

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

1 RAY GRAHAM: At this time we're going to
2 go ahead and call the meeting to order. Mr. Dunn,
3 Chairman Dunn, should be here shortly.

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

9 At this time I'd like to recognize Councilwoman Ms.
10 Wilson.

11 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

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

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

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

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

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

49 RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 20th day of
50 March 2018.

1 And, Mr. Chairman, may I put that into the form of
2 a motion?

3 RAY GRAHAM: Do I have a second?

4 TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

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

10 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

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

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15 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.)**

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TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
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KEN WATERS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 the March 20th Regular Anderson County Council meeting
3 to order. Like to welcome each and everyone of you
4 here. At this time I'd like to ask Councilman Tom
5 Allen if he'd lead us in Invocation and Pledge of
6 Allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.

7 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY TOM ALLEN)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 end of the street. Or what time does so-and-so come on
2 TV?

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

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

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

27 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

34 Moving on to Item number 7, Ordinance First Reading
35 7(a) 2018-006 an ordinance to amend an agreement for
36 the development of a Joint County Industrial and
37 Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville
38 Counties so as to enlarge the park. Mr. Leon, you want
39 to take that, or Mr. Burns?

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

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

49 KEN WATERS: So moved.

50 TOM ALLEN: Second.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters, second by
2 Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
3 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
4 carries unanimously.

5 Moving on to Item number 8(a) Resolutions 2018-021
6 a resolution expressing intent to cease county
7 maintenance on and to authorize County consent to
8 judicial abandonment and closure of a portion of Barr
9 Circle designated as C-01-0037. Mr. Ken Waters. Mr.
10 Waters.

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

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

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

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

26 TOM ALLEN: Second.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
28 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
29 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
30 unanimously.

31 Moving on to Item number 9, Report from the Public
32 Safety Committee meeting held March 19, 2018. Chairman
33 Graham. Mr. Graham.

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

44 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

45 RAY GRAHAM: As far as discussion on Code
46 Enforcement Officer, we did bring this discussion
47 before Public Safety. We currently -- we're in the
48 process of the original code enforcement officer deputy
49 Cochran had basically taken another job at the
50 Sheriff's department. With that being said, they had

1 interviewed several deputies and to my understanding
2 they've placed Dale McCarley in that position today.
3 In talking with the Sheriff and Captain Hill, along
4 with the Public Safety Committee, it is recommended
5 that that deputy spends the next ninety days
6 concentrating on the Big Creek area landfill area to
7 try to ease some of the burden off on some of the
8 issues they were having over there with trash, with
9 trucks speeding up and down the road, different law
10 enforcement items that were being basically broken
11 there. But an officer's presence ????. With that being
12 said, we're moving forward with that. And the officer
13 that has actually taken this position, he is radar
14 certified so he can run radar. And he is also very
15 familiar as far as stopping vehicles and conducting
16 traffic stops. So hopefully with this moving forward
17 we're going to be able to ease some of the burden off
18 of that community over there.

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

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Question.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

33 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Could you please
34 tell me about the Coroner's office? When was this
35 brought into a concern and where are they going to
36 move?

37 RAY GRAHAM: The Coroner's -- first of
38 all to answer your question, the Public Defender's
39 office, we actually voted to move forward with
40 purchasing a new facility for them due to them, in a
41 nutshell, not having enough room out there at that ---

42 GRACIE FLOYD: I knew about that one, but I
43 didn't know about the Coroner's office.

44 RAY GRAHAM: Okay. Well, this -- the
45 purpose of this is to move the Coroner's office out to
46 this facility which is where the Public Defender was
47 at.

48 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. And how long has this
49 been on the table?

50 RAY GRAHAM: We discussed it yesterday

1 morning.

2 GRACIE FLOYD: Yesterday.

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

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

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

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

32 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I don't have a
33 problem with that. I mean we can hold off on that.

