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County of Anderson)

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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: Want to welcome each and
2 every one of you here tonight. Part of our Council is
3 geared towards proclamations and presentations. At
4 this time I'd like to ask Council if they'd add to the
5 agenda. I've got something to add to the agenda on the
6 proclamations part. Resolution honoring Reverend Billy
7 Graham. Put that in the form of a motion.

8 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Have a second by Mr. Graham.
10 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
11 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. We'll
12 put that under (c).

13 Moving on to Item number 2(a). Resolution R2018-
14 017. A Resolution to honor the Anderson County Library
15 for its recent recognition as the best library in the
16 State of South Carolina. Comes from all Council
17 members. I'll ask the Honorable Tom Allen if he'd read
18 this into the record, please.

19 TOM ALLEN: All right. Thank you, Mr.
20 Chair. This resolution, 2018-017 A Resolution to Honor
21 the Anderson County Library for its Recent Recognition
22 as the Best Library in the State of South Carolina; and
23 other Matters Related Thereto.

24 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Library, as we know it
25 today, began when the Anderson Library Association
26 formed in 1900 with Ms. Margaret Evans serving as its
27 first librarian and its opening hours on Monday and
28 Wednesday afternoons and on Saturdays in a room of City
29 Hall until the generosity of philanthropist Andrew
30 Carnegie and Col. Joseph N. Brown made possible the
31 opening in 1908 of a stand-alone library on North Main
32 Street in Anderson; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Library has expanded
34 over the past century to serve communities throughout
35 the County with branch libraries in Honea Path (1958),
36 Iva (1958), Belton (1959), Williamston-Pelzer-West
37 Pelzer (1960), Pendleton (1961), Piedmont (1970s)
38 Powdersville (1980s) and at Anderson's Westside
39 Community Center (1998); and

40 **WHEREAS**, American Towns Media recently designated
41 the Anderson County Library as #1 on its list "The 10
42 Best Libraries in South Carolina", stating, "[The
43 Anderson County Library] is everything a county library
44 should be: a resource center for the community. Aside
45 from a huge selection of books...the library also
46 offers...tax preparation assistance, book clubs, a LEGO
47 club, story time for kids, computer classes, how-to
48 fairs, activities for teens, and so much more. This
49 place will redefine everything you thought you knew
50 about libraries"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Library--as a
2 community hub for lifelong learning and improvement
3 where residents, starting at birth, move from infancy
4 story times to after school activities to job training
5 and advancement--carries on proudly the legacy of
6 Benjamin Franklin and his vision of lifelong learning
7 for all when he founded the first public library in
8 1731; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Council, in
10 recognition of the central role of the Anderson County
11 Library plays in the lives of the citizens we represent
12 and in the success of Anderson County as a whole, do
13 hereby congratulate the Anderson County Library for its
14 selection as the best library in the State of South
15 Carolina.

16 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 6th day
17 of March, 2018.

18 And I'll put that in the form of a motion, Mr.
19 Chair.

20 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. I think the
21 whole Council seconds it. Any discussion?

22 TOM ALLEN: Yeah, Mr. Chair.

23 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

24 TOM ALLEN: I would just like to say I,
25 too, I really want to congratulate the library and the
26 work they do because I remember as I was growing up
27 going to the library in the covered wagon -- you know,
28 the horse drawn wagon. And it just had books in it on
29 great big tall shelves. And this library has books,
30 too. But I am amazed at the different things that are
31 over there that you can get into, as well as the
32 lifelong learning and all the resources that are
33 available over there. It really is a very impressive
34 set-up. And if you haven't been there, you really need
35 to go and visit. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

36 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
37 Ms. Wilson?

38 CINDY WILSON: Quickly, just to add to
39 that, even the branch libraries on a smaller scale
40 offer all of those activities and we're very grateful
41 to Ms. **Line** and her staff. Thank you.

42 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
43 I'd just like to say I appreciate on behalf of Council
44 the fine job the staff at the library is doing; all of
45 them. And also the volunteer board that y'all work
46 with so great and Friends of the Library. Appreciate
47 very much what all y'all do and make Anderson County
48 very proud. We'll vote right quick. Put that in the
49 form of a motion. We got a second. Had some
50 discussions. Now we'll vote. All in favor of the

1 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
2 motion carries unanimously.

3 TOM ALLEN: Have everyone come down and
4 we'll do a little presentation for the library.

5 **(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)**

6 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number
7 2(b) RESOLUTION R2018-018 A Resolution to Proclaim
8 Friday, March 16, 2018 as "Bassmaster Day" in Anderson
9 County. Mr. Ray Graham.

10 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11 This is Resolution R2018-018 a Resolution to Proclaim
12 Friday, March 16, 2018 as "Bassmaster Day" in Anderson
13 County, South Carolina and other matters related
14 thereto.

