State of South Carolina  
County of Anderson  

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2018  

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

ALSO PRESENT:  
RUSTY BURNS  
LEON HARMON  
LACEY CROE GAERT
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TOMMY DUNN: ... order the February 6th Anderson County Council Special Presentation meeting to order. Like to welcome each and everyone of you here and thank you for coming. At this time I’d like to call on Tom Allen for Resolution 2018-008. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My mike is working this week. All right. This resolution actually was presented a few days ago and we wanted to read it tonight, though, in order to get it officially into the records. So this is Resolution R2018-008. It’s a Resolution to Congratulate and Welcome Papa’s and Beer Mexican Restaurant to the Piercetown Community and other Matters Related thereto.

WHEREAS, Papa’s and Beer Mexican Restaurant has been a business partner in the Anderson community for over six years with their current location at 160 West Beltline Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Papa’s and Beer Mexican has been a good neighbor in our restaurant community; preparing entrees with quality ingredients prepared in traditional Mexican fashion; and

WHEREAS, Papa’s and Beer Mexican is a place where locals, families and friends gather in a diverse environment and experience authentic Mexican fare;

WHEREAS, Papa’s and Beer Mexican on January 16, 2018 is expanding its eatery and opening a new neighborhood Mexican café at a new location on Highway 81 North near the I-85 interchange in the Piercetown community; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County is fortunate to have corporate citizens of vision and commitment that step forward to energize our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that: The Anderson County Council congratulates Papa’s and Beer Mexican Restaurant on their expansion as they open the doors of the Highway 81 North location, and extent well wishes on this new endeavor providing fresh, authentic Mexican food at an affordable price to the Piercetown and Anderson communities. Your dedication to this community is greatly appreciated.

Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of February, 2018.

And I put that in the form of a motion, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen.

Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anything else, Mr. Allen?
TOM ALLEN: No. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 2(b) Resolution 2018-009. Vice Chairman Ray Graham.

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I bring forth this in the form of a motion. Resolution 2018-009. This is a Resolution to Commend and Honor the Grove Fire Department and its Volunteers Firefighters for Fifty Years of Dedicated Service to its Residents; and other Matters Related thereto.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council considers it a privilege to recognize and celebrate Grove Fire Department and its members for fifty years of steadfast and excellent service for their call of duty in safeguarding the lives of their fellow citizens and their properties in their community and for making Anderson County a safer, better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Grove Fire Department began service in 1967 and is one out of 28 fire departments in Anderson County Fire System; and

WHEREAS, Grove Fire Department through the dedication of its countless volunteers and the support of the community has evolved to provide the highest level of fire and rescue services to its residents and all citizens of Anderson County; and,

WHEREAS, Grove Fire Department and its volunteer firefighters provide an instrumental and invaluable commodity in protecting lives and property for our citizens; a personal compassionate service that is not taken lightly, rather executed courageously and fearlessly with safety of others at the forefront of every call; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council recognizes that the key to success in a community is its people especially those who demonstrate qualities of vision, dedication and servant leadership; stepping forward to guide, direct and energize the community, often at a considerable sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council and the residents of Anderson County are pleased to recognize and to celebrate Grove Fire Department and its members for fifty years of dedicated service to the community; the Anderson County Council is especially appreciative of the volunteer firefighters and their willingness to sacrifice their time and self to protect the citizens of Anderson County.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of February, 2018.

I bring forth this in form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? I’d just like to add, I really appreciate all the volunteers. Want to thank Grove Fire Department for what all they do for Anderson County and all of its members. Small, very small but well together knit community. Lot of fathers and sons and now mothers and daughters been in that fire department for years. Chief does a fine job down there and Marty’s just such a glutton for punishment; he’s on the school board, too. We appreciate what all y’all do. All in favor of the motion. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could have Grove Fire Department’s representatives step forward.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll move on now to Item 2(c) 2018-010 Resolution. And, again, Mr. Tom Allen. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have another individual to recognize this evening. This is Resolution 2018-010. This is a Resolution to Recognize and Express Profound Appreciation to Mr. Steve Hartsell for his Extraordinary Contributions to the Quality of Life and Welfare of the Double Springs Community and to Anderson County as a Whole; and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Hartsell has served the Double Springs community in Anderson County with distinction for many years, so much so that he is well-known as the unofficial “mayor of Double Springs”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell has leveraged his considerable leadership ability and tireless work ethic to advance Double Springs Park, where his endless generosity with his personal time and energy has been indispensable to building, maintaining, and improving the Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell served for many years on the Anderson County Transportation Committee, working to disburse funding responsibly and strategically to provide the best and safest possible County roads, bridges and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hartsell has set an influential example for his fellow citizens through his inspiring dedication to his wife and family; and I’ll add to this to his church, also.

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Anderson County, the Anderson County Council, with gratitude
for his many years of committed service to the Double Springs community, Double Springs Park, the Anderson County Transportation Committee, and to Anderson County as a whole, do hereby congratulate Mr. Hartsell for his distinguished contributions and express our best wishes to him and his family for their continued success and happiness in the years to come.

And everything I just said here applies to the real brains of the outfit sitting right next to him and that’s his lovely wife, Mary, who has been indispensable in the Double Springs community. Has done a tremendous job out there and we certainly thank you, Mary, for all you’ve done, too.

This will be RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 6th day of February 2018.

And I’ll put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion from Mr. Allen, I think the whole Council seconds it. Any further discussion? I’d just like to say on behalf of the Council, also, Mr. Hartsell, we really appreciate what you’ve done and as Mr. Allen said, not only for the community but for Anderson County. Always looking forward to working with you. Always had the best interest of Anderson County at heart and we really do appreciate it. And not long ago you had a good job of trying to help keep Mr. Bowen straight up that way, too, on the lake, so we do appreciate that. Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: The Hartsells are well known for, among other things, being the breeders and producers of some wonderful beef cattle and quarter horses. Not to mention the wonderful community leadership. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.

Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Could everyone step down for the presentation here.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the Regular Anderson County Council meeting of February the 6th to order. Like to welcome everyone, each and everyone here for coming out tonight. First item of business I’d like to ask Vice Chairman Councilman Graham if he’d lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. If we’d all rise, please. 

(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM)

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I would like to take a few minutes right now to introduce someone who ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Before you would, I’d just like to say -- might be going to say it, but this is for the record -- Ms. Floyd means no disrespect. She’s got some back issues is reason she wasn’t standing a while ago. Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’d like to introduce to you Markecia Brock. Ms. Brock, would you please stand? Ms. Brock is shadowing me until the month of April, I think it’s going to be. So you will probably see her a lot. If you -- if we see each other, okay. But I just want to welcome her to -- I think this will be her first meeting. She is studying at the University of South Carolina. Yeah. And she is a registered nurse, also, at the hospital. So I’m very proud of her and very pleased that she chose me to shadow. But Ms. Markecia Brock. Thank you for coming.

TOMMY DUNN: Welcome.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

Moving on, any corrections to be made to the minutes of January the 16th, 2018. Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. On page 34, line 50, Bleckley Street was misspelled. It should be B-L-E-C-K-L-E-Y. And that’s the only thing I noticed. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Ms. Wilson, make a motion to accept the minutes with that correction?

CINDY WILSON: May we accept the minutes as corrected. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion, we have a second? Second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

At this time we’ll go into Item number 4, Citizens Comments. When Mr. Harmon, our legal counsel, calls your name, please state your name and district for the
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first citizen signed up is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 2. I sat in on the Finance Committee meeting yesterday. I’m going to talk about Item 13 1(d).

I sat in on the Finance Committee meeting yesterday and listened with interest to a lot of the goings on there. And there was a report from one of the County employees about the purchase of three Juniper switches. Particularly the EX3400-48P. Now, I notice that the state contract pricing that was given to us was three thousand six hundred and sixty-nine dollars each.

Well, I went to Google and I typed in Juniper EX3400-48P. As you all are well aware Google tells you everything about everything. And the first five entries were other locations that these could be purchased. Now, there is a company called InteraSource that sells these same switches for one thousand three hundred and ninety dollars. Now, that’s a two thousand two hundred and seventy-nine dollar difference between what it can be purchased for if somebody had done just a little due diligence and just going and buying it off a state contract price. Now I know employees feel safe in buying at a state contract price because it’s a contracted price. But the risk that you run there is, at the beginning of the year, electronics are a hot commodity and they’re at top price. By the end of the year that same item has usually fallen to almost half price, when the next generation of item has come out and so forth. So I don’t know if it’s that we have employees that are just not doing the due diligence to go and find deals and they’re just relying on state contract pricing to justify paying the price. But of this eleven thousand dollar contract, six thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven dollars of it could have been saved, if we’d gone to InteraSource rather than whatever company we bought it from.