34 TOMMY DUNN: I don't either.

35 RAY GRAHAM: Would love for you to be
36 able to look at the facility.

37 TOMMY DUNN: I got no problem with that.
38 The main thing is, the people that's using that
39 building, which would be the coroner, has signed off
40 and said it was adequate for him. So I hope he knows
41 what his space is and his thing and Brian Richardson
42 and them. I think in a nutshell, this Council decided
43 -- looked at buildings over a year ago and trying to
44 downsize and ?? inventory ?? cut our costs on upkeep
45 some of these things. It'd be a great savings if we
46 could get rid of the upkeep on Tower Street, I think.
47 But if y'all want to wait the next Council meeting,
48 that'll be fine.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Has everybody had a chance
50 to look at it?

1 TOMMY DUNN: I haven't looked at it, I
2 mean I could have because it's been on the agenda, but
3 I choose not to.

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

6 KEN WATERS: Just like Mr. Dunn, I ---
7 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, yeah, I know that.
8 But anyway ---

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

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

15 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, Mr. Chairman.
16 RAY GRAHAM: Are we going to move
17 forward?

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

20 RAY GRAHAM: Okay.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Let her look at it.
22 RAY GRAHAM: At this time I'll withdraw
23 that recommendation. And Ms. Floyd, if you'll get with
24 Mr. Richardson.

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

27 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you so much.

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

49 But with that being said, the Sheriff' department
50 approached us about using half of the remainder of the

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

14 GRACIE FLOYD: I think it's been longer
15 than that.

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

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

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
42 Committee doesn't need a second. Now open for
43 discussion.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. The only problem
45 I have with that is that now I understand that the boat
46 that the Sheriff is going to get there's nothing wrong
47 with that boat. It's just that they don't want to have
48 to use that boat because of the death of one of the
49 officers. But the boat that you're talking about from
50 Broadway, please keep in mind that the boat that was

1 taken away from Broadway was and did and still belongs
2 to Broadway. The boat was -- the money for the boat
3 was given to the people at Broadway for them to buy a
4 new boat. They bought the boat, they used the boat,
5 and then the boat was taken away without any kind of
6 regard to the facility or to the people out there. And
7 now you want to -- you're talking about replacing that
8 boat with a smaller boat that will be used everywhere.
9 I don't -- I'm just -- I'm really just happy that we
10 have decided finally to replace what belongs to
11 Broadway Lake. But I don't know, I'd like to talk more
12 about how it will be used.

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

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

37 RAY GRAHAM: First and foremost, if I
38 may. The boat that you were speaking of, that boat was
39 a fiber glass boat, the seat's rotted, and literally
40 was dilapidated. We had to basically go in, redo the
41 boat. We ended up passing it over to fire service to
42 assist in drownings and things of that nature. The
43 boat was not kept up, taken care of, maintained,
44 because technically it had no official home other than
45 Broadway Lake. And there was no one down there to
46 maintain that property. This boat here, and this is
47 something I've preached highly on ever since I've been
48 on Council, this boat here belongs to Anderson County.
49 It does not belong to Broadway Lake. It does not
50 belong to Hartwell Lake or anyone else. It belongs to

1 Anderson County. And in that case it doesn't even
2 belong to the Sheriff's department. It's the citizens
3 of Anderson County. That's the purpose of me putting
4 this boat on here. The Sheriff's department has worked
5 well with us on this to get these numbers together.
6 This boat here is actually an aluminum boat, Ms. Floyd.
7 And the benefit there is we don't have the risk of just
8 the weather just beating down on the property and
9 basically rotting it and literally, you know, five,
10 six, eight years down the road being exposed to weather
11 and basically have no value there.

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

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

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

44 RAY GRAHAM: That's correct. Just to
45 clarify that, we do not have the money for a boat to
46 specify and put one down at Broadway Lake and sit
47 there. Public Safety, we've done our due diligence to
48 ensure that we're utilizing the money that Anderson
49 County citizens works hard and pays for to ensure that
50 this boat is going to get the most use possible. We

1 had two jet skis, again, that was not being used, that
2 was setting there. And if I'm not mistaken had like
3 sixty or eighty hours on it and they were five years
4 old. They were not getting used. Those properties
5 were sold. That was put into a pot, along with the
6 disposal of the other boat, which was again put into
7 the pot, along with some drug seize money that again is
8 being put into the pot. The Sheriff's department
9 capital fund is where the remainder is coming from.

