

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 CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... order the February 6th
2 Anderson County Council Special Presentation meeting
3 to order. Like to welcome each and everyone of you
4 here and thank you for coming. At this time I'd like
5 to call on Tom Allen for Resolution 2018-008. Mr.
6 Allen.

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, Papa's and Beer Mexican has been a good
21 neighbor in our restaurant community; preparing
22 entrees with quality ingredients prepared in
23 traditional Mexican fashion; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Papa's and Beer Mexican is a place where
25 locals, families and friends gather in a diverse
26 environment and experience authentic Mexican fare;

27 **WHEREAS**, Papa's and Beer Mexican on January 16,
28 2018 is expanding its eatery and opening a new
29 neighborhood Mexican café at a new location on Highway
30 81 North near the I-85 interchange in the Piercetown
31 community; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:

36 The Anderson County Council congratulates Papa's
37 and Beer Mexican Restaurant on their expansion as they
38 open the doors of the Highway 81 North location, and
39 extent well wishes on this new endeavor providing
40 fresh, authentic Mexican food at an affordable price
41 to the Piercetown and Anderson communities. Your
42 dedication to this community is greatly appreciated.

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

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

46 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen.
47 Second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none,
48 all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
49 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

50 Anything else, Mr. Allen?

1 TOM ALLEN: No. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
3 2(b) Resolution 2018-009. Vice Chairman Ray Graham.
4 Mr. Graham.

5 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
6 bring forth this in the form of a motion. Resolution
7 2018-009. This is a Resolution to Commend and Honor
8 the Grove Fire Department and its Volunteers
9 Firefighters for Fifty Years of Dedicated Service to
10 its Residents; and other Matters Related thereto.

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

19 **WHEREAS**, Grove Fire Department began service in
20 1967 and is one out of 28 fire departments in Anderson
21 County Fire System; and

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

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

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

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

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

50 I bring forth this in form of a motion.

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

14 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could
15 have Grove Fire Department's representatives step
16 forward.

17 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

18 TOMMY DUNN: We'll move on now to Item
19 2(c) 2018-010 Resolution. And, again, Mr. Tom Allen.
20 Mr. Allen.

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

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

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

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

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

49 **WHEREAS**, on behalf of the citizens of Anderson
50 County, the Anderson County Council, with gratitude

1 for his many years of committed service to the Double
2 Springs community, Double Springs Park, the Anderson
3 County Transportation Committee, and to Anderson
4 County as a whole, do hereby congratulate Mr. Hartsell
5 for his distinguished contributions and express our
6 best wishes to him and his family for their continued
7 success and happiness in the years to come.

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

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

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

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

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

34 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
35 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
36 Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Allen.

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

39 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

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41 **(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.)**

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1 TOMMY DUNN: At this time I'd like to call
2 the Regular Anderson County Council meeting of
3 February the 6th to order. Like to welcome everyone,
4 each and everyone here for coming out tonight. First
5 item of business I'd like to ask Vice Chairman
6 Councilman Graham if he'd lead us in Invocation and
7 Pledge of Allegiance. If we'd all rise, please.

8 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM)**

9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

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

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

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

30 TOMMY DUNN: Welcome.

31 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

32 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

35 CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir. On page 34, line
36 50, Bleckley Street was misspelled. It should be B-L-
37 E-C-K-L-E-Y. And that's the only thing I noticed.
38 Thank you.

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

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

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

48 At this time we'll go into Item number 4, Citizens
49 Comments. When Mr. Harmon, our legal counsel, calls
50 your name, please state your name and district for the

1 record. You have three minutes on agenda items first
2 go-around and please address the Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

50 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker

1 is Elizabeth Fant.

2 ELIZABETH FANT: I'm speaking on, I'm
3 speaking on number 10 -- Elizabeth Fant, District 3 --
4 on the landfill question. I went to the meeting that
5 Cindy Wilson and Mr. Graham had at Cheddar last week
6 on the landfill situation and there were probably
7 about 50 people in the room, all hot. Not happy
8 campers.

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

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

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

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

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

39 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

40 No item on 5 or 6.

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

44 Item number 7(b) 2018-003 an Ordinance authorizing
45 a fee-in-lieu-of Tax Arrangement on behalf of Project
46 Spindle (the "Company") pursuant to a fee-in-lieu-of-
47 tax agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina
48 (the "county") and the company; authorizing a 5-year
49 extension of the investment period for all investments
50 over the statutory minimum investment; authorizing the

1 execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Financing
2 Agreement (IFA) granting certain infrastructure
3 credits to the company. Mr. Nelson, you like to ---
4 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. If Council --
5 Mr. Chairman, members of Council. Project Spindle is
6 a ten million dollar investment of an existing
7 industry. They're a -- over a -- more than a fifty
8 year old European based company, corporation that
9 manufactures technical fabrics for a variety of
10 industrial uses. They'll also be creating seventy-one
11 new jobs with the expansion with an average pay of
12 sixteen dollars and fourteen cents per hour, an
13 approximate annual payroll of two million two hundred
14 and seventy-two thousand. This will include a fee-in-
15 lieu agreement for thirty years with first year taxes
16 -- current taxes paid on the expansion property are a
17 little under a thousand dollars. The -- when the
18 taxes are paid in 2020 for the first time, when the
19 project is in full operation, first year's tax is nine
20 thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars. And
21 over a thirty year period, two hundred and thirty
22 thousand dollars in property tax for the first year.
23 Community impact of five million, and a twenty years
24 community impact of sixty-seven million.