Now, I don’t know if we go to our vendors and say, hey, this what we need to do and they say, okay, well, this is what you need. Or if our vendors come to us and say, hey, you need to be able to do this and this so you need this. So I don’t know what the relationship is, but I just know that we are overpaying enormously for some things and electronics is probably one of the worse culprits. Thank you.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker
ELIZABETH FANT: I’m speaking on, I’m speaking on number 10 -- Elizabeth Fant, District 3 -- on the landfill question. I went to the meeting that Cindy Wilson and Mr. Graham had at Cheddar last week on the landfill situation and there were probably about 50 people in the room, all hot. Not happy campers.

The problems that they are experiencing are the same ones they’ve been experiencing for the last twenty years. Means nothing is getting done. Same problems. Biggest thing is the landfill is operated at 24 hours a day. The stench is still horrible. The buzzards are circling all around. The trucks fly up the road, throwing rocks from the road. Children are out playing. They -- you can’t let your children out anywhere near there. I still know of five different families that I know that have been affected by cancer.

We’re not doing a good job of helping our citizens. It just seems to me that we’re focusing so much on economic development and that dang Green Pond Landing that we’re not doing -- you all are not doing -- the job that you were entrusted to do.

One of the biggest things that the government is supposed to do is look after the safety and health of its citizenry. And these people are really suffering.

Now, it was a good meeting in the fact that Mr. Graham -- I’m glad to see that District 3 was there representing and Cindy wasn’t by herself as she’s done so many times in the past. And it looked to me like y’all were trying to really get some input from the citizens. But I just hope this is not going to be another case of whoop-de-doo. And then it just dies out. This time I intend myself to intervene if that’s what I see is going on.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

No item on 5 or 6.

Item number 7(a) Ordinance 2018-002 a Supplemental Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2017-016 will be taken up during the Finance Committee’s report.

Item number 7(b) 2018-003 an Ordinance authorizing a fee-in-lieu-of Tax Arrangement on behalf of Project Spindle (the “Company”) pursuant to a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina (the “county”) and the company; authorizing a 5-year extension of the investment period for all investments over the statutory minimum investment; authorizing the
execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Financing Agreement (IFA) granting certain infrastructure credits to the company. Mr. Nelson, you like to ---

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. If Council --

Mr. Chairman, members of Council. Project Spindle is a ten million dollar investment of an existing industry. They’re a -- over a -- more than a fifty year old European based company, corporation that manufactures technical fabrics for a variety of industrial uses. They’ll also be creating seventy-one new jobs with the expansion with an average pay of sixteen dollars and fourteen cents per hour, an approximate annual payroll of two million two hundred and seventy-two thousand. This will include a fee-in-lieu agreement for thirty years with first year taxes -- current taxes paid on the expansion property are a little under a thousand dollars. The -- when the taxes are paid in 2020 for the first time, when the project is in full operation, first year’s tax is nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars. And over a thirty year period, two hundred and thirty thousand dollars in property tax for the first year. Community impact of five million, and a twenty years community impact of sixty-seven million.

This comes to Council as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Advisory Board. We respectfully request you give favorable consideration to this project.

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

KEN WATERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters and second Ms. Wilson. Now any discussion, any questions, anything for Mr. Nelson? Comments. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Appreciate it, Mr. Nelson, y’all keep up the good work.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

Appreciate your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Item number 9, Report from the Civic Center Adhoc Committee meeting held January 23rd. Don’t believe there will be no need for Executive Session. Chairman Waters.

KEN WATERS: At this time we are working on a contract to have someone manage the Civic Center and the Anderson County Sports Center out there. So we don’t have the contract, yet, but that’s the goal of what we’re trying to put together.

TOMMY DUNN: Once the contract’s given
it will be brought back to the Ad Hoc committee for
review and then to the full Council.

KEN WATERS: That’s correct. So if
there’s any suggestions, please, Mr. Burns and he’ll

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TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd? Ms. Floyd’s got
a question.

GRACIE FLOYD: The only thing we’re doing
in this case is just looking at contracts. We haven’t
really hired anybody -- we haven’t even started a
search for this program, yet. Have we?

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, the county put
out a Request for Proposal nationwide, looking for
people who would be interested in managing the Civic
Center. We received one response and we are in
negotiations with those people right now. As Mr.
Waters pointed out, the Ad Hoc committee met with
them. We have taken the input from the Ad Hoc
committee. Mr. Harmon is putting a contract together.
The contract will go back to the Ad Hoc committee and
then go to full Council.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: While we’re on this subject
I have something I want to ask. Last year, 2017, I
was assigned to that group, but because of my illness
I was unable to participate. And you’ve already said
that the last year’s committee would go forward again
this year in 2017. So from here on out, I would like
to take my place on the Civic Center Committee,
please. I would like to be informed on any type
meetings or whatever that’s going on. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Anything else,
Mr. Waters?

KEN WATERS: That’s all.

TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else have anything?

Questions or comments.

Be moving on to Item number 10 now, Report from
Ms. Wilson on the Cheddar Community meeting held

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We held a meeting over at the Cheddar Fire Department
on the 30th of January. We had a large group of
residents and landowners there. And our county was
represented by County attorney Mr. Harmon, and Solid
Waste Director Mr. Greg Smith, and Districts 3 and 7.
We focused in that meeting on the facility issues,
negotiation process as it related to the original
landfill disposal contract and the sale of the
landfill. And that was where the community met with
the company and came up with basically some rules for the roads so to speak.

Among those rules, the main issues negotiated were hours of operation of the landfill, the truck routes of the trucks using the landfill, cleanliness of trucks leaving the landfill, cleanup of the litter blown offsite, the establishment of an advisory committee, implementation of recycling efforts, protection of property, the final elevation of the lateral expansion, and the aesthetics of the landfill.

And the parties agreed that the main routes for trucks coming and going to the landfill were from I-85 to Highway 8 to Midway Road to Cherokee Road to Beaver Dam Road to Highway 20 to Big Creek Road. Or from Anderson Highway 29 North to Broadway School Road, to Highway 20 to Big Creek Road. From Highway 25, Highway 247 to Murphy Road to Big Creek Road.

The company was supposed to have placed a toll free number decal on its trucks where persons could lodge complaints when they recognized adverse condition or behavior. The company was supposed to place fencing necessary around the landfill to control litter leaving the site. The company was supposed to have cleaned up litter along the public roads. The county was supposed to educate the general public about disposal of trash in general and recycling efforts in particular. The company was supposed to file with the appropriate federal agencies for permit or permits to control the buzzard population which had taken up at the landfill and to implement control actions as approved. The company was supposed to in general promote beautification efforts to minimize the adverse effects of the landfill. And they were supposed to set up an advisory committee with the community. And also, they were supposed to prevent leakage from its trucks going on to public or private property. Many of these conditions that were put into place have not been met. And that has been a very difficult situation for the community.

We came back with basically a punch list of those items that needed to be resolved and needed to be incorporated in the contract going forward with the landfill. Mr. Greg Smith made a wonderful list and I’ll read off this to you. The Anderson Regional Landfill runs 24 hours a day and that’s in violation of existing agreement. The community said the host fee should go to the Cheddar community and Belton for the fire department and other community needs. The foundation of the Big Creek Road was not correctly installed due to mud and soft ground during
construction. And the residents want the Big Creek Road to be repaved.

Now those items are under review with SCDOT as we speak. The residents requested no trucks on Murphy Road. An update on that, we’ve had three or four tanker overturns on that road with spills in the last 18 months. So that is also under review. The Rector Road area had water coming onto private property issues that they wanted to have reviewed. Our county DOT is reviewing that. The intersection of Cannon Bottom Road and Big Creek Road and Mahaffey Road, there’s a dangerous sight distance issue there. SCDOT and the county DOT are reviewing those issues as we speak.

The trucks are coming non-stop into the landfill in the community. The smell of the landfill is dreadful. There are Massachusetts tags on trucks and many speeding vehicles. Mr. Smith has had the transport police contacted, so hopefully the weights and the speeds will be resolved there. We need the Sheriff’s Department to place a deputy on Big Creek Road from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM due to excessive speeding. It is very dangerous. School students and workers from the steam plant were the main ones it identified.

Since then Duke Power has notified us that the work at the Lee Steam Plant will be complete some time next week and they also contacted the highway patrol to police the area and catch the speeders. Trucks leaving on Rector Road and onto Big Creek Road are running the stop sign and they were wanting some measures put in place to stop that problem.