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

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

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

40 Now, I know that the powers to be will do whatever,
41 but I know what's fair. And I know what happened. I
42 can produce the letter. I can bring people from
43 Broadway Lake who can substantiate what I have said.
44 And I still say thank you for the considerations of
45 getting us a boat. But the only thing I would like for
46 it to be is to be given back to the Broadway folks,
47 according to the grant that was written for the boat
48 and according to the letter from our Administrator who
49 said that he would provide us another boat. He didn't
50 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

1 dollars. The majority of this money is coming from the
2 sale of the boat, the sale of jet skis, and drug
3 seizure fund, with the remainder of twenty-three,
4 twenty-four thousand dollars that's going to come from
5 the Sheriff's department capital.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Tom, he's got some more
7 points he wants to make.

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

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

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

26 RAY GRAHAM: I respect your opinion.

27 TOMMY DUNN: All in --0

28 CRAIG WOOTEN: Can I ask one thing?

29 TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead.

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

42 TOMMY DUNN: It is. They got the
43 manpower.

44 GRACIE FLOYD: May I ask ---

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

48 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, go ahead. We're way
49 over time, but go ahead.

50 RAY GRAHAM: We currently do not have a

1 full time lake deputy, period. At one time we did.
2 When the new Sheriff came in, due to restructuring we
3 do not have a full time lake deputy. He is looking at
4 possibly adding one back. And with that being the
5 case, hopefully at that time will be split between the
6 different lakes.

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

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

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

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

50 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

1 CINDY WILSON: Isn't Mr. Batson, our
2 stormwater director, in charge of opening or closing
3 ---

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

6 CINDY WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

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

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

15 KEN WATERS: Second.

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

19 GRACIE FLOYD: What was the motion?

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

22 Moving on. Williamston Update.

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

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, the last one.
50 Do we have to -- don't we have to vote on this?

1 TOMMY DUNN: What's that?
2 GRACIE FLOYD: About the Williamston
3 update.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Nothing to vote on.
5 GRACIE FLOYD: There's nothing to vote on?
6 TOMMY DUNN: Nothing to vote on. Brought
7 up for information. We ain't taking no action. We
8 ain't doing nothing.
9 RAY GRAHAM: I apologize, I did skip
10 that. Thank you for bringing that up to my attention.
11 Mr. Chairman, if I may?
12 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. Go ahead.
13 RAY GRAHAM: The EMS franchise, we were
14 going to discuss that in the Public Safety meeting. It
15 was removed from the agenda and it will be brought up
16 in the next meeting. Just for Council's update, it
17 will be ready to be voted on as an ordinance next
18 meeting.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. Why was it
21 removed, sir?
22 TOMMY DUNN: Wasn't ready.
23 GRACIE FLOYD: It wasn't ready? So
24 paperwork was ---
25 TOMMY DUNN: For the ordinance.
26 Ordinance wasn't wrote up. They're still working on
27 the ordinance.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Umh. Thank you.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 10,
30 Road Acceptance into the County Inventory.
31 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, you have those
32 roads before you. They've been through the approve
33 process as prescribed by the County Council.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody got a problem taking
35 all three of them at the same time? Anybody want to
36 make a motion?
37 CINDY WILSON: May I make a motion that we
38 take all three roads in the Road Acceptance item on
39 number 10, Norfolk Road, Woodson Street and Oak Ridge
40 Place in one vote.
41 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to accept
42 them into the county road system. They've met all
43 inspections and approval and meets the county
44 regulations and the staff's approved them. Ms. Wilson
45 puts that in the form of a motion. And ---
46 KEN WATERS: Second.
47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Waters seconds it. Any
48 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
49 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
50 unanimously.

