boats
14 going to go to DNR?
15 TOMMY DUNN: No, Tom.
16 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Allen, the current boat
17 we have, the value -- kind of like NADA value on
18 vehicles, the value on the boat is placing around
19 thirteen thousand dollars. DNR has agreed to purchase
20 that boat for thirteen thousand dollars.
21 TOM ALLEN: Okay.
22 RAY GRAHAM: Common sense tells me we
23 have an opportunity we can auction the boat off. Set
24 the reserve at thirteen thousand dollars. If we get
25 thirteen five, then we’re ahead of the game if we do go
26 that route.
27 TOM ALLEN: We’ll only have one boat.
28 TOMMY DUNN: We’ve got two boats, Tom.
29 We’re going to buy two boats. That’s what this whole
30 thing is about. Replacing the one that DNR is going to
31 buy and buying one to help go at Broadway. Neither one
32 of these boats will be stationed at no lake
33 permanently. It’ll be used accordingly. That’s what
34 the explanation is about.
35 RAY GRAHAM: Exactly.
36 TOM ALLEN: Sell one and buy two.
37 TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.
38 RAY GRAHAM: Exactly. We actually sold
39 two jet skis, as well. And one thing I want you to --
40 everyone to realize on the actual boat that we’re
41 getting rid of, if you go back to the first of the year
42 when Stone was talking about how he wanted to do the
43 fleet, basically get rid of something before the value
44 was zero, get rid of it when it still has some value.
45 Technically speaking, probably in the next two to three
46 years, we’d be getting rid of that boat to get a new
47 one. A new one is running about forty-nine thousand
48 dollars. Do not hold me to that number, I’m trying to
49 do that by memory. I apologize if you don’t have it.
50 But -- and the small boat is around sixteen thousand
dollars. The majority of this money is coming from the
sale of the boat, the sale of jet skis, and drug
seizure fund, with the remainder of twenty-three,
twenty-four thousand dollars that’s going to come from
the Sheriff’s department capital.

TOMMY DUNN: Tom, he’s got some more
points he wants to make.

TOM ALLEN: The only thing is, what I
heard the first time through, I would vote against this
if the only reason was, and I’m going to be the bad
guy, was the fact that the Sheriff’s department members
were too traumatized to use that boat again. So if
somebody gets -- we get a new boat and somebody cuts
their finger on the boat, are we going to have to buy a
new one because somebody will be too traumatized.

TOMMY DUNN: Tom, I’d be very careful
there. That’s a little bit different than somebody
getting killed instead of a cut finger. I’d be very
careful there.

TOM ALLEN: I know. But I didn’t like
that. I didn’t like that answer for getting rid of the
boat. But since there are monies available from
several different sources, there will be boats
available to do other things, I will probably vote for
this. But I didn’t like the original.

RAY GRAHAM: I respect your opinion.

TOMMY DUNN: All in --0

CRAIG WOOTEN: Can I ask one thing?

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Would it be possible, I
guess knowing that the boats are available, for any
body of water in Anderson County that can sustain a
boat to ask the Sheriff’s department what’s their plan
for patrolling Broadway Lake? Because I think Ms.
Floyd has a point that they had a boat at one time and
it wasn’t being patrolled. You know, even if these
boats aren’t going to be kept in any body of water
permanently I think it is fair to ask the Sheriff this
is a body of water that’s being used recreationally and
needs coverage. Please propose to us how you’re going
to cover it.

TOMMY DUNN: It is. They got the
manpower.

GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask ---

RAY GRAHAM: Mark, can you answer that,
or do you want me to? I did speak with the Sheriff
concerning that. Mr. Chairman, if I may?

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, go ahead. We’re way
over time, but go ahead.

RAY GRAHAM: We currently do not have a
full time lake deputy, period. At one time we did. When the new Sheriff came in, due to restructuring we do not have a full time lake deputy. He is looking at possibly adding one back. And with that being the case, hopefully at that time will be split between the different lakes.