Trucks coming in after hours of operation at the landfill in violation of the agreement. Neighbors are awakened by loud clanging of trucks dumping all night long. Large amount of truck traffic. They want a list of disciplinary actions for trucks and companies and have some consequences employed there. They wanted the tire wash to be made to work. Apparently it has very rarely worked over there. Surge coming off of the tires when leaving the landfill has been known to bust windshields and all kinds of trouble there. The fuel trucks coming on to Crawford Road, again, those are a serious consideration. And the buzzards and the sea gulls. And they want weights of the trucks at the landfill verified. Transport police are on that. They want the taxes cut on property around the landfill and reassess the property due to the landfill, fuel tanks and steam plant. Mr. Graham will be addressing that shortly and he’s working on
that right now.
There’s a home -- there’s at least two home owners
along Big Creek Road that have stated that their
foundation is compromised because of the heavy truck
taxi and hitting the potholes. We’re hoping to
have that resolved with the road straightened out.
There was also the need of some type of a muffler on
the generators or walls around the generators dealing
with the methane gas to muffle the loudness. Mr.
Smith is addressing that with the landfill company
right now. They were also requesting that the
landfill and Kinder Morgan contribute money to the
fire department as those are volunteer firefighters
and they are trained to deal mostly with residential
fires, but with the fuel tank farm, the landfill, the
sewers, the pipelines, the ethanol facility, the
railroad, that is truly a terrorist dream and it’s a
very dangerous situation. So we need to have our fire
departments over there properly trained and equipped.
They also requested that water taps be placed for
residences along Compton Road and some of the other
areas due to suspected well contamination. It should
be noted that years ago there were serious well issues
over there and water lines were run to help those
residents over there. Also they wanted the litter
needs to be picked up every day on Big Creek Road.
Mr. Smith is working with the company on that. A lot
of litter -- not just people throwing out, but from
the trucks, even with tarps, it’s blowing out. They
want environmental enforcement on Big Creek Road and
Broadway School Road more often. They were there all
of this past week. They want the landfill to cover
the trash with dirt every day and not to use the tarp
system. There were also issues with the stench from a
product that’s being brought into the landfill and
DHEC and the company are being worked with to mitigate
that problem. They want the host fees to pay for
another officer over there and they want speed limit
signs and kids at play signs to put in the area. And
also guard rails on the road at the creek on Big Creek
Road.

The community is developing a committee to better
communicate and coordinate these and other efforts,
along with the facebook site, to make reports and
photos of suspected violations more available.
And now, if I might have Mr. Graham to provide us
an update on his efforts. And he has been so
wonderful to have over there. Everybody was so
grateful to have more people. Thank you.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
Just ---

TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Graham. If you can, Mr. Harmon has instructed we’re out of time. Can we ask for five more minutes of this to get this through with? Can we get it completed?

KEN WATERS: Make a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion, second Mr. Waters. All in favor of the motion to extent time five minutes show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

All right. Go ahead, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’ll definitely make this short. The biggest thing, as fellow Council members see, this is a huge list. Realistically speaking, though, if we go down the list, there’s a lot of items that we as a county can control. Ms. Wilson and myself, we have already contacted different divisions within the county to start working on some of these items. Some of them’s just -- honestly it’s just some real quick fixes.

A couple of things in the meeting, one thing they brought up was they wanted their county taxes done away with. Well, we know as a county, we cannot do that. But in the same respect, I heard their plea and Ms. Wilson did, as well. We’ve contacted the assessor’s office and what they’re doing is ensuring that the property values that are placed on the residents in that community has bearing of the fact that they’re right beside a landfill. They’re basically looking at the landfill’s taxes, they’re looking at the vacant lots, the farm land, and those taxes. They’re also looking at the residents where homes are actually -- add on to tracts of land ensuring that they are getting the correct tax base that they should be getting.

A lot of the other things, we do have a transport police scheduled to be coming out there. Captain Barn, if you would, I been communicating with Chief Mitchell on that and also with the code enforcement officer to kind of be in that area, you know, an hour or two a day or something. If you could pass that on, just to make sure at least for a few weeks or whatever until we can kind of get a handle to see where our needs are, maybe see if the code enforcement deputy can maybe just patrol that periodically. We would definitely appreciate that.

But the biggest thing is that they have -- this community has spoken and spoken loudly year after year after year. My mindset is that landfill wasn’t built and wasn’t put there this year. That’s something
that’s been ongoing. But in the same respect if
something that as a county that we can correct, you
know, through our personnel or through something as
simple as putting some sign up, putting a speed bump
on our property; the county actually owns thirty acres
coming out of the landfill. One of the concerns, the
trucks don’t stop coming on to Rector Road. That’s
our property. Put a speed bump. I mean a big truck’s
going to stop then, because that’s going to cause some
jarring if it doesn’t. I mean, that’s a simple fix,
stuff like that. And to me, I mean, it’s just a
matter of us kind of being diligent as far as going
through this list and seeing what we can correct.
We’re not going to remove the landfill, but we can
make it a better community for some of these items
that they brought to the concern.

Ms. Wilson, thank you for allowing me to attend
that meeting with you. And I’ll definitely look
forward to trying to get some of this situated.

CINDY WILSON: Bottom line, this trash
business is not out of sight for that community. It
may be out of mind for a lot of us living elsewhere,
but it does have a cost monetarily and
environmentally, and I really appreciate everybody on
Council trying to work together to make things a
little better for those folks. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on to Report from The Public Safety Health
and Human Services Committee. Mr. Graham. Chairman
Graham. It’s the report from the February 1st
meeting.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is basically just to update as far as some of
the items that we’ve discussed at Public Safety. One
of them, the Sheriff’s Department, everybody should
have it in their agenda package, just an update on the
National Institute of Corrections Study. We are
moving forward with that. It’s been kind of a slow
start as far on that, but hopefully that’s starting to
pick up and we’re going to get some actions in place
with that as that committee moves forward.

As far as Pelzer Rescue Squad, they brought forth
a proposal to EMS Director Steve Kelly and myself
about possibly placing an ambulance in place at Three
and Twenty where we have been housing a QRV for the
same price that it would cost us to operate the QRV.
And looking at this proposal with Mr. Kelly and Ms.
Rita, we basically determined that it’s kind of a no-
brainer. I mean we’re getting a bigger bang for the
buck with the ambulance that’s capable of offering
full service for that twelve hour period for the same
cost that we'd be offering a QRV. We brought forth
this in the form of a motion at Public Safety. It was
passed a hundred percent.

At this time, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to bring that
forth from Public Safety that we approve allowing
Pelzer Rescue Squad to have that contract for the
remainder of this budget year for basically the same
cost that we're operating the QRV.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming
from the Public Safety committee doesn't need a
second. Are there any discussion? Yes, ma'am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please repeat the
motion?

RAY GRAHAM: The motion would be --
we're currently paying for a QRV through county funds,
through the EMS budget. Pelzer Rescue Squad has
brought forth a proposal that they would place an
ambulance in -- and that's actually located at Three
and Twenty Fire Department -- and basically that we
place an ambulance in that place of the QRV. The
county would be saving the money of the operations of
the QRV and giving that money to Pelzer Rescue Squad
for a full time ambulance for the twelve hours a
shift.

TOMMY DUNN: And that will be at ---
RAY GRAHAM: Three and Twenty.
TOMMY DUNN: Three and Twenty sub
station in Slabtown.
RAY GRAHAM: Yes. The call volume in
that area has drastically increased due to the growth
in that community and we -- the Public Safety brings
that in the form of a motion due to hopefully bringing
them back in compliance.