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

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

31 KEN WATERS: So moved.

32 CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

39 BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.
40 Appreciate your support.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Item number 9, Report from
42 the Civic Center Adhoc Committee meeting held January
43 23rd. Don't believe there will be no need for
44 Executive Session. Chairman Waters.

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

50 TOMMY DUNN: Once the contract's given

1 it will be brought back to the Ad Hoc committee for
2 review and then to the full Council.

3 KEN WATERS: That's correct. So if
4 there's any suggestions, please, Mr. Burns and he'll
5 ---

6 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd? Ms. Floyd's got
7 a question.

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

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

22 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chair.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

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

33 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anything else,
34 Mr. Waters?

35 KEN WATERS: That's all.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else have anything?
37 Questions or comments.

38 Be moving on to Item number 10 now, Report from
39 Ms. Wilson on the Cheddar Community meeting held
40 January the 30th. Ms. Wilson.

41 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 We held a meeting over at the Cheddar Fire Department
43 on the 30th of January. We had a large group of
44 residents and landowners there. And our county was
45 represented by County attorney Mr. Harmon, and Solid
46 Waste Director Mr. Greg Smith, and Districts 3 and 7.
47 We focused in that meeting on the facility issues,
48 negotiation process as it related to the original
49 landfill disposal contract and the sale of the
50 landfill. And that was where the community met with

1 the company and came up with basically some rules for
2 the roads so to speak.

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

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

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

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

1 construction. And the residents want the Big Creek
2 Road to be repaved.

3 Now those items are under review with SCDOT as we
4 speak. The residents requested no trucks on Murphy
5 Road. An update on that, we've had three or four
6 tanker overturns on that road with spills in the last
7 18 months. So that is also under review. The Rector
8 Road area had water coming onto private property
9 issues that they wanted to have reviewed. Our county
10 DOT is reviewing that. The intersection of Cannon
11 Bottom Road and Big Creek Road and Mahaffey Road,
12 there's a dangerous sight distance issue there. SCDOT
13 and the county DOT are reviewing those issues as we
14 speak.

15 The trucks are coming non-stop into the landfill
16 in the community. The smell of the landfill is
17 dreadful. There are Massachusetts tags on trucks and
18 many speeding vehicles. Mr. Smith has had the
19 transport police contacted, so hopefully the weights
20 and the speeds will be resolved there. We need the
21 Sheriff's Department to place a deputy on Big Creek
22 Road from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and
23 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM due to excessive speeding. It is
24 very dangerous. School students and workers from the
25 steam plant were the main ones it identified.

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

33 Trucks coming in after hours of operation at the
34 landfill in violation of the agreement. Neighbors are
35 awakened by loud clanging of trucks dumping all night
36 long. Large amount of truck traffic. They want a
37 list of disciplinary actions for trucks and companies
38 and have some consequences employed there. They
39 wanted the tire wash to be made to work. Apparently
40 it has very rarely worked over there. Surge coming
41 off of the tires when leaving the landfill has been
42 known to bust windshields and all kinds of trouble
43 there. The fuel trucks coming on to Crawford Road,
44 again, those are a serious consideration. And the
45 buzzards and the sea gulls. And they want weights of
46 the trucks at the landfill verified. Transport police
47 are on that. They want the taxes cut on property
48 around the landfill and reassess the property due to
49 the landfill, fuel tanks and steam plant. Mr. Graham
50 will be addressing that shortly and he's working on

1 that right now.

2 There's a home -- there's at least two home owners
3 along Big Creek Road that have stated that their
4 foundation is compromised because of the heavy truck
5 traffic and hitting the potholes. We're hoping to
6 have that resolved with the road straightened out.
7 There was also the need of some type of a muffler on
8 the generators or walls around the generators dealing
9 with the methane gas to muffle the loudness. Mr.
10 Smith is addressing that with the landfill company
11 right now. They were also requesting that the
12 landfill and Kinder Morgan contribute money to the
13 fire department as those are volunteer firefighters
14 and they are trained to deal mostly with residential
15 fires, but with the fuel tank farm, the landfill, the
16 sewers, the pipelines, the ethanol facility, the
17 railroad, that is truly a terrorist dream and it's a
18 very dangerous situation. So we need to have our fire
19 departments over there properly trained and equipped.

20 They also requested that water taps be placed for
21 residences along Compton Road and some of the other
22 areas due to suspected well contamination. It should
23 be noted that years ago there were serious well issues
24 over there and water lines were run to help those
25 residents over there. Also they wanted the litter
26 needs to be picked up every day on Big Creek Road.
27 Mr. Smith is working with the company on that. A lot
28 of litter -- not just people throwing out, but from
29 the trucks, even with tarps, it's blowing out. They
30 want environmental enforcement on Big Creek Road and
31 Broadway School Road more often. They were there all
32 of this past week. They want the landfill to cover
33 the trash with dirt every day and not to use the tarp
34 system. There were also issues with the stench from a
35 product that's being brought into the landfill and
36 DHEC and the company are being worked with to mitigate
37 that problem. They want the host fees to pay for
38 another officer over there and they want speed limit
39 signs and kids at play signs to put in the area. And
40 also guard rails on the road at the creek on Big Creek
41 Road.