1 Moving on to Item number 11 Appointments. Anybody
2 have any?
3 Moving on to Item number 12, Request from each
4 Councilman. Mr. Waters.
5 KEN WATERS: Yes, I have two that were
6 laid on everyone's desk. The first one is a transfer
7 to the CVB of fifteen hundred dollars for the
8 tournament this past weekend. And can I bring both of
9 them in the form of a motion?
10 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may.
11 KEN WATERS: And the second one, it has a
12 Part A and Part B. I'd like to do Part A and then
13 bring Part B up later when I find out how much money is
14 in the rec fund.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
16 KEN WATERS: The first one is two
17 thousand dollars to the Powdersville Youth Association
18 for a coaching clinic. And I bring both of those in
19 the form of a motion.
20 TOM ALLEN: Second.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
22 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
23 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
24 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Waters?
25 KEN WATERS: That's all. Thank you.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
27 TOM ALLEN: I have none at this time.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
29 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don't have any at this
30 time.
31 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
32 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I don't have
33 any at this time.
34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
35 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I'd like to make a
36 motion to allocate five hundred dollars to Meals on
37 Wheels for their 5K Connector Run. And I put that in
38 the form of a motion.
39 CINDY WILSON: Second.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten and
41 second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of
42 the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show
43 the motion carries unanimously.
44 Anything else, Mr. Wooten?
45 CRAIG WOOTEN: That's it, sir.
46 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
47 CINDY WILSON: Not unless y'all want to
48 loan District 7 some funds. Thank you.
49 TOMMY DUNN: I'd like to make a motion
50 out of District 5's rec account, appropriate a thousand

1 dollars for -- to move it over to the Special Olympics.
2 Put that in the form of a motion.

3 CINDY WILSON: Second.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: May I go back please?

5 TOMMY DUNN: We got to take care of this
6 first. We got a second Ms. Wilson. Any further
7 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
8 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
9 unanimously.

10 Now, Ms. Floyd.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: I forgot about the Special
12 Olympics area. I would like to allocate three hundred
13 dollars from District 2's recreation account to the
14 Special Olympics area.

15 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion.

16 CINDY WILSON: Second.

17 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
18 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
19 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
20 unanimously.

21 Anyone else have anything? Hearing and seeing
22 none, we'll move on to the Administrator's report.

23 RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, the only thing
24 is to remind Council at 11:30 this Friday at the new
25 PTI site we will have a ribbon cutting for the new test
26 facility.

27 TOMMY DUNN: That'll be on 81 North,
28 right?

29 RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

30 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

31 Be moving on now to 14, have a motion to go into
32 Executive Session to discuss legal matters on the
33 opioid litigation matter?

34 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make a
35 motion that we go into executive session to receive
36 information and discuss the opioid litigation matter.

37 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second by
39 Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
40 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
41 unanimously. We'll go right back here.

42 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

43 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

44 CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that
45 we come out of Executive Session having discussed and
46 received information regarding the opioid litigation
47 matter with no action taken.

48 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson,
49 have a second?

50 TOM ALLEN: Second.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in
2 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
3 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We have a
4 motion?

5 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 I can well see a prison farm that we start with
47 five hundred beds and with inmate labor increase to
48 about fifteen hundred so that ten years from now we can
49 have a large number of these drug offenders at least in
50 custody so we can manage their lives. The problem is

1 that they don't know how to manage their own lives
2 because of their drug problem. And if we could put
3 them in an institution where they have the opportunity
4 to dry out, maybe learn a trade, but stay off the
5 street and continue doing these crimes because of their
6 drug problem and their fees and fines, I think this
7 county would be better off as a whole. We need a
8 county prison farm. We need to start putting petty
9 criminals in jail thirty, sixty, ninety days, which our
10 current facility is not prepared for. I mean, we're
11 already bursting at the seams as it is. We need a
12 county prison farm. Thank you.