TOMMY DUNN: This area has been long
needed and when Mr. Kelly took that job, he done a
study and seen it could be justified, which we already
pretty much knew that. And it's no thing. Bottom
line is, no doubt ambulance is better, in my opinion,
best thing for it. But a QRV is better than nothing.
So we've got a chance to get an ambulance here for the
short -- for the remainder of the contract things is a
pretty good no-brainer. Anybody else have anything?
GRACIE FLOYD: Can we ask questions?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Where is this -- I can't
get a -- what area is this?
TOMMY DUNN: If you go up -- be District
4 and District 6 area. It's -- you go up Liberty
Highway and turn right on Highway 88. It's out that
way in the Slabtown community. You remember, Ms.
Floyd, the -- several years ago they put the -- can’t
think of the name of the road, Mr. Waters would know,
but they put the landfill up there. We had that big
discussion about the landfill. It’s Hamlin Road.
It’s in that area before you get in there. Be backing
up Pendleton.
GRACIE FLOYD: How many QRVs do we have? I
thought we only had one over in Pendleton.
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Ebenezer.
TOMMY DUNN: We had one in Ebenezer and
we had one in Williford. And they been -- they
switched -- they have since been switched out to
ambulances. The only QRV we have now active is the
one in Slabtown.
GRACIE FLOYD: Ebenezer doesn’t have one
any more?
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. They got an
ambulance down there.
RAY GRAHAM: Ms. Floyd, we actually --
if I may ---
GRACIE FLOYD: I understand the question,
I understand. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Anybody else
have anything? Go ahead, Mr. Waters.
KEN WATERS: This is a good thing. I’m
very surprised. This kind of -- it’s kind of like a
Christmas present. You know, this is something that’s
moving forward. That area is very busy. They have
quite a number of calls. And I’m excited about this
because the West Pelzer actually put forth an effort
to do something and that’s what we look for from these
EMS.
TOMMY DUNN: Well, this is what it’s all
about, in my opinion what EMS -- our local thing, but
it’s community driven.
KEN WATERS: Yeah.
TOMMY DUNN: This is that. But not only
is that area growing in call volume, but it puts
another ambulance on the street for when Mr. Kelly and
the county gets the system working like it’s supposed
to, to move around and rotate to back one up when
one’s on call and everything.
KEN WATERS: That’s right.
TOMMY DUNN: I think it’s an excellent
thing.
KEN WATERS: I’m very excited about
this. I wasn’t expecting it and I really appreciate
West Pelzer for putting forth that effort. Thank you,
sir.

TOMMY DUNN:       Pelzer.
KEN WATERS:       I’m sorry. Pelzer.
TOMMY DUNN:       Talking about West Pelzer Fire Department. Yeah. That could be fighting words in some places.
KEN WATERS:       I don’t think nobody was here to hear that.
TOMMY DUNN:       All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON:     Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
The first item for our committee’s consideration was the pavement management presentation by Mr. Steve Lander, PE of the Kercher Group from Raleigh, North Carolina, who was introduced by Mr. Holt Hopkins. It is the desire of our Roads and Bridges Department to have a more scientific evaluation and analysis of the county’s road system to better plan and prioritize road care for our county. It is believed that the methods used by this group would create a more sustainable county road map with analytics using up-to-date data providing goals, policies, intelligent decisions based on a business process review, project selection, performance measures all resulting in a more cost effective management. This company would provide the software and software training and consulting engineering to the county. The cost for this service in the first year would be approximately half a million dollars and would not include the municipalities. We expressed that the municipalities should be invited to participate if the county chooses to engage this group. Mr. Hopkins stated that the Roads and Bridges Department has the funds to pay for the service as many personnel vacancies remain unfilled in his department. Our committee voted in support of the proposal as presented but pending a review of the written proposal. At the start of our Finance Committee meeting yesterday we were advised that an expense of this magnitude would require to be bid out. And since that time each of us has at our seat the written proposal and we are expecting a little more information. I don’t know how y’all want
to handle that. I do think it would be appropriate
for us to read it and maybe vote the next time.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. I think we
need some time to study this.
CINDY WILSON: All right. And then -- we
then voted to go into Executive Session to receive
legal advice and updated discussion with respect to
the county’s solid waste disposal contract. Much of
the concerns expressed in the original FIN agreement
would be expected to be incorporated in a new contract
with the landfill. Mr. Harmon, Mr. Smith, and others
are working on the contract and related issues. We
anticipate that the community and our county tax
payers will be encouraged by the progress on this
important matter.
And I want to thank everyone again, for working so
hard on this issue. And thank you, Mr. Graham, it’s
been so nice to have, you know, other Council members
present, too. Do any of our committee members have
anything else to add at this time? And that is our
report from the Planning and Public Works Committee.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for all y’alls’
work. If there’s no objections, can we take about a
five minute break?
(BREAK 7:10 PM to 7:15 PM)
TOMMY DUNN: Call the meeting back into
order. And at this time we’ll move on to Item number
13, Report from the Finance Committee meeting held
February the 5th. At this time, Chairman Waters.
KEN WATERS: Does she want to step up?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The first item,
we’re requesting permission to purchase ten 2018 Dodge
Chargers for the Sheriff’s office. That’s off a state
contract, Performance Automotive, three hundred and
six thousand three hundred. And that is coming out of
the one point nine that was originally budgeted for
the Sheriff’s office.
TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
Committee doesn’t need a second. Are any discussion
or questions? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor
of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to Item (b).
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Requesting
permission to purchase 26 tablet Computers for the Sheriff’s department patrol cars. It’s coming from Control PC. It’s a sole source purchase because they’re the only manufacturer of these ultra rugged advanced mobile data terminals. They only sell to First Responders. This, too, will be coming out of the one point nine that was set aside for Sheriff’s vehicles and upfit.

TOMMY DUNN: Any question? Coming from Finance Committee, again, doesn’t need a second. Any comments or questions? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number (c).

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. We’re asking permission to buy an aligner machine with a cabinet for the fleet services. It’s coming out of our lease money, twenty-nine thousand one thirteen ninety-two. And it, too, is sole source from Mohawk Resources LTP.

TOMMY DUNN: This is a replacement item coming out of their thing. I think the one they got is over twenty-five years old and having a hard time getting parts for it. This is coming from Finance Committee meeting. It doesn’t need a second. Are there any questions or comments? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number (d), 3(d), Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. We’re asking to purchase three Juniper Switches. This is so that they can be CJIS compliant. It closes the loop between the EOC towers 3 and dispatch so that the transfer of data between those three locations is secure. It will be paid for from a combination of LEMPG grant funds and E911 tariff funds.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Just like to -- Mr. Graham I think has a comment.

RAY GRAHAM: Sorry, had to get my microphone on. Yes, Mr. Chairman. We -- Mr. Pressly, just for your input earlier, I personally thank you for that. But we are going to look into that and see what does this entail. My recommendation is we move forward with it tonight, but I mean we’re definitely going to shop and see if we can get this switch cheaper.

TOMMY DUNN: All what the reason is, why it’s this way.

RAY GRAHAM: I honestly -- I know it’s
got several items out beside this and I’m not sure if what you’re looking at has got those same items. But I mean, we’ll definitely compare apples to apples, if we can get it cheaper. Again, we appreciate that input.

TOMMY DUNN: And not to throw nobody under the bus, but this comes out of the Sheriff’s Department. People, radio people and all, IT people were looking at doing this and we’re going to, like Mr. Graham said, make sure it’s apples to apples. Make sure there’s no installation involved or what not. Make sure it’s the best. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. I was going to ask if we could check into it further. And we do have some great citizens.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, the fact is, Mr. Graham has already started during this meeting checking into it.

TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen and then Ms. Floyd.

TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you. I’m glad you brought that up because I was going to do it, too. And I know a place I worked before, we were buying computers on a five year contract. We’re paying three thousand dollars for them. And on that fifth year they were selling for a thousand out in the open market. But we had to go with the state contract. So we definitely need to look at this. And we may end up with this, but maybe, I think we can do better.

TOMMY DUNN: Well, the thing is, make sure it’s apples to apples. Ain’t a reason for this. That’s the thing what is. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I, too, was very interested in what Mr. Pressly had to say. It seems as if, though, however, that somebody, now what’s that word due diligent, would have looked at that before and have known that. And I don’t like the idea of well, let’s just go ahead and buy the five dollar one and we’ll look at the one dollar one later. Could this be put aside till the next meeting, maybe?

TOMMY DUNN: Well, I think we can do it now with the caveat that they going to look and see if it can be bought cheaper; it will be bought. We need to make sure first of all, in my opinion, that it’s apples with apples. Make sure this ain’t no thing or whatnot. But we are not going to pay that if it can be bought cheaper. Is that to everybody’s ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t understand. What you’re saying is that we’re going to just approve it,
but we’re not going to buy it until we actually look at the other cost of it?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. That’s right.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So what we’re doing tonight is just going ahead and clearing the way to buy something? We’re not going to go ahead and buy that most expensive one right now.

TOMMY DUNN: I’ll make a motion here in a moment. I’ll make an amendment to this to clarify.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? I’ll make an amendment to the motion that the Sheriff’s Department checks and makes sure, compares apples with apples, make sure it’s comparing and if they can get this cheaper, let’s buy it cheaper. Let’s make sure it’s the same thing what they want to and it’s got all the things. And if it does get the one less expensive. But if it’s not -- for some reason, it’s not what they was wanting or what they specked out, or the installation is not included or whatnot, then they go ahead with this. We’re approving this money but it could be lower. That’s my motion. I hope I cleared things up.

RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now, any discussion on that? We have to vote on the amendment. Show of hands. Amendment is unanimous. Now we vote on the main motion. All in favor. Vote is unanimous.

Now going on to Item number (e), a backup solution. Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. If you don’t mind, we’re going to table this. Mr. Carroll needs to bid this out, we have found out. So we’re going to skip over that at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Item number (e) will be pulled to a later date with more things.

RITA DAVIS: That’s correct.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Moving on to the next item, Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. You have before you the State Homeland Security Program. There’s two grants, one from your SWAT team, one from the Haz-Mat team. It was approved unanimously by the Finance Committee. You’ll see that there’s capital involved. There are chemical protective ensembles, air purifying respirators, and breathing apparatuses. Also, that’s on the SWAT side. On the Haz-Mat side, they have wireless remote detectors for the gases and chemicals
that may be -- they may encounter. And also a host
computer and wireless modem that supports that
equipment. There is no match. It also includes five
thousand for exercise support. And these items -- all
these items are on the Homeland Security list that we
have to have and it's fully paid for by grant funding.
In other words, the state was recommending that we buy
these items.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
Committee again doesn't need a second. Are there any
questions or comments, discussion? Hearing none, all
in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 5, radio fees.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. This is -- we're
requesting permission to turn on up to thirty-five
radios. This would allow for us to pay the forty-one
dollar monthly fee. That is, if it's necessary. Mr.
Mark Williamson, the CFO at the Sheriff's office, is
working closely with Mr. Hawkins. They're doing a
complete physical inventory of all of our mobile
radios throughout the county. They're hoping to have
that done no later than April 1st. I think the
Finance Committee tasked them to expedite that; let's
get this done. We feel like some of those are going
to be turned off. Therefore, we may or may not need
any of these turned on. So we know we've got the ten
cars that you just approved. Ten of these radios will
be in these new cars. But you're turning one off and
the other one on. So this is just seeking permission
so we don't have any down time, especially in those
ten vehicles that we're purchasing because we're
getting to the critical stage for our deputies to
having vehicles. So this is just a communication, so
it'll be ready to go once the vehicles are on site.
It will be paid for by the E911 tariff funds.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion or
questions? Coming from Finance Committee, again,
doesn't need a second. All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

Before we move on, get into some of the
supplemental budget, we got some special people here
tonight. Guest people that represent us on the
airport commission. I'd like to recognize them.
Chairman, I believe Mr. Don Acevedo, Dr. Tomlinson and
Ms. Watkins. We appreciate having y'all here tonight.
Welcome y'all and thank you for coming. Thank y'all
for what y'all do at the -- service to the county by
being our airport advisory board. Ms. Davis.

TOMMY DUNN: Let me, if we can, as we go through these, if I’m not mistaken, y’all correct me if I’m wrong. I wasn’t at the Finance Committee meeting. But I believe the Finance Committee voted to pull this up, Items 1 through 7, take two out and vote on it separate, is that not -- I’m asking. Is that not correct?

KEN WATERS: Correct.

TOMMY DUNN: So, Ms. Davis, what I’m saying is, when you go through this, go through 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. That’ll be voted on and we’ll come back to 2.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, you’ve lost me. I don’t know what you’re talking about. This is the only thing that I’ve gotten. What are we -- is there something else we’re supposed to have?

TOMMY DUNN: The supplemental budget should be in your book.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, this is what I’ve got.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s it. That’s it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But what are you talking about 1 through 7?

TOMMY DUNN: This is the things they’re going to have, the list -- the list right here what you go. I just got them numbered. And the airport terminal -- this was the recommendation from the Finance Committee to pull this out and vote on it separate versus those things in that thing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now I went through this last -- yesterday some time. But does everyone have what you have there?

TOMMY DUNN: I doubt it. It’s just mine. I made it. But you’re welcome to it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, no.

TOMMY DUNN: You got another one of these, Miss Lacey?

GRACIE FLOYD: It’d be nice if we all had one.

KEN WATERS: She can have mine. I’ve got one I left in the car. You can have -- if you don’t mind my doodling on it.

TOMMY DUNN: I call it my cheat sheet to help me keep up with notes about what -- making things. That’s all it is. Y’all got the same thing, I just got some -- I’m sorry -- just got some things to help it up.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Could we start getting everything that you have so we can keep up, too?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. I got no problem with that.
GRACIE FLOYD: We’re not Chairmans, but gosh, what you have ---
TOMMY DUNN: This is just something I asked for to help me through and I’ll be more than glad if they want to give it to anybody. I asked for this in my thing. I’m a little slow and I have to have this to help me keep up.
GRACIE FLOYD: Does anybody else have one?
KEN WATERS: I got one at the Finance Committee meeting.
TOMMY DUNN: She’s got the same thing you’ve got, Ms. Wilson. Only one that got this is me and Mr. Waters.
Now, getting back where we at. We’re on the same page. Talking about everything but the airport terminal. That’s separate.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.
RITA DAVIS: Okay. I would want to point out that laying at your desk for the four members who aren’t members of the Finance Committee, we are talking about the one that has the yellow highlight on it that was laying at your desk when you came in today. Not the one that was in your agenda packet. Basically the same thing, but there’s just a few yellow highlighted items that was explained at the Finance Committee. Thank you.
GRACIE FLOYD: Will you go over ---
TOMMY DUNN: She’s going over it. She’s going to explain it.
GRACIE FLOYD: Will you explain these things to us who were not at the Finance Committee?
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That’s what she’s fixing to do. She’s going to go over them.
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. This one that was laying at your table.
GRACIE FLOYD: You will explain those?
RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
RITA DAVIS: Most definitely. Let me just start by saying that the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 in the general fund. It was a very good year. And so, it finished the year about three point two million to the good. Basically that was because of salaries and associated fringe benefits. Keep in
mind, salaries and fringes are about sixty-five to seventy percent of our entire budget. Anyway. But due to vacancies we finished the year really good. So two point seven million of that the Administrator is recommending these items for supplemental budget appropriations that we need. The first item is building demolition. We originally budgeted fifty thousand, asking sixteen thousand be added to it so that Mr. Newton can finish up the neighborhood improvement program. This is costs that is not covered under the grant. The next item is legal. We’re asking a hundred and twenty-five thousand be added to that account for a total of two forty-seven two fifty. The next item is ---

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute Ms. Davis.

Think Ms. Floyd’s got a question.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. I asked the same question yesterday. I know this is a supplementary ordinance and this is when you go back during half of the year and you put more money into different budget items here. But I’d like to know why, because we sat down and we did the budget.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And we did -- we had all of our stuff together and we made the budget and now we’re coming back. Now when I asked the question yesterday I really forgot what I was told, but could you tell me why it went from a hundred and twenty-two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars to two hundred and forty-seven? Did we sue somebody or did somebody sue us?

RITA DAVIS: No. No, ma’am. That was basically me gambling that we were going to not have to spend as much in legal and we did. I started to ask Council to do two fifty, but we were trying to balance the budget and I was hoping that we could get by with about a hundred and twenty-five thousand. But unfortunately we need -- and we spend that about every year. But we were just gambling that hopefully we wouldn’t have to this year. But unfortunately we’re going to have to, it looks like.

GRACIE FLOYD: So you’re saying that nothing really happened to increase those costs that much over the year?

RITA DAVIS: No, ma’am. Not really. It’s just normal ordinary legal. And I’ll know next year not to -- to make sure that we budget about two fifty.

GRACIE FLOYD: Was it about two fifty last
year?

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma’am. And the building demolition is because we took that money out of that account first of the year to demolish those mobile homes in Homeland Park area because Steve Newton didn’t think he’d need it. Now he realizes he does. And he originally asked for that.

The next item is part time salaries. Dr. Sanders says that she needs about ten thousand to get her through June 30. That’s because she’s not getting inmates and she needs to have the cages clean before she opens up to the public every morning.

The next item is medical supplies. She needs about sixty thousand in medical supplies. To her defense, she asked for two hundred and ten thousand at budget time, and again, we were just trying to balance the budget and cut her to the bare bone and this would get her up to about what she asked for. She’s doing more surgeries than ever out there.

The next item is twenty-five thousand transferring it out to the grant fund; that’s a grant match.

The next item is transferring out a million dollars to the airport. That’s so that the runway rehabilitation -- Council previously voted to make it a hundred and fifty feet versus a hundred so that that’s what we have currently. We want to pave and rehab that. And in order to do that the FAA wouldn’t cover that additional fifty feet so we need this one million dollars. Sir, that’s the first six item.

GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me. Excuse me. I know that most of the money, I think, for the airport was because of a grant.