15 **WHEREAS**, B.A.S.S. (Bass Angler Sportsman Society)
16 is committed to enhancing the sport of bass fishing
17 through advocacy for access, conservation and youth
18 fishing and is considered the worldwide authority on
19 bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, B.A.S.S. has been a leader since 1968 in
22 tournament fishing, community partnerships,
23 conservation efforts, and economic impact for fishing
24 communities and is celebrating 50 years as an
25 organization this year; and

26 **WHEREAS**, B.A.S.S. will host the 2018 Geico
27 Bassmaster Classic presented by Dick's Sporting Goods,
28 the 48th annual world championship of professional bass
29 fishing, March 16-18, 2018 on Lake Hartwell with
30 takeoffs from Green Pond Landing and Event Center, a
31 modern, \$3.1 million launch facility; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the 2018 Bassmaster Classic will mark the
33 third time since 2008 the "Super Bowl of Bass Fishing"
34 has been held on Lake Hartwell in Anderson County,
35 South Carolina; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Anderson County
37 Council, with gratitude for the enduring partnership
38 between the County and B.A.S.S. and its continued
39 positive impact on the quality of life of our citizens
40 and the economic health of our region, do hereby
41 proclaim Friday, March 16, 2018 as "Bassmaster Day" in
42 Anderson County, South Carolina.

43 RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 6th day
44 of March, 2018.

45 Mr. Chairman, I bring that forth as a motion.

46 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham, second by
47 Ms. Wilson.

48 CINDY WILSON: Yes.

49 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

50 CINDY WILSON: We finally have water back.

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1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, we do. Thank the good
2 Lord. Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion
3 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
4 carries unanimously.

5 Appreciate Mr. Graham doing that.

6 At this time we'll move on to Item number 2(c)
7 Resolution R2018-019. A Resolution to Honor the life
8 and legacy of William "Billy" F. Graham, Jr. upon the
9 occasion of his passing and other matters related
10 thereto.

11 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Graham was born on November 17,
12 1918 in Charlotte, North Carolina to William Franklin
13 Graham and Morrow Coffey Graham, the first of their
14 four children and spent most of his boyhood interested
15 in history and playing baseball with a dream to play
16 professionally.

17 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Graham began his path to becoming
18 the most important evangelist since the Apostle Paul,
19 when, at the age of 16, he attended a street corner
20 revival session led by the Reverend Ham and decided to
21 become a Christian in 1934; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Graham graduated from Wheaton
23 College in Wheaton, Illinois in 1943 and married his
24 classmate Ruth McCue Bell, his wife of 63 years, the
25 same year, later having three daughters, two sons and
26 nineteen grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

27 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Graham founded the Billy Graham
28 Evangelistic Association in 1950, over his lifetime
29 preaching in person to approximately two hundred and
30 fifteen million people in more than a hundred and
31 eighty-five countries and territories on six
32 continents, including Anderson in 1950 at the old
33 recreation center; and millions more by television and
34 his thirty-four books; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Graham counseled every President
36 of the United States since Harry Truman, visited and
37 prayed with American soldiers in war zones in South
38 Korea and Vietnam and preached alongside Martin Luther
39 King, Jr. for racial equality in New York City in 1957,
40 and bailed Mr. King out of jail when King was arrested
41 for protesting segregation, comforted the nation at the
42 National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. following
43 attacks of September 11, 2001; and served for nearly a
44 century as a leader of faith with a singular ability to
45 unite Americans from all walks of life, ethnic and
46 racial backgrounds and political affiliations.

47 NOW, THEREFORE be it Resolved by the Anderson
48 County Council in meeting duly assembled this 6th day
49 of March, 2018, the Council honors the life and legacy
50 of Billy Graham and his significant contributions to

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1 the United States of America and to millions of people
2 across the world.

3 Put that in the form of a motion. The whole
4 Council seconds it. Any discussion? Appreciate y'all
5 letting me do that tonight. All in favor of the motion
6 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
7 carries unanimously.

8 This part of our Council meeting will be over.
9 We'll reconvene back here at 6:30 start regular Council
10 meeting.

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

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GRACIE FLOYD
TOM ALLEN
CRAIG WOOTEN
KEN WATERS
M. CINDY WILSON

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT

1 TOMMY DUNN: ... the March 6th Regular
2 Anderson County Council meeting to order. Want to
3 welcome each and every one of you here tonight.
4 Appreciate y'all coming out.
5 At this time I'd like to ask Councilman Ken Waters
6 if he'd lead us in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
7 If we'd all rise, please.

8 KEN WATERS: At this time we'd like to
9 have a moment of silence honoring the Reverend Billy
10 Graham.

11 **(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MR. KEN WATERS)**

12 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, are there any
13 corrections to be made to the February 20th County
14 Council meeting minutes? Anybody hear anything, see
15 anything? Make a motion to accept the minutes.