You know, at the end of the day, we have got a huge amount of body of water in our county. We’ve got to have some type of boats to -- even if you just look at just on an emergency situation. But I mean, we have got a team of about twenty officers that basically volunteers as they’re allocated whether it’s overtime or also allocated comp time to work like at Broadway Lake, for example, when they had the different activities down there, then they will definitely be there with the boat. Occasionally on weekends, through the week, they will be down there on the boat. Same with Broadway. They do that on a regular basis now even though technically we do not have a full time deputy. We do have a dive team and also a -- what are they calling the water team now? Just marine team or whatever of about twenty deputies that is trained and qualified to operate those boats.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, you’re going to -- as I say, it’s going to be done whatever the power wants it done. But I want to tell you, the people of Broadway Lake and I went into this offer, this deal, this situation, with a letter that said that we would get the boat back. It said Broadway Lake will get the boat back. Also, when we finished the dam at Broadway Lake we asked the Sheriff at that time if he would supply someone down there to be the officer down there because there were so many other problems that needed to be addressed. The boat was one of them.

And up until recently, this past November, we had somebody down there who was doing the work. Some of them were good, some of them were bad. Some of them would answer the calls, some of them didn’t. But we had somebody. Then we said that we had a problem with the water level down there. So we were going to hire somebody, somebody who just wanted a job, a volunteer to go down and let the lake down. But now we have no one. We have no one. And yes, I’m fighting for something that was ours, that was taken, that was promised a replacement. I’m going to lose this one. I know that. But that will only let me know your word in writing is not even good.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Isn’t Mr. Batson, our stormwater director, in charge of opening or closing ---

TOMMY DUNN: Lake levels, yes, ma’am. Been doing that for a while now.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor -- got a motion on the floor. All in favor of the motion show hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Waters, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposes.

TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion we extend this for five minutes because we went way over so he can finish his report. Put that in the form of a motion.

KEN WATERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

GRACIE FLOYD: What was the motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Motion was to extend the time five minutes, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on. Williamson Update.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’ll be very brief on this. Williamson is looking -- they approached the Sheriff about possibly utilizing the jail facility in Williamson to see if it would ease the burden as far as on transports with inmates from that -- I guess the upper region of Anderson County. In looking at this and meeting with the mayor down there and the Sheriff and several other members of the community, it’s just not feasible for us to take that on due to the cost that would be involved. They’re actually looking at -- Williamson is actually looking at some other opportunities to try to help Pelzer as far as police protection. And in the process we’re looking if there’s anything that we can do along with the Sheriff’s department as far as possibly doing some type of transport team to -- mainly the benefit of the transport team would be able to keep the communities -- the municipalities with law enforcement, it would allow them to keep their officers inside their jurisdiction and basically put the burden on the Sheriff’s department as far as transporting an inmate if they end up locking someone up. We’ll have more discussion on this as time goes on and Ms. Wilson and myself meets with the town of Williamson. That’s all from Public Safety.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, the last one.

Do we have to -- don’t we have to vote on this?
TOMMY DUNN: What’s that?
GRACIE FLOYD: About the Williamston update.
TOMMY DUNN: Nothing to vote on.
GRACIE FLOYD: There’s nothing to vote on?
TOMMY DUNN: Nothing to vote on. Brought up for information. We ain’t taking no action. We ain’t doing nothing.
RAY GRAHAM: I apologize, I did skip that. Thank you for bringing that up to my attention.
Mr. Chairman, if I may?
RAY GRAHAM: The EMS franchise, we were going to discuss that in the Public Safety meeting. It was removed from the agenda and it will be brought up in the next meeting. Just for Council’s update, it will be ready to be voted on as an ordinance next meeting.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. Why was it removed, sir?
TOMMY DUNN: Wasn’t ready.
GRACIE FLOYD: It wasn’t ready? So paperwork was ---
TOMMY DUNN: For the ordinance. Ordinance wasn’t wrote up. They’re still working on the ordinance.
GRACIE FLOYD: Uhm. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 10, Road Acceptance into the County Inventory.
RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, you have those roads before you. They’ve been through the approve process as prescribed by the County Council.
TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got a problem taking all three of them at the same time? Anybody want to make a motion?
CINDY WILSON: May I make a motion that we take all three roads in the Road Acceptance item on number 10, Norfolk Road, Woodson Street and Oak Ridge Place in one vote.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to accept them into the county road system. They’ve met all inspections and approval and meets the county regulations and the staff’s approved them. Ms. Wilson puts that in the form of a motion. And ---
KEN WATERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters seconds it. 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 11 Appointments. Anybody have any?