RITA DAVIS: FAA and state money.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, whatever. But you said that this one million dollars is not a grant and this money’s coming from ---

RITA DAVIS: The general fund. Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And that’s to keep the airport runway at a hundred and fifty feet instead of the one hundred that they want to cut it back.

RITA DAVIS: Correct. Yes, ma’am.

Council has already voted on that bid, voted to do that and this will get the money there so that we can accomplish that in conjunction with the FAA and state aeronautics grant. Yes, ma’am. And so, we’re skipping over the next item. And I just wanted to bring your attention, the rest of page 1 is just
governmental accounting in and out. There’s nothing new down there. What I just described to you, those first six items, money coming out of the general fund. The remainder of page 1 is money going into those funds to accomplish the objectives that Council wants to do. That’s all the supplemental.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee meeting it don’t need a second. So now we’ll have discussion and Ms. Floyd, you got the floor. And then Ms. Wilson.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Tell me about, anyway, about the transfer out capital project that went from six hundred and fifty thousand to two million one hundred and twenty-five. Tell me about that one.

RITA DAVIS: Well, that’s the one we’re skipping over right now, ma’am. On page 2, we’re not talking about that at the current time. We’re just talking about the first six items. You skip over the seventh item and all the rest of page 1 ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Got it.

RITA DAVIS: --- is what you’ll be voting on.

GRACIE FLOYD: Got it. Okay. Good.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was the one who objected to considering that with the entire supplemental budget. I’m withdrawing my objection right now, because I’ve been assured by several Council members we will have money for funding for paving next year and that was my concern -- that if we didn’t have money for paving, that would be quite bad. So my objection has been withdrawn. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion on items -- first items Ms. Davis talked about? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on, Ms. Davis, to the airport terminal.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. That would be the seventh item that you see on your sheet under general fund appropriations. Asking Council to approve basically up to one point five million. You see on your sheet it’s one million four seventy-five three hundred. And that would be matched two million that we have in grant funds coming from the federal and the state sources. So you have two million in grant funds, up to about one point five from the general fund for a total -- keep in mind, though, the bids don’t come in until March 1st, so we’re trying to
get our ducks in a row, if you will, so that we can be
ready to do the terminal when the bids are received.

   TOMMY DUNN: And keep in mind, fellow Council members, if we don’t get this grant money from
the state and federal money like we anticipate we won’t be spending this money. Does that make sense?
We’ll have to come back and look at something else.

   But again, coming from the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. So open the floor for
discussion. Any more discussion or questions for Ms. Davis or Mr. Burns. All in favor of the motion show
of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. And keep in mind, this is the
first reading. We have two more readings on these things. Thank you, Ms. Davis. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. Anything else?

   KEN WATERS: That’s all.

   RITA DAVIS: Transfers, sir.

   KEN WATERS: Transfers.

   TOMMY DUNN: Transfers. There is something else. See, between both of y’all and you’re letting me fail. You want to hit that?


Thirty thousand to professional services in the Sheriff’s support services department for the housing
and the feeding of the horses that were seized awaiting for the court case disposition. And lastly that four point -- four million eight hundred fifty-four thousand five hundred, that’s just taking it from one object code to another. That’s all that’s doing.

That’s it, sir. Just three.

   TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee it doesn’t need a second. Open the floor up for discussion.

   GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

   TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

   GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I had several questions about the transfers.

   TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

   GRACIE FLOYD: Number 1, here’s one that we had because something happened to the printers and they need to replace toners and cartridges for imaging. But -- and they transferred money from training to supplies. Ma’am?

   TOMMY DUNN: That’s in the Administrator’s report. We can bring that up in just a little bit. That’s not in -- these are the only transfers that we have, Ms. Floyd, from the Finance Committee, is those three right there. And that’s
just a housekeeping thing about money. This was -- the museum asked for that seventeen dollars and the Sheriff needs this thirty thousand.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t have that.

TOMMY DUNN: It’s on that sheet there you got. It just ain’t broken down. Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Where? See, yours is written out where it says transfers. Mine’s not like that.

TOMMY DUNN: No, it’s not. But it should be -- transfer in general fund. See that’s that and that’s that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yours is all broken down, mine is just one lump sum. But I will take this for now, but the next time, break mine down, too. Okay. Good. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Open the floor back up for discussion. Mr. Harmon, and I’m going to ask this. I think I know the answer, but I’m going to ask anyway. This -- is there anything at all the Council can do when these court cases come up and we have to house different animals and we’re footed with the bill? I mean, you know, somebody -- and I ain’t talking about just these horses. I mean we went through this on dogs, cats, puppy mills, like this. And you know, sometimes, the court does -- they’re working themselves so hard it might be a year before they get to some of this stuff.

LEON HARMON: The court does have backlogs. I’m not sure there’s a whole lot we can do about that, but certainly -- and I have done this on some of these cases, I’ve worked with the clerk to see if they can work a little bit faster.

TOMMY DUNN: I know you have and the clerk’s been real good. Is there anything we can -- and I know -- anything we can think about maybe trying to get some help from our friends down in Columbia about something another. I mean we ought to be able to get some restitution back for the taxpayers of Anderson County on some of this stuff. I mean if they’re found guilty.

LEON HARMON: Yes. But here again, we’re trying to get restitution from those individuals who weren’t taking care of the animals in the first place and a lot of time there’s -- I mean we could ---

TOMMY DUNN: I know what you’re trying to say. Might not have nothing. You know how the old saying goes, you can’t get blood out of a turnip. I told a man that one time and he said, yeah, but I’ll get the turnip. So it’s just something to think
about. I’m just saying this thing, some of this stuff is a little frustrating because we’ve been through this with these dog cases and dog cases and sometimes it’s the same people you’re dealing with. We do this on horses and it’s expensive. And I want to take care of these animals, don’t get me wrong, but I just think if these people were to have to pay up some it might make things a little bit different.

LEON HARMON: Well, what we try to do, Mr. Chairman, is actually get control of the animals as quickly as we can ---

TOMMY DUNN: And we should.

LEON HARMON: --- so that we can put them to auction or dispose of the animals in some other way by finding appropriate homes for the animals. I don’t mean just to get rid of the animals.

TOMMY DUNN: A good home.

LEON HARMON: To get a good home for those animals. And so the quicker we can make that happen, of course, the less expense we will have in housing the animals until that occurs.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: One of the issues is that when we seize the animals, and it goes to court and of course we have to hold them and expend the money to get them healthy and all, but if we can come up with some kind of dispersal ordinance on particularly the large animals where once they’ve gone through court they can be turned over to a rescue immediately, then the final outcome for those animals would be far better.

For example on the horses, it ended up we had three auctions scheduled for the first batch that came in and every time there was an appeal. There were different people in the community who had lined up people to take those animals that would have given them a good home. Well, you go six, eight months later and those people were no longer available or they had already found something else.

The other issue is prior to, I guess about the middle of 2016, we had a good arrangement where the Sheriff’s animal control people would call a rescue down in Greenwood County that we helped to fund. And we also -- other organizations funded them. They would go pick up the animals, get them through triage and all. They were successful in getting those animals relinquished and not having to go through court.
But something changed in mid-2016, so now we’re having to deal with it in this manner. And it’s very costly and may not have the final outcome that’s best for those animals. We need to look at an ordinance to turn them over to appropriate rescues. And I think we can work on that. And I’ve got a call into Chairman Edda Cammick over in Oconee County. She was telling different groups that they have a different procedure and maybe we can see what they’re doing to help mitigate the expense and have better outcomes.

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am. Ms. Wilson, I’ll be glad to look into that.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.

Anymore discussions on transfers? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m going to abstain.

TOMMY DUNN: All opposed and all abstentions. Show in favor, Mr. Water, Mr. Allen, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten, Ms. Wilson; and Ms. Floyd abstains.

GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please state the reason why I’m abstaining? Or may I say it?

TOMMY DUNN: You can say it. You can speak for ---

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m going to abstain because I don’t have the information where the transfers are coming from. All I have is a total. I don’t have it listed if it’s here, here, here. And I want to see that. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on now to appointments. I don’t have no list. Does anybody have any appointments? Anything come up?

Requests by council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I do. I have -- I’d like to appropriate two thousand dollars from the District 6 rec fund to Wren Youth, and I bring that in the form of a motion.

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

KEN WATERS: That’s all I have. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes. From my recreation funds I’d like to do take six hundred dollars out for the ACTC Student Radio situation and from my
recreation account. And I put that in the form of a
motion.

KEN WATERS:       Second.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from Mr. Allen. Second by Ms. Wilson.
TOM ALLEN: It’s a Tech school out in Williamson. Yeah, I’m sorry.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anything else?