16 CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

21 Moving on to Citizens Comments. Mr. Harmon calls
22 your name, please restate your name and district for
23 the record. You've got three minutes. Keep matters on
24 agenda items only and address the Chair.

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

27 FRANK PRESSLY: I'm speaking to Item number
28 11. Frank Pressly, District 2. I went to the meeting
29 last week for -- at Cheddar -- about the landfill.
30 There was a pretty good meeting. There was a lot of
31 participation. There was a piece of paper that was
32 handed around that was shown to be, or claimed to be a
33 part of the new contract and the new agreement with the
34 landfill.

35 Several meetings ago I asked one of the County
36 Council members about the contract that we're talking
37 about here. And they said that the contract had
38 disappeared and that no one had it. This contract that
39 we were given is not a contract. It's an amendment.
40 It says specifically on it that it's an amendment to an
41 agreement from October 29, 1997, which was the original
42 sale agreement that this landfill was sold under. In
43 South Carolina you're not a legitimate business until
44 you've registered with the Secretary of State. This
45 contract was executed on 10-29 of '97. Anderson
46 Regional Landfill which is the legal name of our
47 landfill was not registered with the Secretary of State
48 until a week later. Allied Waste was not registered
49 with the Secretary of State until two months later. So
50 I don't even know that either of these entities was

1 legal to contract in South Carolina.

2 Now, I'm not comfortable with this idea that we're
3 working on expanding and taking language out of a
4 contract that isn't in front of us. So, Mr. Chairman,
5 I'd like you to ask the County Administrator to produce
6 this contract that they refer to in this amendment,
7 specifically in removing section 11 and referring to
8 section 20. There's bound to be a contract somewhere
9 if somebody's talking about it. But I don't know about
10 y'all, but I'm not comfortable with this notion of us
11 acting on, improving and expanding the contract that is
12 vapor, it doesn't exist. They say it exists here, but
13 you're voting on something that I have been told on
14 good authority doesn't exist.

15 So, Mr. Chairman, if you would, ask County
16 Administrator to please produce for us all this
17 contract that we're talking about. It's at the center
18 of this discussion and I don't think any amendments
19 should be made to it until we actually see the
20 contract. And all you Council members, I mean, you're
21 talking and voting on something that you've never even
22 seen. Are you comfortable with that? I mean I have to
23 ask honestly. I mean, have y'all -- any of y'all been
24 intimidated or promised something in regard to this
25 vote? Because it's not adding up. It's just not
26 making any sense.

27 LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth
28 Fant.

29 ELIZABETH FANT: Good evening, friends. I
30 have one correction to the amendment, to the agenda
31 minutes. On page 19 line 17, it should be spelled W-a-
32 t-e-r-s. His name is Waters, then you put the
33 apostrophe.

34 I'm also speaking on number 11. I went to the
35 meeting and it was -- I've been to several of the
36 meetings and they've all been very passionate and the
37 people there are just so tired because for twenty years
38 now basically nothing has been done. I'm not
39 optimistic, but I would like to be.

40 But I want you to know that some of the concerns,
41 one lady's daughter was killed at the intersection of
42 whatever that is 247 I think and Murphy Road, which is
43 where the trucks are coming in and they're not supposed
44 to be coming in there. The trucks are flying down
45 there at 70 miles an hour. These are witnesses that
46 are telling this. They're not stopping at stop signs.
47 They're going in areas that they shouldn't be. They
48 start up what goes on at the landfill whether it's a
49 truck leaving the landfill or whether it's just
50 starting up a truck, they're doing this at four o'clock

1 in the morning. It's continuing until midnight. The
2 people over there can't get sleep. Their children are
3 at jeopardy along the way because the trucks are coming
4 through and throwing rocks. I mean we're talking about
5 big chunks of rocks. There's been another accident out
6 there where there's no guardrail and somebody
7 overturned and went into the ditch. The buzzards are
8 horrible. The stench is horrible. And I would like to
9 ask those of you who live in Anderson County, the rest
10 of Anderson County, how you would like to live in a
11 situation like this where things have been promised for
12 twenty years. And it's not happening. I think it's
13 egregious. I think as a county we need to get our act
14 together. We don't need to be subsidizing some
15 business to make their wishes happen at the expense of
16 our own people. These people are passionate, they are
17 not kooks, they are backing up everything they say with
18 evidence and we don't seem to be getting anywhere.