Moving on to Item number 12, Request from each Councilman. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Yes, I have two that were laid on everyone’s desk. The first one is a transfer to the CVB of fifteen hundred dollars for the tournament this past weekend. And can I bring both of them in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may.

KEN WATERS: And the second one, it has a Part A and Part B. I’d like to do Part A and then bring Part B up later when I find out how much money is in the rec fund.

TOMMY DUNN: Second.

KEN WATERS: The first one is two thousand dollars to the Powdersville Youth Association for a coaching clinic. And I bring both of those in the form of a motion.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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TOMMY DUNN: 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, Mr. Waters?

KEN WATERS: That’s all. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?

KEN WATERS: I have none at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don’t have any at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I don’t have any at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I’d like to make a motion to allocate five hundred dollars to Meals on Wheels for their 5K Connector Run. And I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten and second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? 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, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Not unless y’all want to loan District 7 some funds. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to make a motion out of District 5’s rec account, appropriate a thousand
dollars for -- to move it over to the Special Olympics. 
Put that in the form of a motion.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
GRACIE FLOYD: May I go back please?
TOMMY DUNN: We got to take care of this first. We got a second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Now, Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: I forgot about the Special Olympics area. I would like to allocate three hundred dollars from District 2's recreation account to the Special Olympics area.
TOMMY DUNN: Have 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.
Anyone else have anything? Hearing and seeing none, we’ll move on to the Administrator’s report.
RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the only thing is to remind Council at 11:30 this Friday at the new PTI site we will have a ribbon cutting for the new test facility.
TOMMY DUNN: That’ll be on 81 North, right?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
Be moving on now to 14, have a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters on the opioid litigation matter?
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a motion that we go into executive session to receive information and discuss the opioid litigation matter.
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We’ll go right back here.
(EXECUTIVE SESSION)
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we come out of Executive Session having discussed and received information regarding the opioid litigation matter with no action taken.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson, have a second?
TOM ALLEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We have a motion?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I’d like to make a motion that we select a group of lawyers led by Harrison White out of Spartanburg to pursue the opioid litigation on behalf of Anderson County and authorize the County Administrator to enter into an appropriate contingency fee agreement for this litigation.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Graham. We have a second? Second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Want to thank you, Mr. Harmon, for putting all that together and doing a lot of good work for us on that.

Moving on now, Item number 15, Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, again, please address the Chair. State your name and district for the record. You got three minutes. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first citizen signed up is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you. Opioids and methamphetamine are the bane of our society. What you’ve been hearing now is just the trend. It’s only getting worse. And Chad will tell you that eighty percent of the crime in this county has to do with drugs. That’s just one more reason why we need a county prison farm.

Looking down the road ten or fifteen years from now, we can either be building bigger jails and increasing the size of our law enforcement. Or we can start managing these people in a productive way. The South Carolina Supreme Court put out a ruling some years ago that if someone’s liberty is not in jeopardy they’re not entitled to an attorney. So what our magistrates have started doing is they’ve started taking jail off the table and they’re telling people that they’ll give them a fee or a fine if they’ll plead guilty. So what this is resulting in is people being turned right back out on the street with not only their drug problem but now also a fee and a fine on top of it to be paid for.

I can well see a prison farm that we start with five hundred beds and with inmate labor increase to about fifteen hundred so that ten years from now we can have a large number of these drug offenders at least in custody so we can manage their lives. The problem is
that they don’t know how to manage their own lives because of their drug problem. And if we could put them in an institution where they have the opportunity to dry out, maybe learn a trade, but stay off the street and continue doing these crimes because of their drug problem and their fees and fines, I think this county would be better off as a whole. We need a county prison farm. We need to start putting petty criminals in jail thirty, sixty, ninety days, which our current facility is not prepared for. I mean, we’re already bursting at the seams as it is. We need a county prison farm. Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is William Meredith.

WILLIAM MEREDITH: Appreciate you giving me ??.
Anyway, hope y’all had a wonderful first day of spring. Okay? And like the new season here, maybe we can create a new season here. Everybody is talking about litter, trash. Well, you know, nobody hates it more than me. I get out and pick it up along Old Williamston Road and I try to keep out of the Rocky River. Okay? I’d like to see everybody working towards that same goal. Keep the place clean.