TOM ALLEN: That’s all I had.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: Three years ago I appropriated seventy thousand dollars to the city of Anderson for their paving. As of this date, the city has not used those funds yet, and I want to recall it to put it back in District 2's paving account. And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd’s got a motion, we 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. Ms. Floyd, anything else?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, that’s all I have.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: I’d like to appropriate three hundred dollars to the ACTC Student Radio.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr. Graham. We have a second? 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. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: That’ll be it.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: I’ll appropriate two hundred fifty dollars to the ACTC Student Radio from District 1 rec account.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: District 7 would like to appropriate two hundred to the ACTC Student Radio trip.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion, we 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.

I’d like to also appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars out of District 5’s rec account to the ACTC Student Radio. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 16, Administrator’s Report.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, I have nothing, but I believe Ms. Floyd has a few questions.

GRACIE FLOYD: I do. May I ask?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m concerned about the transfers. Usually I’m not, but have one or two in here that I think that we need to be cognizant of.

And that was -- one of the ones is that it says in the reason for the transfer, it says due to the expiration date of the discount coupon, family illnesses and a death in the family there was not an opportunity to submit a transfer prior to purchase. I don’t like that. I think that we need to stay away from that.

In other words, we didn’t have time to get this work done up because we had a family death and we had illnesses in the family. But every department has more than one person. And in each department it shouldn’t be where one person stops the show. Or one person is relied upon to do everything.

This particular one was purchased before Council had a chance to vote on it. And I don’t think that we should allow that to go on like that. If they waited too late for the expiration date on the coupons to expire or somebody got sick or a death, there should be somebody else in that office who can carry on while that person ... That was one of the ones.

And I had another one here. Some time ago we were talking about transfers and we came up with the fact that at the end of the year we talk about how much insurance we have to pay for each employer and how much it costs us and how it goes up every year. But yet at the end of the year during that time people were robbing the employment benefits and health insurance accounts and transferring it to the other place. And at that time we said we were going to stop
that. We were not going to do that, allow that to happen. If insurance is that high, and we know how important it is, whatever is left in there should stay in there to carry over to the next year. But ten thousand dollars was taken out of that fund to put somewhere else. I don’t -- District 2 just doesn’t approve of that.

That was the only two. The others were explained and they had pretty good explanations to them, except for the one where the office has three LexMark printers and it required toners, and cartridges for imaging. Well, I just felt like that should have been placed in the budget. The money for that should have been in the budget because you know you’re going to have problems with your machine. You know you’re going to need equipment or whatever you want to call it, supplies for your machine. So my thing was, why wasn’t it put in the budget to begin with. They took it out of training. It seems that we need to keep what we can do in training so we can keep up with what’s going on in this world.

And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on to Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please restate your name and district. You got three minutes and address the Chair, please. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Frank Pressly.

FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 2. Mr. Chairman, the switches that we were discussing, I looked at all the components of everything that’s listed here and I see that they’re pretty much standard on all of these with 48 ports.

TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Graham’s already got an answer for that. Already got an answer.

FRANK PRESSLY: All right. So I don’t think it’s an apples to apples comparison.

TOMMY DUNN: Don’t think so, but like I said, Mr. Graham will be addressing that.

FRANK PRESSLY: Okay. The other thing I was little disappointed is the report that we got back on the QRV proposal. There’s -- we didn’t get a lot of meat in that discussion. I looked in the packet and there was only an agenda sheet in there. There wasn’t really much else said. I’m assuming this is the QRV proposal and the update on the National Institute of Corrections study has to do with the jail. And I’m hoping that that’s not the avenue that
we take. There’s a lot of public interest in the issue about the jail. So I hope that we don’t take secrecy or not completely reporting to the public what’s going on as the avenue of choice. There are a lot of people interested in what happens with that jail. So if we could keep the information flowing and keep the public advised as to what’s going on, I think it would be to all of our benefit.

TOMMY DUNN: All the meetings will be public and will be announced. Sure will. Next.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Some housekeeping things, and I didn’t know Ms. Floyd and I were going to talk about the same thing. But if you’ll look at in under number 16 area, you get to the one on Veterans Report. I had to fill it in. There was no title there. So this is a semi-annual report of report, but nothing up there at the heading. Supposed to be the Veterans. I don’t know whose oversight that is. This is the kind of thing. You can’t put this in public record if you don’t know who it is that’s doing it.

Here’s another one. Budget transfer for juror fees to books and publications, ?? division. Budget transfer on PAWS, public works, supplies, chemicals, supplies, cleaning, went to supplies medical which is okay. But we also just gave them money on the front end when we were doing the supplemental budget. So we just need to be careful with that.

We have a problem in Anderson County. It’s a big problem. Drugs. Twice in the last two weeks I’ve heard Jay West speak on the opioid crisis and what the legislature is doing on it. It’s not only the opioid crisis, it’s crack, it’s heroin, it’s pink, it’s drunk drivers, it’s people who are smoking marijuana. We have a big drug problem. When you talk about the landfill, any kind of landfill, you need to realize that everything that we consume that we can’t consume is going there. And everything that you do consume in your body is going through your body and it is going into your toilet, your sewer and eventually water treatment. We’re killing ourselves. The landfill up in Slabtown, I understand was a done deal. No pun intended. It was done while there were hearings and zoning requests and all of that. People went to Columbia to protest it. Somebody got money under the table for that deal. One of the people who went to that hearing -- one of those hearings in Columbia has confided in me that they actually met the attorneys from the Mafia. They introduced themselves as
attorneys for the Mafia. So don’t say that the Mafia is not involved in landfills and waste management, because they are. The landfill up at Slabtown has no liner.

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on is Remarks from Council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A quick comment on the C&D Landfill up at Slabtown. That was the done deal before this Council came on. It’s a disgrace that it happened in that manner, but it predated this group.

I am going to request that for our next Council meeting in consideration of coming up with funding for paving, that we have a report of budget to actual revenues and expenditures for mid-fiscal year 2017-2018 budget year if we could do that at the next Council meeting so we have some idea of where we are. And that will give us a good lead-in for budget consideration. But I greatly appreciate everybody working so hard. We covered a lot of territory and it’s nice to have help. Thank y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, two things. I was in a couple of committee meetings and it seems to be a recurring theme that, you know, staff will propose some things and I’ll say, well, do you need Council approval? And they say, no, no, we just want your blessing. And I’m like, well, if you think it’s a good idea, then we should be empowering staff to make those decisions and to move forward on it. If it’s in their budget and they’re the experts of their particular realm, and I feel like we’re in an economic upswing and it won’t last forever. Sometimes we’ve had to micro-manage in economic downswings to make sure that budgets were correct. But we -- if prices of houses are going up and economic development is going up, this is the time for us to empower staff to move forward and right some of the wrongs that we haven’t been able to right in the past. And so going into this budget season, that’s not an indictment against them, that’s an indictment against us. That’s, you know, that’s not to hold anybody unaccountable. But to allow them to do their jobs and to move forward and if they see problems, fix it. And if they need resources, tell us and let’s get them resources. So you know, things like the landfill,
don’t linger for twenty years. And we can move forward.
And the second thing I just wanted to announce that my wife and I are expecting our fourth child and so ---