19 I have an article, a ten page article about the
20 landfill that happened under the former Administrator.
21 It never should have happened the way it did. There
22 doesn't appear, as Mr. Pressly says, to be a contract
23 that we're working on. There was a contract but it
24 just somehow or another just ---

25 LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.

26 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

27 Next.

28 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

29 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. At this time a
30 little housekeeping thing. I meant to do this earlier.
31 Item number 7(a) Supplemental ordinance for the budget,
32 that's part of the Finance Committee thing, so we won't
33 be doing that under 7(a). It'll still be a public
34 hearing and all, we'll do that at the -- and vote on
35 that over on the finance committee thing.

36 And Item number 7 under the Finance Committee
37 executive session, potential land contract, that will
38 be moved up first. That needs to be took care of
39 first, because that'll be part of -- could be part of
40 the supplemental budget, from my understanding.

41 Moving on next will be discussion concerning the
42 Anderson County Fire Protection Commission. Before we
43 get into that, make a quick statement before we -- how
44 we got here. Fire Commission came to County Council
45 and asked for a four mil tax increase. This was put in
46 the Public Safety Committee. Some Council members had
47 some questions and some answers and wanted to get with
48 the attorney. Attorney advised to go get some opinions
49 from the Attorney General's office. Public Safety
50 Committee brought this before the full Council and the

1 full Council voted on this to go to these hearings. I
2 had a conversation with Chairman of the Fire
3 Commission, Mr. Holiday, said he understood what we was
4 doing, where we was at. I wish this thing could have
5 been quicker. Things that we've got no control over.
6 But it just so happened today the Attorney General --
7 we got his letter and got his thing. But we saying
8 that is a moot point. We got a letter here from the
9 fire commission stating they withdraw their request.
10 Tonight, we don't have nothing before this Council
11 requesting a four mill tax increase. Just want to get
12 that for the record. Ms. Floyd.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Last week maybe
14 in January 23rd, we all received a letter from the
15 Anderson County Fire Protection Commission. The letter
16 kind of flabbergasted me a little bit because I didn't
17 know what was going on and no one had said anything to
18 me about it. So I wanted to find out for myself what
19 did all of this mean.

20 One part of the letter really got to me. And I'd
21 like to read that part to you now. It is written, the
22 last paragraph in the letter says, it is unfortunate
23 that an agreement on this matter could not be reached
24 and that communication seems to have stalled between
25 the fire service and Anderson County. Considering this
26 request is over a year old and there have been no
27 formal meetings to present our needs or have an
28 opportunity to discuss options, we have decided to
29 withdraw our petition for public hearing and will not
30 pursue the general obligation bond as a funding stream.
31 The commission staff and many of our volunteers have
32 voiced disappointment in the lack of support Anderson
33 County has expressed during this process.

34 When I read that, I did not understand, because the
35 Anderson County I serve is not supposed to do that.
36 We're supposed to listen and we're supposed to
37 understand what the needs of the people are and what
38 their wishes are. I didn't say we were supposed to
39 agree with them. I said we were supposed to listen and
40 what they were saying is they wanted to -- they did not
41 get an opportunity to discuss options that we have --
42 did not get the opportunity to discuss options. I
43 didn't think that was right. I wanted to know, and I
44 knew that you, the public, wanted to know, too.

45 So, I went down to the fire department to
46 understand it more. And after talking with our chief,
47 Jimmy R. Sutherland, I understood a little more about
48 it. But I didn't know about it. I understand that
49 this was supposed to go to the Public Hearing folks, I
50 mean to the Public Hearing Committee and I was Chair of

1 the Public Hearing Committee last year and I didn't
2 hear a word about this. No one told me anything about
3 this.

4 But after listening to them I thought it was
5 important enough to have them come and let them speak
6 to this and see what the ends and everything else was
7 about. So I invited them to come, not knowing the
8 information that our Chair just told us. I never hear
9 that before.

10 But anyway, I welcome the Fire Chief, I mean the
11 fire people here from wherever you are. No matter what
12 district, what fire district or no matter what station.
13 I'm glad you're here. And please, use this opportunity
14 to tell us what it is that you want and what it is that
15 you would like for the county to know. I'll call on --
16 I was supposed to have Chief Sutherland and Mr. Moon's
17 name on the agenda, but it didn't get there, but that's
18 okay. Whomever is going to do the speaking, please
19 come up now.

20 Mr. Burns, would you help them get situated,
21 please.

22 RUSTY BURNS: ???

23 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. Okay. Good.

24 MR. MOON: ... Chairman Holiday and
25 Chief Sullivan to provide you with just a little bit of
26 background information. I want to keep that as brief
27 as possible so that we have time for Chairman Holiday
28 to make his statements. And the power point is coming
29 up. And I do want to express like I said to Ms.
30 Floyd's invitation and to the entire Council for the
31 opportunity of a public forum to discuss the Anderson
32 County Fire Protection Commission and our nine hundred
33 volunteer firefighters that serve every day. We always
34 look for any opportunity we can to talk about the fire
35 service. We feel like we do a good job. Our
36 volunteers do a good job. And we want to let the
37 citizens know that they are there every day serving at
38 their will.