I’ve got some ideas on how to do it. Been talking to some people and looking at some stuff. And there’s just so many things that we can do. A hero of mine is founding father of this country, Benjamin Franklin who said waste nothing. My favorite quote of his. And we got to stop looking at it as trash, garbage. It’s a resource. We can use that resource for any number of things if we’re smart enough to do it. We’re only limited by our own -- ourselves. That’s what we’re limited by. And plastics can be recycled. There’s a project in the Netherlands right now, taking plastics -- they’re paving roads with the plastics. Stronger road when it’s done and the waste is not going into the landfill. Heard so much about this landfill over there and it just seems to me that we got to get a little smarter here, okay?

I’m a real estate guy. People want to be in places that are clean. They don’t want to be in a trashy place, okay? And if we want to put Anderson County’s best foot forward we need to get smart, okay? We need to appeal to the people that want to live in a green, clean environment. And I mean, we dropped the ball. I’ve met with Greg Smith. Gracie is my Council person. She and I have been talking a little bit and I just feel like there’s just a -- such a mass of everybody wants to do it. I mean, nobody wants to see this trash. I agree with everything I’ve heard everyone of
you say about it. And it’s just, there’s a million
little things that we’re going to have to do. It’s
not, you know, it’s not stuff that we can snap our
fingers and this and that and it’s going to be taken
care of. But if we start the ball and do that million
things then we can make some tremendous headway.
One of the things that I think that we ought to
figure a way to do is just to get past jurisdictional
turf war issues. I had an unrelated thing that just
brought that -- really slapped me in the face last week
with the Sheriff’s department between the city and the
county and just falling between the crack. Well,
litter, somebody might throw it out in my yard and I’m
right outside the city and then it washes down and it’s
in the city, you know, a quarter mile down the road.
So, you know, and then it goes down in the water where,
you know, it affects everybody. I don’t know if you
guys have seen the -- there’s a -- it’s on YouTube,
it’s been on NatGo or something, but it’s this guy
scuba diving in the ocean. And he’s just swimming
through an ocean ---
LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
That’ll be it.
WILLIAM MEREDITH: That’s it? Okay. Anyway
I’m working on this ---
TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate you. Next, Mr.
Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth
Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, friends. I
came across something in the packet tonight I don’t
understand and I know you can’t talk back to me, but
we’re talking about waste management and litter and so
forth. It’s the page -- the top of it is actually
chopped off a little bit, but it starts with the census
report and courtesy permits. And we have two down
there, one ninety-seven thousand five hundred. The
owner’s name is Anderson County Solid Waste Management.
And the description says Green Pond Landing walls.
Green Pond Landing? Walls? Solid waste management?
Ninety-seven thousand. Then you skip one and come down
to another one and it’s twenty-seven thousand three
hundred. Again, Anderson County Solid Waste
Management, Green Pond Landing power.
Can somebody, when you do your comments at the end
explain what that means, because I don’t see anything
to do with waste management with either one of those.
And again, dealing with Green Pond, which we have put
so many millions of dollar in -- and I know, you’re
going to talk about the Bass Masters and that’s great. And I’m glad we got fishermen coming to Hartwell, but when is the end of this money pit and what’s this for?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?
LEON HARMON: That’s all, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Going now to comments by Council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a quick recount of meetings that we have next week. On Monday at 10, the 26th, we have the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting. We’ll be hearing the Duke Energy Solar Project proposal for the airport. And we’ll hear an update on some other matters, new business, whatever we have there. But we’ll also begin the review of Anderson County’s real estate holdings. We will need a list of the lots and buildings, location maps, descriptions and just start the ball rolling on what we keep and what we dispose of.

On the 27th at the Anderson County library at 3:30 there’s a public hearing on community block development block grants through the COG. And then on the 29th at the Cheddar Fire Department at 11, Anderson County is hosting the trucking firms, the tank farms, Kinder-Morgan, Lincoln Oil, and the community in trying to establish safer routes and some other safety measures.