42 The community is developing a committee to better
43 communicate and coordinate these and other efforts,
44 along with the facebook site, to make reports and
45 photos of suspected violations more available.

46 And now, if I might have Mr. Graham to provide us
47 an update on his efforts. And he has been so
48 wonderful to have over there. Everybody was so
49 grateful to have more people. Thank you.

50 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

1 Just ---

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

6 KEN WATERS: Make a motion.

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

11 All right. Go ahead, Mr. Graham.

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

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

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

47 But the biggest thing is that they have -- this
48 community has spoken and spoken loudly year after year
49 after year. My mindset is that landfill wasn't built
50 and wasn't put there this year. That's something

1 that's been ongoing. But in the same respect if
2 something that as a county that we can correct, you
3 know, through our personnel or through something as
4 simple as putting some sign up, putting a speed bump
5 on our property; the county actually owns thirty acres
6 coming out of the landfill. One of the concerns, the
7 trucks don't stop coming on to Rector Road. That's
8 our property. Put a speed bump. I mean a big truck's
9 going to stop then, because that's going to cause some
10 jarring if it doesn't. I mean, that's a simple fix,
11 stuff like that. And to me, I mean, it's just a
12 matter of us kind of being diligent as far as going
13 through this list and seeing what we can correct.
14 We're not going to remove the landfill, but we can
15 make it a better community for some of these items
16 that they brought to the concern.

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

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

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
28 Moving on to Report from The Public Safety Health
29 and Human Services Committee. Mr. Graham. Chairman
30 Graham. It's the report from the February 1st
31 meeting.

32 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 This is basically just to update as far as some of
34 the items that we've discussed at Public Safety. One
35 of them, the Sheriff's Department, everybody should
36 have it in their agenda package, just an update on the
37 National Institute of Corrections Study. We are
38 moving forward with that. It's been kind of a slow
39 start as far on that, but hopefully that's starting to
40 pick up and we're going to get some actions in place
41 with that as that committee moves forward.

42 As far as Pelzer Rescue Squad, they brought forth
43 a proposal to EMS Director Steve Kelly and myself
44 about possibly placing an ambulance in place at Three
45 and Twenty where we have been housing a QRV for the
46 same price that it would cost us to operate the QRV.
47 And looking at this proposal with Mr. Kelly and Ms.
48 Rita, we basically determined that it's kind of a no-
49 brainer. I mean we're getting a bigger bang for the
50 buck with the ambulance that's capable of offering

1 full service for that twelve hour period for the same
2 cost that we'd be offering a QRV. We brought forth
3 this in the form of a motion at Public Safety. It was
4 passed a hundred percent.

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

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

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Would you please repeat the
14 motion?

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

26 TOMMY DUNN: And that will be at ---

27 RAY GRAHAM: Three and Twenty.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Three and Twenty sub
29 station in Slabtown.

30 RAY GRAHAM: Yes. The call volume in
31 that area has drastically increased due to the growth
32 in that community and we -- the Public Safety brings
33 that in the form of a motion due to hopefully bringing
34 them back in compliance.

35 TOMMY DUNN: This area has been long
36 needed and when Mr. Kelly took that job, he done a
37 study and seen it could be justified, which we already
38 pretty much knew that. And it's no thing. Bottom
39 line is, no doubt ambulance is better, in my opinion,
40 best thing for it. But a QRV is better than nothing.
41 So we've got a chance to get an ambulance here for the
42 short -- for the remainder of the contract things is a
43 pretty good no-brainer. Anybody else have anything?

44 GRACIE FLOYD: Can we ask questions?

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

46 GRACIE FLOYD: Where is this -- I can't
47 get a -- what area is this?

48 TOMMY DUNN: If you go up -- be District
49 4 and District 6 area. It's -- you go up Liberty
50 Highway and turn right on Highway 88. It's out that

1 way in the Slabtown community. You remember, Ms.
2 Floyd, the -- several years ago they put the -- can't
3 think of the name of the road, Mr. Waters would know,
4 but they put the landfill up there. We had that big
5 discussion about the landfill. It's Hamlin Road.
6 It's in that area before you get in there. Be backing
7 up Pendleton.

8 GRACIE FLOYD: How many QRVs do we have? I
9 thought we only had one over in Pendleton.

10 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Excuse me, Ebenezer.

12 TOMMY DUNN: We had one in Ebenezer and
13 we had one in Williford. And they been -- they
14 switched -- they have since been switched out to
15 ambulances. The only QRV we have now active is the
16 one in Slabtown.

17 GRACIE FLOYD: Ebenezer doesn't have one
18 any more?

19 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. They got an
20 ambulance down there.

21 RAY GRAHAM: Ms. Floyd, we actually --
22 if I may ---

23 GRACIE FLOYD: I understand the question,
24 I understand. Thank you.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Anybody else
26 have anything? Go ahead, Mr. Waters.

27 KEN WATERS: This is a good thing. I'm
28 very surprised. This kind of -- it's kind of like a
29 Christmas present. You know, this is something that's
30 moving forward. That area is very busy. They have
31 quite a number of calls. And I'm excited about this
32 because the West Pelzer actually put forth an effort
33 to do something and that's what we look for from these
34 EMS.