39 So the Anderson County Fire Protection Commission
40 that was established in 1961 by the state legislature.
41 It's a special purpose district that provides -- was
42 intended to provide equal and efficient fire protection
43 throughout the unincorporated area of Anderson County.
44 But once it was put into service in 1963, it started
45 having stations operating within the county, we grew to
46 also include other municipalities. The only area of
47 the county that's not served by the Anderson County
48 Fire Protection Commission is the city of Anderson, the
49 city of Belton, the town of Honea Path and the town of
50 Williamston and the Piedmont service district. But we

1 do have automatic aide and mutual aide agreements with
2 those departments, so they help us and we help them.

3 Right now the special purpose district is composed
4 of the fire commission, which are volunteers, too.
5 They're not compensated for what they do. That's a
6 five member board, one assigned to each school district
7 to oversee the operation of the special purpose
8 district. We have an administrative staff and I'll
9 break that down for you in a few minutes. But we
10 basically run and support at the volunteer fire
11 stations throughout the county.

12 As of right now, we have right at just under 900
13 volunteer firefighters in the county. That number
14 fluctuates as you can imagine as there are people leave
15 and come on. We fluctuate between about 850 and 900.
16 They're assigned to 27 individual organized fire
17 districts, so that's your community fire district such
18 as the Hopewell area, Friendship area, Creightonville,
19 Iva, things such as that; those smaller jurisdictions.
20 And they are operating out of -- we're operating out of
21 a headquarters station on McGee Road and out of 31 fire
22 stations throughout the county. Reason we have 31 fire
23 stations versus 27 is some of the areas are very large
24 and distant so those individual stations added a second
25 station so that they could better serve the community
26 and reduce response times. A lot of that has taken
27 place over the last ten years. We utilize a fleet of
28 over 140 pieces of apparatus including engines,
29 tankers, ladder trucks, rescue trucks and just a
30 multitude of support vehicles.

31 In 2007, just to give you a brief picture, we ran
32 right at 6074 calls for service. As you can imagine,
33 from just about anything. We tend to be a catchall.
34 If you don't know who to send, send the fire
35 department. And our people are more than welcome to
36 show up and do what they can. And we have always been
37 proud to know that and be ranked as one of the largest
38 volunteer fire service organizations in the country.
39 At one time it was easy to track and we knew we were
40 the fifth largest fire departments that was all
41 volunteer in the country. Some of those numbers are --
42 have blurred a little bit because of the volunteer
43 departments switching over to combination departments,
44 but we still know we're in the top in the nation.

45 We operate off of a six mill tax levy that was put
46 on in 1987, which was 31 years ago. There's been no
47 adjustment to the six mills since that time. There's
48 been no indebtedness placed on as any additional
49 millage. We've operated off of that six mills for the
50 last 31 years.

1 We provide operations to the district and to the
2 individual volunteer fire districts and to any capital
3 improvements throughout the special purpose district.
4 The fire millage is a little bit less than a county
5 mill and that's because of what we spoke to earlier is
6 the city of Anderson and several municipalities are not
7 included in how it's calculated. So from what the
8 County Council is used to dealing with as a mill, our
9 millage is actually less than that. So anywhere
10 between five hundred and fifty and five hundred and
11 seventy thousand per mill is what we operate off of.

12 Out of that tax levy, the commission has a
13 multitude of obligations. Of course, administration of
14 the district. We have a county chief and assistant
15 chief. I'm the assistant chief. Chief Sullivan is the
16 county chief and we have two office staff there that
17 helps with the accounting, bookkeeping, purchasing and
18 things such as that. Commercial building fire code
19 inspections, we have two full time fire marshals that
20 go out and work with the county inspectors to do fire
21 code inspections and they also do our yearly
22 inspections which are required for our volunteer
23 stations to receive what we call state one percent
24 funding, which gives them money to train with and money
25 to do recruitment and retention. So that money comes
26 directly to those volunteer stations. So our
27 inspectors help them and support them to receive that
28 money.

29 Fire investigation, we have two full time fire
30 investigators. That's a little bit unique. Not --
31 most fire departments do not do that. We do that to
32 assist the volunteer stations with origin and call
33 determination. They prosecute any arson fires in the
34 county and they also handle burn complaints throughout
35 the county during daily process when they're on duty.
36 If complaints come in about illegal burning such as
37 that, the investigators go out and check into that.

38 Apparatus maintenance. I mentioned over 140
39 vehicles in our fleet. We have a shop there onsite at
40 the county headquarters. Three technicians in there
41 that provide expert service on the fire trucks. It
42 takes a special trained person that knows how to work
43 on fire equipment apparatus and equipment. So we
44 benefit by having those guys in the shop.