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

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

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

40 I'm a real estate guy. People want to be in places
41 that are clean. They don't want to be in a trashy
42 place, okay? And if we want to put Anderson County's
43 best foot forward we need to get smart, okay? We need
44 to appeal to the people that want to live in a green,
45 clean environment. And I mean, we dropped the ball.
46 I've met with Greg Smith. Gracie is my Council person.
47 She and I have been talking a little bit and I just
48 feel like there's just a -- such a mass of everybody
49 wants to do it. I mean, nobody wants to see this
50 trash. I agree with everything I've heard everyone of

1 you say about it. And it's just, there's a million
2 little things that we're going to have to do. It's
3 not, you know, it's not stuff that we can snap our
4 fingers and this and that and it's going to be taken
5 care of. But if we start the ball and do that million
6 things then we can make some tremendous headway.

7 One of the things that I think that we ought to
8 figure a way to do is just to get past jurisdictional
9 turf war issues. I had an unrelated thing that just
10 brought that -- really slapped me in the face last week
11 with the Sheriff's department between the city and the
12 county and just falling between the crack. Well,
13 litter, somebody might throw it out in my yard and I'm
14 right outside the city and then it washes down and it's
15 in the city, you know, a quarter mile down the road.
16 So, you know, and then it goes down in the water where,
17 you know, it affects everybody. I don't know if you
18 guys have seen the -- there's a -- it's on YouTube,
19 it's been on NatGo or something, but it's this guy
20 scuba diving in the ocean. And he's just swimming
21 through an ocean ---

22 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

24 That'll be it.

25 WILLIAM MEREDITH: That's it? Okay. Anyway
26 I'm working on this ---

27 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate you. Next, Mr.
28 Harmon.

29 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth
30 Fant.

31 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, friends. I
32 came across something in the packet tonight I don't
33 understand and I know you can't talk back to me, but
34 we're talking about waste management and litter and so
35 forth. It's the page -- the top of it is actually
36 chopped off a little bit, but it starts with the census
37 report and courtesy permits. And we have two down
38 there, one ninety-seven thousand five hundred. The
39 owner's name is Anderson County Solid Waste Management.
40 And the description says Green Pond Landing walls.
41 Green Pond Landing? Walls? Solid waste management?
42 Ninety-seven thousand. Then you skip one and come down
43 to another one and it's twenty-seven thousand three
44 hundred. Again, Anderson County Solid Waste
45 Management, Green Pond Landing power.

46 Can somebody, when you do your comments at the end
47 explain what that means, because I don't see anything
48 to do with waste management with either one of those.
49 And again, dealing with Green Pond, which we have put
50 so many millions of dollar in -- and I know, you're

1 going to talk about the Bass Masters and that's great.
2 And I'm glad we got fishermen coming to Hartwell, but
3 when is the end of this money pit and what's this for?

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

5 LEON HARMON: That's all, Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

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

20 On the 27th at the Anderson County library at 3:30
21 there's a public hearing on community block development
22 block grants through the COG.

23 And then on the 29th at the Cheddar Fire Department
24 at 11, Anderson County is hosting the trucking firms,
25 the tank farms, Kinder-Morgan, Lincoln Oil, and the
26 community in trying to establish safer routes and some
27 other safety measures.

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

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

33 CRAIG WOOTEN: Don't have any comments at
34 this time.

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

37 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
38 Just wanted to publicly commend all the county
39 employees that put in tireless hours to make the Bass
40 Masters a possible event. I know that brings a huge
41 burden on any community when you bring that many people
42 into an area, but from what I've gathered in talking
43 with public safety officials, it went off without a
44 hitch in it and definitely owes a lot of gratitude to
45 the county employees again spending countless hours out
46 there managing that.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Ms.
48 Floyd.

49 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Want to go back
50 to the Broadway Lake thing for a few minutes. Yes, I

1 am concerned. Yes, it bothered me because I am
2 responsible for a district and within that district
3 there are some things that's important to us. Think
4 about it for a few minutes. How would each one of you
5 feel if they took something from you and gave you a
6 letter saying you were going to get it back and then
7 they give it back to you but then they say the whole
8 area has got to use it. But anyway, that's just how I
9 feel about it and that's my district and I will fight
10 for it.