TOMMY DUNN: Congratulations.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you. -- and so I joked earlier my fragile retirement plan has now been demolished. And maybe in next year’s budget we can talk about child care at meetings. That’s it.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten and congratulations.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Just a couple of things. Again, Mr. Pressly, thank you for taking the time to do the research on that. A couple of the pricings around the area that you have, is actually reconditioned switches. So I definitely would like to get that information from you to determine if it is truly an apple to apple. One thing about the ones that we are pricing with the company -- and in defense for the Sheriff’s department this is on state contract so technically speaking, they should be a better price. But in the same respect we should do our diligence to ensure we’re getting the best price for it. But as far as this particular switch and this estimate here that I can speak for, this switch here provides support along with the purchase of this so that’s probably part of the difference. Is it feasible to be that much of a difference? I don’t know. Again, we need to look and make sure the fifteen hundred dollar price range that you’re looking at, is it a new switch or is it reconditioned? Because now the ones we’ve looked at for this price is reconditioned. And actually that wouldn’t be apple to apple. But I mean, if we can get a new switch for that price, we might can add some support service with it and still be way under the price that we’ve got.
So we definitely would like to get that information from you on that. I’ll be glad to meet with you after the meeting to get that, if that’s possible.
As far as one other thing that I’ve got. One of the comments, and I hear this so often when we’re talking about the National Institute of Corrections, that we’re here to build a jail. We’re actually not. That is not -- and again, if you look on the agenda, it plainly states Update on National Institute of Corrections study. The study is not to determine when and where we’re going to build a jail. The study is
to determine how can we make that system more
efficient. And that’s the very reason they have went
through a process of putting people on committees and
getting this together. It’s still early stage. But I
mean the purpose of it is to truly look into how can
we get the justice system to work better for the
citizens, for the people that -- for the inmates that
comes in. Are there ways that we can offer them
treatment, whether it’s drug rehab, whether it’s some
type of education. I mean the key there is to
basically cut off the problem. And we’ve got to give
these people an opportunity to come out and be a true
resource to the county, to their families, to the
areas they’re living in. That’s what the study is
for. The study is not to build a jail. And I kind of
got touchy every time I hear that, because that’s not
what I’m after. And I truly believe -- I know Chief
Mitchell, Friday was his last day, but I know his
direction was not for that. And I know the Sheriff’s
direction is not to build a jail. In the past, yes,
that was the direction they wanted to go. But that’s
not the Administration. We want to know what our true
need is for Anderson County and how can we help every
citizen in Anderson County. And that includes the
incarcerated ones. Some of them that I actually
locked up over the years. But I mean we want to
change that pattern and get them where they have an
opportunity of coming back out into the community and
stepping up their game and being a resource to their
family to help raise them and in doing so, that’s what
the study’s for. It’s not to build a jail. So I just
wanted to clarify that.

And if you’ve ever got any questions as far as how
we’re putting the public safety meeting together,
please by all means, ask them, I’ll be glad to explain
anything I can to you. I definitely appreciate your
input and thank you for coming.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I have two,
maybe three things. We’re having the Taste of Soul
again this year on the 23rd of February. I have some
fliers for you. Last year we were -- we had Mr. Allen
came by and had a very, very good time. Excuse me.
And Liz Fant was there. We had a very, very good
time. Would like for you to come by. What it is is a
fund raiser event for our community in District 2.
And they have the best cooks in the world down there.
And they get together and they make what’s called soul
food. Now, you can call it what you want. But it’s
the same food that you ate when you were little. And
what I’m talking about. It was collard greens and
corn bread and this and that. Pigs feet, and I love
them. They had all of that down there. And we would
like for you, Mr. Newspaper man, I want you to come,
too, this year. But it’s really a lot of fun. If
you’ve never tasted mustard greens before, this will
be a good time to do so. The tickets are twenty-five
dollars a piece, but it’s worth every bit of the food.
Okay. In fact, the first year we had so much of it
left, we had a huge crowd, but they were able to take
food home. Did you take any last year? Did you get
to take some food home last year? It’s really good.
Give us a try. Don’t be a snob. Come on by and let’s
hob-knob. Okay.

Another thing, I was reading the Greenville News,
yesterday’s paper, and they had an article in there --
don’t know if Anderson Independent had it or not --
but the article said Help Feed South Carolina Kids
during the Summer. Did you hear about this one?
Okay. This is a summer food program that is offered
in camps, schools, in parks and da-da-da, where the
children will come to the place and get a hot meal, I
think a lunch meal during the middle of the day. And
sometimes these are the same kids that get the free
lunch thing. They are looking for people to sponsor
it. They’ve got the money to pay for it, but they’re
looking for places and people to volunteer. And they
have -- they’re going to train you how to do it.

When my kids were growing up, they worked during
the summer in the parks helping with this program.
That was their little job. When they were thirteen
years old, they would go down to the park and they
would help serve the food, meet the food truck, get it
all organized. But if you have a company or a club or
something and you’re looking for something to do,
please, maybe even your church would be interested in
something like this. It was in the Metro column of
the Greenville online news.

Okay. And going back about this jail thing, I
didn’t know what the study was for, but I do know that
I have been hearing for the past 18 years that I’ve
been sitting up here that we do have a problem with
our correctional institute and that we would have to
do something about the crowdedness of the jail. I’m
not talking about no committee now. That we would
have to do something about the crowdedness of the
jail. That if we don’t get to build a new one then
they’re going to come down here and build it for us
and that’s a fact, Jack.

And I thank you for listening. And I’m through,
and I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I’d like to, first of all, congratulate the economic
development folks here in the county. I know a
bulletin came out this week from the Chamber, or I
mean the state Department of Commerce about Anderson
County being number 1 in the state last year for
economic development. And since 2009 we’ve brought in
approximately three point three billion dollars in new
industry or expanded industry in the county. So that
speaks very highly for Mr. Nelson and the Economic
Development crew that’s worked so hard to do that and
I wanted to thank them for that.

Second thing is just to make note that at this
time I do not plan on running for Council the next
time. So I wanted to make that announcement tonight
so that anybody else that wants to throw their hat in
the ring will have a chance to do that. Several
reasons for it. I’ve enjoyed working on Council, I
really have. But I’ve always kind of been a proponent
of term limits. If somebody wants to stay for a long
time, and they’re in a good position, doing a great
job, I have no problem with that. But I still kind of
lean towards term limits. I would note, too, that my
wife’s going to be retiring this spring. And we’d
kind of like to have a little bit of time to travel
some before we get too old to be able to travel. And
finally, if I look at this one way, I’ve spent half of
my life in public service of one kind or another. I
spend over 22 years in the military serving the
country, 4 years on the Anderson County Board of
Education, it will be 10 years on the Anderson County
Council. That comes out to 36 years. So, that’s half
of my lifetime spent in public service, if you will.
So in the past 30 years, my wife and I have had 2
vacations in 30 years. So we thought it’d be kind of
nice to take a break and get to do some other things.
I still want to stay involved with Anderson County and
I’m not going to go hide under a rock somewhere. But
I will give somebody else the chance to toss their hat
in the ring and a chance to excel and do something
great on the Council. So I just wanted to make note
of that tonight. And I thank you and all the Council
members. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. It’s
been a pleasure. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: Mr. Wooten, if you’re going
to need a babysitter, Mr. Allen’s going to have some
spare time. That’s bitter sweet news, I’ll tell you.
Mr. Allen has been -- made some key votes in his reign
as a County Council person for District 4. He’s been
a good friend. You know that’s one of the things that
I’ve always said. We’re friends up here and so after
this is over with, you know, I’ll still be looking for
some of his guidance because he’s a very intelligent
man. And you know, going to be missed greatly. This
is -- I tried to talk him out of it a couple of times,
but I understand, you know, why he’s doing it. And
there comes a time when everybody will make the
decision like that. Anderson County, just looking at
the supplemental budget and all that, it’s kind of
like standing in a forest and you turn around and you
can touch a tree. You start looking at all the good
things that’s happened and he’s been one of the key
votes in the majority of the good things. The
economic development. When I first came on Council,
he was here and we were excited to see a ten dollar an
hour job. And you know, just going back and looking
at all that and his guidance, his experience, it’s
going to be greatly missed. And I can’t say how many
good things he’s done just because there’s so many.
You just start touching the trees. And I wouldn’t
mind being one of his dogs because he treats his dogs
great, you know. But you know, he’s going to be
greatly missed and there’s a lot of good things that
he’s done and so I appreciate his friendship. Thank
you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Wrap things up,
I just want to say -- all I’m going to say about Mr.
Allen’s thing, I’m not going to say a whole lot about
that and boo-hoo because if you heard Mr. Allen, he
said his plan thing. You know to make God smile
sometimes we talk about we got plans. Well, He knows
that and our plans can change. So let’s keep that in
mind and there’s still hope there.

Number 2, I want to welcome and appreciate Captain
Vaughn, runs our jail for us in Anderson County has
done an outstanding job, appreciate him being here
tonight in the Council meeting. Want to appreciate
Ms. Casey Collins. I know she does an outstanding
job. Ms. Collins, hear a lot about what all you do
and I want you to know this Council -- you don’t go
unnoticed, it don’t go unnoticed. I just want to say
that in public record, we really appreciate the job
you’re doing and helping them out over there and
keeping them straight. If there’s any way we can help
y’all, you let us know, okay. We really do appreciate
the job you’re doing. Number of good things about
you.

Want to appreciate, as Mr. Allen said, economic
development in Anderson County. You know some people
try to dirty something up whatnot. Want to tell you
something. The way to give everybody, to help
anybody, and give them a leg up, is a good job. And I
hope that’s one thing we’ve tried to do and get that
and train people to be able to do it. And we got some
things coming down the path very shortly about trying
to help people get started and get them job training.
It’s great, but that’s the way you help somebody, give
them, help them get a good job. And I appreciate each
and everyone of y’all. Meeting adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.)