Just wanted to let y’all know. People are certainly welcome to attend and we’ve got quite a list of marching orders to go here. Thank y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Don’t have any comments at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just wanted to publicly commend all the county employees that put in tireless hours to make the Bass Masters a possible event. I know that brings a huge burden on any community when you bring that many people into an area, but from what I’ve gathered in talking with public safety officials, it went off without a hitch in it and definitely owes a lot of gratitude to the county employees again spending countless hours out there managing that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Want to go back to the Broadway Lake thing for a few minutes. Yes, I
am concerned. Yes, it bothered me because I am
responsible for a district and within that district
there are some things that’s important to us. Think
about it for a few minutes. How would each one of you
feel if they took something from you and gave you a
letter saying you were going to get it back and then
they give it back to you but then they say the whole
area has got to use it. But anyway, that’s just how I
feel about it and that’s my district and I will fight
for it.
I read in the newspaper that there was a -- there
were green lights placed in the water up at Green Pond
and I think it coincided with St. Patrick’s Day? Don’t
know if you all read about it or heard about it or you
had any questions, but I did -- I do. My questions
will be answered. I will get in touch with somebody
who can tell me why was it done. I read the story and
it said something about putting the lights under the
something or other for the whatever. But it didn’t say
how long it was going to be there. It didn’t say how
much it was going to cost us. Or anything else. And
I’m a little bit concerned about that. Okay?
I’m not going to make a -- I’m not going to make --
I’m not going to apologize for the questions that I ask
because a lot of the time I’m asking questions that you
don’t know the answers to either. And if I don’t know
the answers to it and you don’t know the answers to it,
who knows the answers to it? So I will always ask
questions. If I get fussed at, hey, I’m tough. I can
handle it. I just give it back just as good as I get.
But I have some things that are going on now that I’m
worried about. I’m worried about. Not enough
information about it. But I’ll leave it at that this
time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
First of all, I want to apologize on the boat thing, if
anyone felt that I was belittling what occurred out
there, that terrible accident, I was not doing that at
all. So I hope no one got that impression. If you
did, I’m sorry. It’s not what I meant.
Moving on to some good news. For the past couple
of years we’ve been looking at the airport terminal out
here. We’ve had a lot of problems with it. We thought
about trying to do an upgrade on the terminal. But
there was very little grant money available to do that
and it was going to cost us a fortunate to replace the
roof, the heating and air conditioning systems, the
carpet. The restrooms are extremely small and they are
non-ADA compliant. So in other words just a lot of
problems out there. And we’ve got a lot of traffic
coming into the airport. We have a lot of corporate
jets coming in. We had a lot of logistical jets coming
in also, delivering supplies. So we’ve tried to find
some way that we could improve the terminal and the
easiest way to do it, actually, was to attempt to build
a new terminal because there’s a lot more grant money
available for that. And we got some really good news
today. And we got a preliminary notification that we
can -- we will -- can receive one point two million
dollar grant from the Commerce Department to start on a
new terminal. And I would personally like to thank Mr.
Burns, for one, and Justin Julian the manager out at
the airport. Also our delegation and Mr. Steve Newton
for working on this thing to try and get some dollars
in here to do that.

And something else that’s going on, too. The
airport out here has created a total of a hundred and
seven jobs. And that adds more than three point eight
million to the county payroll. Just under fourteen
thousand visitors a year arrive at the Anderson
Regional Airport. And the airport activity support an
annual state and local tax revenue estimated at five
hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars. Also the
airport out here acts as the Emergency Operation Center
for several counties in the Upstate here when we have
emergency drills such as if something were to happen at
the nuclear plant up in Oconee County this becomes the
staging area out here. And at one time the FAA was
trying to shrink our runway out here from a hundred and
fifty foot width down to a hundred feet which would
look absolutely ridiculous. But again, thanks to
Justin Julian and Mr. Burns, we were able to come up
with some more money for that. We’re looking at some
grant money and we’re going to be able to keep the
runway at its original hundred and fifty foot width.

Also with the sewer system going in, the five mile
line that’s being replaced out there, we’re hoping to
open that area up into a really nice industrial park.
There’s already some projects being discussed for that
area out by the airport. Ms. Wilson touched on one of
them there that may happen with Duke. So anyway, we’re
looking to open that area up. And this type of
activity with the new terminal and the runway being
repaved, the airport is really a gateway to Anderson.
And it’s a gem within this county. So we’re very
pleased to hear about those grants and it looks like
this may be a success going down the road. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
Waters.
KEN WATERS: Yeah. What a great weekend.
The Bass Masters broke a record. I think you can label
Lake Hartwell as a championship lake. I went to all
tree of the weigh-ins, especially Saturday night when
they were making the cut, I listened to professional
bass fishermen talk about how tough the fishing was.
And so these guys were good to be where they were at.
These were the number one fishermen, you know,
nationwide. So I think, you know, we could probably
label Lake Hartwell as a championship lake because
these guys had a tough time and they were actually
seeing fish and couldn’t catch them and, you know,
trying very hard. So read some of the articles about
those guys. And, you know, it was a very good
tournament. Very good for Greenville, Anderson, Oconee
and Pickens County because all four of those counties
benefitted from this tournament.