45 County fire communications. We are out of the
46 central dispatch 9-1-1 center, but we continue to pay
47 the salaries for our dispatchers. That was part of the
48 arrangement when we moved to central dispatch. We also
49 had to upgrade our radio system because of the FCC
50 narrow banding several years ago. We had to go to a

1 simulcast system which put more antennas throughout the
2 county and that was right at five hundred thousand
3 dollars that we had to spend on that upgrade.
4 Training. Of course you can imagine the number of
5 hours that these volunteers must go through. We have a
6 full time training office that coordinates that
7 training within these departments. We have several
8 part time instructors that we pay to go out and do
9 training for these volunteers. We work closely with
10 the South Carolina Fire Academy to provide economical
11 training. We get a break on cost by going with them
12 and we're able to do training a lot of times in those
13 volunteer community stations so those volunteers don't
14 have to travel. But we do have a training facility
15 here in the county that they can utilize so they don't
16 have to go to Columbia to take training. Recruitment,
17 retention. Like I said, a large volunteer
18 organization. We felt like several years ago when we
19 was lucky enough to receive a grant to hire a
20 recruitment retention coordinator. And we have
21 retained that person because once we put that person in
22 place, we started seeing our volunteer numbers creep up
23 from about 800 to like I said we're close to 900 now in
24 just about 4 years. So we felt like that was a
25 significant increase. They also do fire prevention.
26 They go out and talk to civic groups about fire
27 preventions. Go to our schools, talk to our children
28 about fire prevention. And we also do a smoke detector
29 campaign where we provide smoke detectors to needy
30 residents. If they need them, we will come install
31 them and we'll provide those smoke detectors to them.
32 We provide insurance. All workers comp for all
33 volunteers and staff and we also insure all the
34 facilities all the volunteer stations, all the
35 equipment, all the apparatus.
36 Volunteer station operations. About one third of
37 our budget every year goes directly to the volunteer
38 stations for them to operate off of. Their utilities,
39 their equipment they need to keep up, fuel for their
40 trucks. And things that they need to be able to
41 operate. They are supported through that. And that
42 support has greatly increased over the last ten years.
43 The Commission has increased the amount of money that
44 goes directly to those stations so that they're not
45 struggling.
46 We also give -- we have a county technical rescue
47 team which is a joint effort between us and the city.
48 We provide financial support to it and also with
49 vehicle support. We provide a vehicle for them.
50 Actually we've helped on two vehicles for that.

1 The Haz-Mat team, we provide a yearly amount in the
2 budget for those guys and we also provide them with
3 facilities there at the headquarters station to store
4 their equipment and vehicles.

5 And like I mentioned, the Anderson County Training
6 Facility where we train at is a joint effort among all
7 the fire departments in the county and we pay -- we
8 have to pay a dues that's calculated off our tax
9 revenue each year to be a member of that training
10 facility. So that does keep our volunteers from having
11 to travel to places like Columbia to train. They also
12 have to provide medical physicals to all firefighters
13 each year. They have to take a -- basically a DOT
14 physical. It's a little bit less than a DOT physical
15 so you can imagine the cost of that to each of -- for
16 each of those volunteers. Personal protective
17 equipment. The turnout gear, the bunker gear they wear
18 has to be replaced at ten years no matter what the
19 shape that it's in. It has to be taken out of use.

20 The Fire Commission, we have 27 stations. There's
21 two fire pumpers in each station that are provided by
22 the fire commission tax levy and that's on an ongoing
23 replacement basis. Usually based on years of operation
24 and the status of the vehicle. Also replacement of air
25 apparatus or ladder trucks that we use. We have two
26 county owned. There's three that the individual
27 volunteer fire departments have purchased on their own.
28 The problem we see there is they were able to get them
29 reasonably but there's not a funding stream to replace
30 those station owned vehicles. The two apparatus that
31 we have currently are 20 years old. One was bought
32 new, one was bought used. They are getting very close
33 to needing to be replaced. And you're looking at
34 anywhere from a million to a million and a half dollars
35 a piece to replace those.

36 What do our volunteer districts do? They have
37 financial obligations out of the station allotment that
38 they receive, but they are also 501(c)(3)s, so you can
39 donate to your local department. They can use that
40 money for in-district community specific needs. They
41 keep up their stations. If they need to build a new
42 station, most of the time they're using that community
43 money that people has donated to them. District
44 specific equipment replaces some. The Cheddar
45 community down towards the tank farm, they have a
46 specific need for that area, so they may have a little
47 bit different equipment needs. Brush trucks, or what
48 they use on grass fires and woods fires they purchase
49 on their own and replace. Rescue trucks, speciality
50 apparatus, anything they feel they need for their area.