35 TOMMY DUNN: Well, this is what it's all
36 about, in my opinion what EMS -- our local thing, but
37 it's community driven.

38 KEN WATERS: Yeah.

39 TOMMY DUNN: This is that. But not only
40 is that area growing in call volume, but it puts
41 another ambulance on the street for when Mr. Kelly and
42 the county gets the system working like it's supposed
43 to, to move around and rotate to back one up when
44 one's on call and everything.

45 KEN WATERS: That's right.

46 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's an excellent
47 thing.

48 KEN WATERS: I'm very excited about
49 this. I wasn't expecting it and I really appreciate
50 West Pelzer for putting forth that effort. Thank you,

1 sir.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Pelzer.
3 KEN WATERS: I'm sorry. Pelzer.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Talking about West Pelzer
5 Fire Department. Yeah. That could be fighting words
6 in some places.
7 KEN WATERS: I don't think nobody was
8 here to hear that.
9 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
10 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
11 motion carries unanimously.
12 Anything else, Mr. Chairman?
13 RAY GRAHAM: No, Mr. Chairman, that's
14 it.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on Item number 12,
16 Report from the Planning and Public Works Committee
17 meeting held on February the 1st. Ms. Wilson.
18 Chairman Wilson. Ms. Wilson.
19 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 The first item for our committee's consideration was
21 the pavement management presentation by Mr. Steve
22 Lander, PE of the Kercher Group from Raleigh, North
23 Carolina, who was introduced by Mr. Holt Hopkins. It
24 is the desire of our Roads and Bridges Department to
25 have a more scientific evaluation and analysis of the
26 county's road system to better plan and prioritize
27 road care for our county. It is believed that the
28 methods used by this group would create a more
29 sustainable county road map with analytics using up-
30 to-date data providing goals, policies, intelligent
31 decisions based on a business process review, project
32 selection, performance measures all resulting in a
33 more cost effective management. This company would
34 provide the software and software training and
35 consulting engineering to the county. The cost for
36 this service in the first year would be approximately
37 half a million dollars and would not include the
38 municipalities. We expressed that the municipalities
39 should be invited to participate if the county chooses
40 to engage this group. Mr. Hopkins stated that the
41 Roads and Bridges Department has the funds to pay for
42 the service as many personnel vacancies remain
43 unfilled in his department. Our committee voted in
44 support of the proposal as presented but pending a
45 review of the written proposal. At the start of our
46 Finance Committee meeting yesterday we were advised
47 that an expense of this magnitude would require to be
48 bid out. And since that time each of us has at our
49 seat the written proposal and we are expecting a
50 little more information. I don't know how y'all want

1 to handle that. I do think it would be appropriate
2 for us to read it and maybe vote the next time.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I think we
4 need some time to study this.

5 CINDY WILSON: All right. And then -- we
6 then voted to go into Executive Session to receive
7 legal advice and updated discussion with respect to
8 the county's solid waste disposal contract. Much of
9 the concerns expressed in the original FIN agreement
10 would be expected to be incorporated in a new contract
11 with the landfill. Mr. Harmon, Mr. Smith, and others
12 are working on the contract and related issues. We
13 anticipate that the community and our county tax
14 payers will be encouraged by the progress on this
15 important matter.

16 And I want to thank everyone again, for working so
17 hard on this issue. And thank you, Mr. Graham, it's
18 been so nice to have, you know, other Council members
19 present, too. Do any of our committee members have
20 anything else to add at this time? And that is our
21 report from the Planning and Public Works Committee.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for all y'all's
23 work. If there's no objections, can we take about a
24 five minute break?

25 **(BREAK 7:10 PM to 7:15 PM)**

26 TOMMY DUNN: Call the meeting back into
27 order. And at this time we'll move on to Item number
28 13, Report from the Finance Committee meeting held
29 February the 5th. At this time, Chairman Waters.
30 Mr. Waters. Ms. Davis want to step up?

31 KEN WATERS: Does she want to step up?
32 The majority all except for one item was passed by the
33 Finance Committee unanimously except one thing.
34 Everything passed but we have one item that it'll be
35 on the latter part of it so we'll explain that. Ms.
36 Davis, you want to hit it?

37 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. The first item,
38 we're requesting permission to purchase ten 2018 Dodge
39 Chargers for the Sheriff's office. That's off a state
40 contract, Performance Automotive, three hundred and
41 six thousand three hundred. And that is coming out of
42 the one point nine that was originally budgeted for
43 the Sheriff's office.

44 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
45 Committee doesn't need a second. Are any discussion
46 or questions? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor
47 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
48 Show the motion carries unanimously.

49 Moving on to Item (b).

50 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Requesting

1 permission to purchase 26 tablet Computers for the
2 Sheriff's department patrol cars. It's coming from
3 Control PC. It's a sole source purchase because
4 they're the only manufacturer of these ultra rugged
5 advanced mobile data terminals. They only sell to
6 First Responders. This, too, will be coming out of
7 the one point nine that was set aside for Sheriff's
8 vehicles and upfit.

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

14 Moving on to Item number (c).

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 TOMMY DUNN: All what the reason is, why
49 it's this way.

50 RAY GRAHAM: I honestly -- I know it's

1 got several items out beside this and I'm not sure if
2 what you're looking at has got those same items. But
3 I mean, we'll definitely compare apples to apples, if
4 we can get it cheaper. Again, we appreciate that
5 input.