11 I read in the newspaper that there was a -- there
12 were green lights placed in the water up at Green Pond
13 and I think it coincided with St. Patrick's Day? Don't
14 know if you all read about it or heard about it or you
15 had any questions, but I did -- I do. My questions
16 will be answered. I will get in touch with somebody
17 who can tell me why was it done. I read the story and
18 it said something about putting the lights under the
19 something or other for the whatever. But it didn't say
20 how long it was going to be there. It didn't say how
21 much it was going to cost us. Or anything else. And
22 I'm a little bit concerned about that. Okay?

23 I'm not going to make a -- I'm not going to make --
24 I'm not going to apologize for the questions that I ask
25 because a lot of the time I'm asking questions that you
26 don't know the answers to either. And if I don't know
27 the answers to it and you don't know the answers to it,
28 who knows the answers to it? So I will always ask
29 questions. If I get fussed at, hey, I'm tough. I can
30 handle it. I just give it back just as good as I get.
31 But I have some things that are going on now that I'm
32 worried about. I'm worried about. Not enough
33 information about it. But I'll leave it at that this
34 time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

36 TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
37 First of all, I want to apologize on the boat thing, if
38 anyone felt that I was belittling what occurred out
39 there, that terrible accident, I was not doing that at
40 all. So I hope no one got that impression. If you
41 did, I'm sorry. It's not what I meant.

42 Moving on to some good news. For the past couple
43 of years we've been looking at the airport terminal out
44 here. We've had a lot of problems with it. We thought
45 about trying to do an upgrade on the terminal. But
46 there was very little grant money available to do that
47 and it was going to cost us a fortune to replace the
48 roof, the heating and air conditioning systems, the
49 carpet. The restrooms are extremely small and they are
50 non-ADA compliant. So in other words just a lot of

1 problems out there. And we've got a lot of traffic
2 coming into the airport. We have a lot of corporate
3 jets coming in. We had a lot of logistical jets coming
4 in also, delivering supplies. So we've tried to find
5 some way that we could improve the terminal and the
6 easiest way to do it, actually, was to attempt to build
7 a new terminal because there's a lot more grant money
8 available for that. And we got some really good news
9 today. And we got a preliminary notification that we
10 can -- we will -- can receive one point two million
11 dollar grant from the Commerce Department to start on a
12 new terminal. And I would personally like to thank Mr.
13 Burns, for one, and Justin Julian the manager out at
14 the airport. Also our delegation and Mr. Steve Newton
15 for working on this thing to try and get some dollars
16 in here to do that.

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

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

49 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Mr.
50 Waters.

1 KEN WATERS: Yeah. What a great weekend.
2 The Bass Masters broke a record. I think you can label
3 Lake Hartwell as a championship lake. I went to all
4 three of the weigh-ins, especially Saturday night when
5 they were making the cut, I listened to professional
6 bass fishermen talk about how tough the fishing was.
7 And so these guys were good to be where they were at.
8 These were the number one fishermen, you know,
9 nationwide. So I think, you know, we could probably
10 label Lake Hartwell as a championship lake because
11 these guys had a tough time and they were actually
12 seeing fish and couldn't catch them and, you know,
13 trying very hard. So read some of the articles about
14 those guys. And, you know, it was a very good
15 tournament. Very good for Greenville, Anderson, Oconee
16 and Pickens County because all four of those counties
17 benefitted from this tournament.

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

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

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

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

45 Also got the air show coming in in a couple of
46 months. And so, there's something to do here in
47 Anderson now. And these are very good things. The
48 numbers for the Bass Masters was a hundred and forty-
49 three thousand, which was five thousand more than the
50 top one. Last time the air show was here that was

1 about fifty thousand people showed up for that, I
2 believe. So people have stuff to do now. And one of
3 the things about it is, these seven can't do it. So
4 there's a lot of good ideas out there that people have
5 that, you know, feel free to start those ideas, you
6 know, because one of the hardest things to do is to
7 finally say -- look at things and say, you know, I
8 can't be a part of everything. And that's a tough
9 thing. And you know, we can sit and look at all the
10 good stuff that's happened, but there's a lot of other
11 good things that can be happening.

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

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

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

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

50 Also want to thank all the Anderson County

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

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT ?? P.M.)