1 Extraction equipment like jaws of life, and stuff like
2 that, it's important to remember that they are -- that
3 was something that we kind of just inherited. If
4 you'll remember, we used to have volunteer rescue
5 squads in the county. That transitioned over to full
6 time EMS services and the fire department basically
7 just adopted the rescue side of things as far as
8 emergency services. There was no funding stream for
9 that so those stations have met that obligation out of
10 their district money.

11 A classification that we have, the ISO insurance
12 service classification or ISO classification, you've
13 probably heard about it, you maybe not have heard.
14 Basically what it does is grades the fire department on
15 manpower communications or capabilities, water supply
16 and fire suppression. We have consistently over the
17 last decade dropped our ISO class down to a 3 size 3Y,
18 which is very good for volunteer fire departments. And
19 we feel like that classification has saved taxpayers in
20 insurance premiums; business owners and residents. And
21 the reason we say that is even if you have built-in
22 inflation into your insurance policy it probably has
23 not grown at the rate it would if you had a bad fire
24 department. We feel like we've worked very diligently
25 on keeping the ISO coming down and we don't want it to
26 go in the opposite direction.

27 We are looking at an increase cost in the fire
28 service. The annual medical physicals that we have to
29 do, you know, prices go up. We have more firefighters.
30 We recruit, we retain more firefighters, so we have to
31 add more physicals. The tenure on protective equipment
32 is something that has happened just in the last decade.
33 That's something that we're working very hard to make
34 sure we can do. Fifteen years on air pack cylinders.
35 The air packs they wear, the cylinders on there
36 regardless of their quality they have to be replaced at
37 15 years.

38 Tire replacement on our apparatus. Go back to 140
39 unit fleet, excess of 140 unit fleet. Seven years
40 regardless of the mileage or the condition of the
41 tires, they have to be taken off and replaced.

42 Increased training hours. We have significant
43 training hours and we have to pay for instructors to do
44 that training. Insurance increases, like everybody
45 else. And we're not wanting -- not different than any
46 other organization as insurance costs go up. Ladder
47 trucks certifications, we do every year. Most of the
48 time they pass. Sometimes they don't. We have to make
49 repairs to get them to pass. That's costly.

50 SSE narrow band I mentioned affected our radio

1 system. It continues to be an issue because FCC is
2 thinking about narrow banding again. We don't know
3 what it will do to our radio system. We may have to
4 add more antennas.

5 So this is how we got to the GO Bond, which we feel
6 is -- was an attempt to stabilize and sustain the
7 volunteer fire service in Anderson County for the next
8 10 years. We was looking at replacing equipment, our
9 ladder trucks, needed turnout gear, the air pack
10 replacement on the fifteen year schedule, keeping up
11 our radio communications so our volunteers can receive
12 the calls and also by increasing our ability to
13 purchase bulk buying if we were doing a single point
14 buying system we were buying at one time for some of
15 this stuff we can get a pretty significant decrease in
16 price.

17 Basically what we're looking at is the bond was one
18 avenue. If the bond does not go through and we can't
19 -- we don't pursue the bond then we're going to have to
20 figure out a different vessel to recoup some of this
21 money or to bring the revenue in. But one thing the GO
22 Bond was going to do we felt like it was going to say
23 to our volunteer firefighters that you're important to
24 us, we care about your safety, you do a good job so
25 we're going to give you good equipment to work with.

26 I can't -- I don't know that I can put into words
27 what these volunteers do. When you think about someone
28 calling 9-1-1 for just about any reason, a lot of times
29 they're the first to arrive and the last to leave, all
30 hours of the day and on the weekends, on holidays. I
31 can't tell you how many times we've been out on
32 Christmas morning with these 30 or 40 volunteers on
33 large structure fires. And nobody complains. They are
34 there to serve the citizens of Anderson County.

35 The volunteer fire service is a tremendous savings.
36 We're talking about money and no one wants to talk
37 about a tax increase. But if you did not have the
38 volunteer fire service in this county with its size and
39 population growth and how the county is growing, you
40 would not want to see what the tax millage would have
41 to be to have career firefighters in these departments.

42 So what we're looking at is we want to create
43 volunteer incentive programs, and that was part of the
44 bond. We was going to move capital improvement
45 obligations to the bond so we could purchase the
46 equipment, free up some of our operating capital and we
47 were going to try to give some incentives to these
48 volunteers for staying on board with us. I'm also a
49 volunteer in this county, been one for the last twenty-
50 seven years. There's countless numbers of other

1 volunteers that have been doing it longer than I have.
2 And I mean there's people out there been doing it for
3 fifty and sixty years and they're still getting up in
4 the middle of the night and answering these calls.