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

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

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

19 TOM ALLEN: Mr. Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

49 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't understand. What
50 you're saying is that we're going to just approve it,

1 but we're not going to buy it until we actually look
2 at the other cost of it?

3 TOMMY DUNN: That's right. That's
4 right.

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

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

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

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

25 RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

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

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

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

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

39 RITA DAVIS: That's correct.

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

42 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. You have before
43 you the State Homeland Security Program. There's two
44 grants, one from your SWAT team, one from the Haz-Mat
45 team. It was approved unanimously by the Finance
46 Committee. You'll see that there's capital involved.
47 There are chemical protective ensembles, air purifying
48 respirators, and breathing apparatuses. Also, that's
49 on the SWAT side. On the Haz-Mat side, they have
50 wireless remote detectors for the gases and chemicals

1 that may be -- they may encounter. And also a host
2 computer and wireless modem that supports that
3 equipment. There is no match. It also includes five
4 thousand for exercise support. And these items -- all
5 these items are on the Homeland Security list that we
6 have to have and it's fully paid for by grant funding.
7 In other words, the state was recommending that we buy
8 these items.

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

14 Moving on to Item number 5, radio fees.

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

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

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

1 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Ordinance 2018-
2 002.

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

10 KEN WATERS: Correct.

11 TOMMY DUNN: So, Ms. Davis, what I'm
12 saying is, when you go through this, go through 1, 3,
13 4, 5, 6, and 7. That'll be voted on and we'll come
14 back to 2.

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

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

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, this is what I've
22 got.

23 TOMMY DUNN: That's it. That's it.

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

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

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

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

37 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, no.

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

40 GRACIE FLOYD: It'd be nice if we all had
41 one.

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

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

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Chairman.

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Could we start getting
3 everything that you have so we can keep up, too?
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. I got no
5 problem with that.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: We're not Chairmans, but
7 gosh, what you have ---
8 TOMMY DUNN: This is just something I
9 asked for to help me through and I'll be more than
10 glad if they want to give it to anybody. I asked for
11 this in my thing. I'm a little slow and I have to
12 have this to help me keep up.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Does anybody else have one?
14 KEN WATERS: I got one at the Finance
15 Committee meeting.
16 TOMMY DUNN: She's got the same thing
17 you've got, Ms. Wilson. Only one that got this is me
18 and Mr. Waters.
19 Now, getting back where we at. We're on the same
20 page. Talking about everything but the airport
21 terminal. That's separate.
22 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.
24 RITA DAVIS: Okay. I would want to
25 point out that laying at your desk for the four
26 members who aren't members of the Finance Committee,
27 we are talking about the one that has the yellow
28 highlight on it that was laying at your desk when you
29 came in today. Not the one that was in your agenda
30 packet. Basically the same thing, but there's just a
31 few yellow highlighted items that was explained at the
32 Finance Committee. Thank you.
33 GRACIE FLOYD: Will you go over ---
34 TOMMY DUNN: She's going over it. She's
35 going to explain it.
36 GRACIE FLOYD: Will you explain these
37 things to us who were not at the Finance Committee?
38 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. That's what she's
39 fixing to do. She's going to go over them.
40 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. This one that
41 was laying at your table.
42 GRACIE FLOYD: You will explain those?
43 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.
44 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
45 RITA DAVIS: Most definitely. Let me
46 just start by saying that the fiscal year ended June
47 30, 2017 in the general fund. It was a very good
48 year. And so, it finished the year about three point
49 two million to the good. Basically that was because
50 of salaries and associated fringe benefits. Keep in

1 mind, salaries and fringes are about sixty-five to
2 seventy percent of our entire budget. Anyway. But
3 due to vacancies we finished the year really good. So
4 two point seven million of that the Administrator is
5 recommending these items for supplemental budget
6 appropriations that we need. The first item is
7 building demolition. We originally budgeted fifty
8 thousand, asking sixteen thousand be added to it so
9 that Mr. Newton can finish up the neighborhood
10 improvement program. This is costs that is not
11 covered under the grant.

12 The next item is legal. We're asking a hundred
13 and twenty-five thousand be added to that account for
14 a total of two forty-seven two fifty. The next item
15 is ---

16 TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute Ms. Davis.
17 Think Ms. Floyd's got a question.

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

24 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

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

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

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

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

50 GRACIE FLOYD: Was it about two fifty last

1 year?

2 RITA DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

3 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 RITA DAVIS: FAA and state money.

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

39 RITA DAVIS: The general fund. Yes,
40 ma'am.

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

44 RITA DAVIS: Correct. Yes, ma'am.
45 Council has already voted on that bid, voted to do
46 that and this will get the money there so that we can
47 accomplish that in conjunction with the FAA and state
48 aeronautics grant. Yes, ma'am. And so, we're
49 skipping over the next item. And I just wanted to
50 bring your attention, the rest of page 1 is just

1 governmental accounting in and out. There's nothing
2 new down there. What I just described to you, those
3 first six items, money coming out of the general fund.
4 The remainder of page 1 is money going into those
5 funds to accomplish the objectives that Council wants
6 to do. That's all the supplemental.