Had people from Japan again. Also had -- I don’t
know if anyone watches Deadliest Catch but Captain Wild
Bill was there. Got a picture with him, if you want
proof I got that.

So our benefits are yet to come with fishing
because Anderson County will benefit from now on with
the other tournaments coming in. Couple of weeks we
got the high school tournament come in. And that’s
only been created since the last Bass Masters. And
they’re looking at about two hundred and fifty to three
hundred boats to be out there for that. And a lot of
the high school teams have, you know, four and five
teams. So very good for Anderson County. I remember
when we started promoting this several years ago and so
this is a good thing.

We’ve got other good things coming. Little league
sports is another thing that’s going to be a positive
thing. I think we’ve got a lot of good athletes in
Anderson County and so I think this will be a positive
thing. My kids are grown up but as Mr. Wooten said,
he’s not finished having kids yet, so we got to get
ready for those little fellows. So that’s, you know,
that’s something, if we give the kids something to do
positive, that’s good, that’s good. It’s a challenge.

Not to mention the Civic Center has got some
programs coming out there very good, you know, some
very good entertainment. People out there.

Also got the air show coming in in a couple of
months. And so, there’s something to do here in
Anderson now. And these are very good things. The
numbers for the Bass Masters was a hundred and forty-
three thousand, which was five thousand more than the
top one. Last time the air show was here that was
about fifty thousand people showed up for that, I believe. So people have stuff to do now. And one of the things about it is, these seven can’t do it. So there’s a lot of good ideas out there that people have that, you know, feel free to start those ideas, you know, because one of the hardest things to do is to finally say -- look at things and say, you know, I can’t be a part of everything. And that’s a tough thing. And you know, we can sit and look at all the good stuff that’s happened, but there’s a lot of other good things that can be happening.

And so I just appreciate the opportunity to work with my teammates here. Just like I’ve mentioned before. We’re friends that just happen to be elected as County Council people. Appreciate that, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters. Short and brief. Just like to start off by saying I want to appreciate Ms. Casey for the fine job she done in coordinating our criminal justice coordinating committee meeting last month. Got an excellent program lined up for this month. People out of Charleston done this and really appreciate your hard work. Look forward to it. Keep that up and I think that’s going to lead us to some good things, good decisions as the outcome of this. Really do appreciate it. Very worthwhile thing.

You know, talking about litter tonight. Hope everyone -- Mr. Burns has got one of these on everybody’s desk. Make sure your delegation member knows about this and supports this bill. Finally gives us a tool in our toolbox that the cities and municipalities have had for years to help us and that would help tremendously if they can get this passed. So anybody you can talk to in Columbia to help get that done, that would be tremendous.

Want to thank my fellow Council members for passing this opioid thing tonight on this litigation. This is not -- and again the hard work that the Administrator’s office and Mr. Harmon has done. This ain’t about money, this is about trying to get some answers and hopefully we can help put some lives together -- back together. And this happened right here in Anderson County. And hopefully keep it from happening, some of the devastation that has happened in the past. If we can just help one family it would be all worth it. And I know this is going to be along hoe to take, but at least I think it’s a start to know we care and we think about it.

Also want to thank all the Anderson County
employees for everybody and the citizens of Anderson County. A lot of citizens volunteered for the Bass Masters thing and helped put this together. Green Pond is going a great job. There’s a lot more tournaments lined up out there. When I first run for County Council over nine years ago, I said Lake Hartwell is the most crowned jewel I thought in Anderson County and at least it’s eulogized. And it’s worked very hard and Mr. Burns and his rec department trying to get something done and make Lake Hartwell show up. Be surprised the people that come here, the businesses I’ve talked to and companies want to have a place on Lake Hartwell and live and go fishing. And live. It’s a great thing. Appreciate everybody. Keep in mind we’ll be getting into the budget here very shortly. Some of us have already started doing some work on it. Appreciate it very much. Meeting be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT ?? P.M.)