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

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

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

21 GRACIE FLOYD: Got it.

22 RITA DAVIS: --- is what you'll be
23 voting on.

24 GRACIE FLOYD: Got it. Okay. Good.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

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

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

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

40 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. That would be
41 the seventh item that you see on your sheet under
42 general fund appropriations. Asking Council to
43 approve basically up to one point five million. You
44 see on your sheet it's one million four seventy-five
45 three hundred. And that would be matched two million
46 that we have in grant funds coming from the federal
47 and the state sources. So you have two million in
48 grant funds, up to about one point five from the
49 general fund for a total -- keep in mind, though, the
50 bids don't come in until March 1st, so we're trying to

1 get our ducks in a row, if you will, so that we can be
2 ready to do the terminal when the bids are received.

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

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

17 KEN WATERS: That's all.
18 RITA DAVIS: Transfers, sir.
19 KEN WATERS: Transfers.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Transfers. There is
21 something else. See, between both of y'all and you're
22 letting me fail. You want to hit that?

23 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Three quick
24 transfers. Just eighteen dollars in the museum.
25 Thirty thousand to professional services in the
26 Sheriff's support services department for the housing
27 and the feeding of the horses that were seized
28 awaiting for the court case disposition. And lastly
29 that four point -- four million eight hundred fifty-
30 four thousand five hundred, that's just taking it from
31 one object code to another. That's all that's doing.
32 That's it, sir. Just three.

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

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
37 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
38 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I had several
39 questions about the transfers.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
41 GRACIE FLOYD: Number 1, here's one that
42 we had because something happened to the printers and
43 they need to replace toners and cartridges for
44 imaging. But -- and they transferred money from
45 training to supplies. Ma'am?

46 TOMMY DUNN: That's in the
47 Administrator's report. We can bring that up in just
48 a little bit. That's not in -- these are the only
49 transfers that we have, Ms. Floyd, from the Finance
50 Committee, is those three right there. And that's

1 just a housekeeping thing about money. This was --
2 the museum asked for that seventeen dollars and the
3 Sheriff needs this thirty thousand.

4 GRACIE FLOYD: I don't have that.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 TOMMY DUNN: I know what you're trying
47 to say. Might not have nothing. You know how the old
48 saying goes, you can't get blood out of a turnip. I
49 told a man that one time and he said, yeah, but I'll
50 get the turnip. So it's just something to think

1 about. I'm just saying this thing, some of this stuff
2 is a little frustrating because we've been through
3 this with these dog cases and dog cases and sometimes
4 it's the same people you're dealing with. We do this
5 on horses and it's expensive. And I want to take care
6 of these animals, don't get me wrong, but I just think
7 if these people were to have to pay up some it might
8 make things a little bit different.

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

12 TOMMY DUNN: And we should.

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

17 TOMMY DUNN: A good home.

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

22 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

23 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

24 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Wilson.

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

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

42 The other issue is prior to, I guess about the
43 middle of 2016, we had a good arrangement where the
44 Sheriff's animal control people would call a rescue
45 down in Greenwood County that we helped to fund. And
46 we also -- other organizations funded them. They
47 would go pick up the animals, get them through triage
48 and all. They were successful in getting those
49 animals relinquished and not having to go through
50 court.

1 But something changed in mid-2016, so now we're
2 having to deal with it in this manner. And it's very
3 costly and may not have the final outcome that's best
4 for those animals. We need to look at an ordinance to
5 turn them over to appropriate rescues. And I think we
6 can work on that. And I've got a call into Chairman
7 Edda Cammick over in Oconee County. She was telling
8 different groups that they have a different procedure
9 and maybe we can see what they're doing to help
10 mitigate the expense and have better outcomes.

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

13 CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all.

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

17 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm going to abstain.

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

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

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

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

31 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

32 Moving on now to appointments. I don't have no
33 list. Does anybody have any appointments? Anything
34 come up?

35 Requests by council members. Mr. Waters.

36 KEN WATERS: I do. I have -- I'd like
37 to appropriate two thousand dollars from the District
38 6 rec fund to Wren Youth, and I bring that in the form
39 of a motion.

40 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Waters,
41 have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?
42 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
43 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
44 Anything else, Mr. Waters?

45 KEN WATERS: That's all I have. Thank
46 you.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

48 TOM ALLEN: Yes. From my recreation
49 funds I'd like to do take six hundred dollars out for
50 the ACTC Student Radio situation and from my

1 recreation account. And I put that in the form of a
2 motion.

3 KEN WATERS: Second.

4 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from Mr.
5 Allen. Second by Ms. Wilson.

6 TOM ALLEN: It's a Tech school out in
7 Williamston. Yeah, I'm sorry.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
9 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
10 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
11 Anything else?

12 TOM ALLEN: That's all I had.

13 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Three years ago I
15 appropriated seventy thousand dollars to the city of
16 Anderson for their paving. As of this date, the city
17 has not used those funds yet, and I want to recall it
18 to put it back in District 2's paving account. And I
19 put that in the form of a motion.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd's got a motion,
21 we have a second?

22 TOM ALLEN: Second.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
24 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
25 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
26 unanimously. Ms. Floyd, anything else?

27 GRACIE FLOYD: No, that's all I have.
28 Thank you.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

30 RAY GRAHAM: I'd like to appropriate
31 three hundred dollars to the ACTC Student Radio.

32 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Mr.
33 Graham. We have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any
34 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
35 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
36 unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Graham?

37 RAY GRAHAM: That'll be it.

38 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?

39 CRAIG WOOTEN: I'll appropriate two
40 hundred fifty dollars to the ACTC Student Radio from
41 District 1 rec account.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second? Second Ms.
43 Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
44 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
45 motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson?

46 CINDY WILSON: District 7 would like to
47 appropriate two hundred to the ACTC Student Radio
48 trip.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion,
50 we have a second?

1 TOM ALLEN: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
3 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
4 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
5 unanimously.

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

9 CINDY WILSON: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
11 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
12 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
13 unanimously.

14 Moving on to Item number 16, Administrator's
15 Report.

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

18 GRACIE FLOYD: I do. May I ask?

19 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

20 GRACIE FLOYD: I'm concerned about the
21 transfers. Usually I'm not, but have one or two in
22 here that I think that we need to be cognizant of.
23 And that was -- one of the ones is that it says in the
24 reason for the transfer, it says due to the expiration
25 date of the discount coupon, family illnesses and a
26 death in the family there was not an opportunity to
27 submit a transfer prior to purchase. I don't like
28 that. I think that we need to stay away from that.
29 In other words, we didn't have time to get this work
30 done up because we had a family death and we had
31 illnesses in the family. But every department has
32 more than one person. And in each department it
33 shouldn't be where one person stops the show. Or one
34 person is relied upon to do everything.

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

42 And I had another one here. Some time ago we were
43 talking about transfers and we came up with the fact
44 that at the end of the year we talk about how much
45 insurance we have to pay for each employer and how
46 much it costs us and how it goes up every year. But
47 yet at the end of the year during that time people
48 were robbing the employment benefits and health
49 insurance accounts and transferring it to the other
50 place. And at that time we said we were going to stop

1 that. We were not going to do that, allow that to
2 happen. If insurance is that high, and we know how
3 important it is, whatever is left in there should stay
4 in there to carry over to the next year. But ten
5 thousand dollars was taken out of that fund to put
6 somewhere else. I don't -- District 2 just doesn't
7 approve of that.

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

22 And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

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

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

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

35 TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Graham's
36 already got an answer for that. Already got an
37 answer.

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

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

42 FRANK PRESSLY: Okay. The other thing I
43 was little disappointed is the report that we got back
44 on the QRV proposal. There's -- we didn't get a lot
45 of meat in that discussion. I looked in the packet
46 and there was only an agenda sheet in there. There
47 wasn't really much else said. I'm assuming this is
48 the QRV proposal and the update on the National
49 Institute of Corrections study has to do with the
50 jail. And I'm hoping that that's not the avenue that

1 we take. There's a lot of public interest in the
2 issue about the jail. So I hope that we don't take
3 secrecy or not completely reporting to the public
4 what's going on as the avenue of choice. There are a
5 lot of people interested in what happens with that
6 jail. So if we could keep the information flowing and
7 keep the public advised as to what's going on, I think
8 it would be to all of our benefit.

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

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

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

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

30 We have a problem in Anderson County. It's a big
31 problem. Drugs. Twice in the last two weeks I've
32 heard Jay West speak on the opioid crisis and what the
33 legislature is doing on it. It's not only the opioid
34 crisis, it's crack, it's heroin, it's pink, it's drunk
35 drivers, it's people who are smoking marijuana. We
36 have a big drug problem. When you talk about the
37 landfill, any kind of landfill, you need to realize
38 that everything that we consume that we can't consume
39 is going there. And everything that you do consume in
40 your body is going through your body and it is going
41 into your toilet, your sewer and eventually water
42 treatment. We're killing ourselves. The landfill up
43 in Slabtown, I understand was a done deal. No pun
44 intended. It was done while there were hearings and
45 zoning requests and all of that. People went to
46 Columbia to protest it. Somebody got money under the
47 table for that deal. One of the people who went to
48 that hearing -- one of those hearings in Columbia has
49 confided in me that they actually met the attorneys
50 from the Mafia. They introduced themselves as

1 attorneys for the Mafia. So don't say that the Mafia
2 is not involved in landfills and waste management,
3 because they are. The landfill up at Slabtown has no
4 liner.

5 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
7 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

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

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

16 I am going to request that for our next Council
17 meeting in consideration of coming up with funding for
18 paving, that we have a report of budget to actual
19 revenues and expenditures for mid-fiscal year 2017-
20 2018 budget year if we could do that at the next
21 Council meeting so we have some idea of where we are.
22 And that will give us a good lead-in for budget
23 consideration. But I greatly appreciate everybody
24 working so hard. We covered a lot of territory and
25 it's nice to have help. Thank y'all.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.
27 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, two things. I was in
28 a couple of committee meetings and it seems to be a
29 recurring theme that, you know, staff will propose
30 some things and I'll say, well, do you need Council
31 approval? And they say, no, no, we just want your
32 blessing. And I'm like, well, if you think it's a
33 good idea, then we should be empowering staff to make
34 those decisions and to move forward on it. If it's in
35 their budget and they're the experts of their
36 particular realm, and I feel like we're in a economic
37 upswing and it won't last forever. Sometimes we've
38 had to micro-manage in economic downswings to make
39 sure that budgets were correct. But we -- if prices
40 of houses are going up and economic development is
41 going up, this is the time for us to empower staff to
42 move forward and right some of the wrongs that we
43 haven't been able to right in the past. And so going
44 into this budget season, that's not an indictment
45 against them, that's an indictment against us.
46 That's, you know, that's not to hold anybody
47 unaccountable. But to allow them to do their jobs and
48 to move forward and if they see problems, fix it. And
49 if they need resources, tell us and let's get them
50 resources. So you know, things like the landfill,

1 don't linger for twenty years. And we can move
2 forward.

3 And the second thing I just wanted to announce
4 that my wife and I are expecting our fourth child and
5 so ---

6 TOMMY DUNN: Congratulations.

7 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you. -- and so I
8 joked earlier my fragile retirement plan has now been
9 demolished. And maybe in next year's budget we can
10 talk about child care at meetings. That's it.

11 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten and
12 congratulations.

13 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

15 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16 Just a couple of things. Again, Mr. Pressly, thank
17 you for taking the time to do the research on that. A
18 couple of the pricings around the area that you have,
19 is actually reconditioned switches. So I definitely
20 would like to get that information from you to
21 determine if it is truly an apple to apple. One thing
22 about the ones that we are pricing with the company --
23 and in defense for the Sheriff's department this is on
24 state contract so technically speaking, they should be
25 a better price. But in the same respect we should do
26 our diligence to ensure we're getting the best price
27 for it. But as far as this particular switch and this
28 estimate here that I can speak for, this switch here
29 provides support along with the purchase of this so
30 that's probably part of the difference. Is it
31 feasible to be that much of a difference? I don't
32 know. Again, we need to look and make sure the
33 fifteen hundred dollar price range that you're looking
34 at, is it a new switch or is it reconditioned?
35 Because now the ones we've looked at for this price is
36 reconditioned. And actually that wouldn't be apple to
37 apple. But I mean, if we can get a new switch for
38 that price, we might can add some support service with
39 it and still be way under the price that we've got.
40 So we definitely would like to get that information
41 from you on that. I'll be glad to meet with you after
42 the meeting to get that, if that's possible.

43 As far as one other thing that I've got. One of
44 the comments, and I hear this so often when we're
45 talking about the National Institute of Corrections,
46 that we're here to build a jail. We're actually not.
47 That is not -- and again, if you look on the agenda,
48 it plainly states Update on National Institute of
49 Corrections study. The study is not to determine when
50 and where we're going to build a jail. The study is

1 to determine how can we make that system more
2 efficient. And that's the very reason they have went
3 through a process of putting people on committees and
4 getting this together. It's still early stage. But I
5 mean the purpose of it is to truly look into how can
6 we get the justice system to work better for the
7 citizens, for the people that -- for the inmates that
8 comes in. Are there ways that we can offer them
9 treatment, whether it's drug rehab, whether it's some
10 type of education. I mean the key there is to
11 basically cut off the problem. And we've got to give
12 these people an opportunity to come out and be a true
13 resource to the county, to their families, to the
14 areas they're living in. That's what the study is
15 for. The study is not to build a jail. And I kind of
16 get touchy every time I hear that, because that's not
17 what I'm after. And I truly believe -- I know Chief
18 Mitchell, Friday was his last day, but I know his
19 direction was not for that. And I know the Sheriff's
20 direction is not to build a jail. In the past, yes,
21 that was the direction they wanted to go. But that's
22 not the Administration. We want to know what our true
23 need is for Anderson County and how can we help every
24 citizen in Anderson County. And that includes the
25 incarcerated ones. Some of them that I actually
26 locked up over the years. But I mean we want to
27 change that pattern and get them where they have an
28 opportunity of coming back out into the community and
29 stepping up their game and being a resource to their
30 family to help raise them and in doing so, that's what
31 the study's for. It's not to build a jail. So I just
32 wanted to clarify that.

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

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

40 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I have two,
41 maybe three things. We're having the Taste of Soul
42 again this year on the 23rd of February. I have some
43 fliers for you. Last year we were -- we had Mr. Allen
44 came by and had a very, very good time. Excuse me.
45 And Liz Fant was there. We had a very, very good
46 time. Would like for you to come by. What it is is a
47 fund raiser event for our community in District 2.
48 And they have the best cooks in the world down there.
49 And they get together and they make what's called soul
50 food. Now, you can call it what you want. But it's

1 the same food that you ate when you were little. And
2 I have somebody yet to tell me that they don't know
3 what I'm talking about. It was collard greens and
4 corn bread and this and that. Pigs feet, and I love
5 them. They had all of that down there. And we would
6 like for you, Mr. Newspaper man, I want you to come,
7 too, this year. But it's really a lot of fun. If
8 you've never tasted mustard greens before, this will
9 be a good time to do so. The tickets are twenty-five
10 dollars a piece, but it's worth every bit of the food.
11 Okay. In fact, the first year we had so much of it
12 left, we had a huge crowd, but they were able to take
13 food home. Did you take any last year? Did you get
14 to take some food home last year? It's really good.
15 Give us a try. Don't be a snob. Come on by and let's
16 hob-knob. Okay.

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

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

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

1 and that's a fact, Jack.

2 And I thank you for listening. And I'm through,
3 and I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

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

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

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

48 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. It's
49 been a pleasure. Mr. Waters.

50 KEN WATERS: Mr. Wooten, if you're going

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

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

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

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

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