5 So why now? As the Chairman spoke to the letter,
6 Mr. Holiday's going to speak to that. We just have a
7 sense of urgency. We want to try to find a fix so that
8 we can be sure that we are doing right by the citizens
9 and right by these volunteer firefighters. And that's
10 our biggest concern. We started this process over two
11 years ago. We had conversations, we had meetings that
12 we felt we had gained some support and had voiced our
13 needs and I don't know, something just -- something
14 happened and it stalled. And we just seemed to lose
15 that communication. And maybe that was on both sides,
16 I'm not sure. But I know that all we're looking at is
17 can we do something now that will sustain this system,
18 this volunteer system for the coming years. Our rescue
19 -- our equipment that we need, it goes up from three to
20 six percent a year, that's apparatus and equipment.
21 Our growth, we bring in about an extra hundred thousand
22 dollars a year off of growth.

23 One of our major concerns is fee-in-lieu-of
24 agreements with business takes away eight hundred and
25 fifty-five thousand dollars a year of our budget on
26 fee-in-lieu agreements. That's growth that we do not
27 get. If we had that money, we probably would not be
28 here tonight. We could continue and maintain with that
29 money. But because over the years we have gotten
30 behind, it's going to take more to catch up. That's
31 why we have a sense of urgency about us.

32 Industrial settings require specialized equipment.
33 And these and training for people and it's only -- to
34 me it's only right to these volunteers that these
35 businesses are supporting their effort.

36 So I'm not going to get too much into conclusion.
37 I just mentioned most of that, but I do want to
38 introduce Chairman Glen Holiday and he's going to speak
39 to our efforts so far and to where we're at tonight.
40 Thank you.

41 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, I apologize to
42 interrupt, but we're right at 25 minutes.

43 TOMMY DUNN: I think it's only right to
44 let Mr. Holiday talk. I make the motion that we -- how
45 much you need Mr. Holiday?

46 MR. HOLIDAY: Three minutes.

47 TOMMY DUNN: Give Mr. Holiday three
48 minutes to put in motion. All in favor of the motion
49 to give Mr. Holiday three minutes, show of hands. Show
50 the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Holiday.

1 MR. HOLIDAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
2 Honorable Councilmen. Appreciate this opportunity to
3 come to you. I'd like to just cover -- and some of the
4 things I had to cover would be repetitious of him so
5 it's okay that we go to this.

6 But just to beginning with the growth. The growth
7 has not been -- as he explained, the in-lieu-of has
8 kind of got us a little bit behind on that. In other
9 words, the growth you would expect to have been
10 substantial that we would -- it would be a wash that
11 the money that has increased over the years since 1987
12 would be a wash and we'd be having about the equivalent
13 what we were getting then. But that in-lieu-of does
14 have us behind.

15 The growth, I'm going to mention a couple of items
16 here. The growth and the time change from '87 to now.
17 When we bought a truck in 1987, that truck cost
18 somewhere in the 80 thousand dollar range. Today,
19 that truck, the ones we bought last fall, were over
20 three hundred thousand dollars, around three hundred
21 and twenty thousand dollars. Anything special that has
22 to go with it, of course, would be in addition to that.

23 And then in 1987 we thought nothing about aerial
24 equipment. Now, we're looking and we're facing times
25 when that's going to be essential.

26 Ladder trucks. A ladder truck is over a million
27 dollars with the equipment and things on it. And
28 believe me, when you walk and ride around your county
29 and everything, you see apartments going up and
30 everything, they're going up like crazy with three
31 stories high. We don't want to put our firemen in a
32 situation of having to fight a fire from on the ground
33 that they can't reach. And heaven forbid that they
34 would try to go in. So for protection, we're looking
35 at some things like that.

36 Mr. Moon also mentioned about the new equipment --
37 I mean the safety of things. OSHA and other
38 organizations, we do have increases there that we
39 didn't expect until just recently coming along. The
40 additional responsibilities that we've taken on. He
41 mentioned that. I think in the county all the
42 extraction at wrecks and everything is under the fire
43 department now. That was not so in 1987. Dispatch, we
44 had to deal with radios all this time, and Mr.
45 Chairman, you know as well as I do how these things
46 with the radios has always been a problem. Radios any
47 more, we don't have people to repair them any more. We
48 have to buy new radios. And it's cheaper in the long
49 run than having to repair. So we're having to
50 constantly replace radios.

1 We now support organizations we didn't -- or
2 committees that we didn't anticipate having in 1987.
3 For instance, we have our training center that we
4 support. We have the confined space team that we
5 support. Haz-mat had just begun to think about in '87.
6 So these are things that we continue to support.

7 So let me wrap it up real quick by saying
8 volunteers are our greatest resource. And we want to
9 -- and have and I hope we have the best that we could
10 as a commission have supported our volunteer firemen.
11 We want to continue to do that. This year is the first
12 year in the last few years wherein we have ordered only
13 one truck. We've been ordering two. I hope that we
14 don't have to resort to that. I hope that we don't
15 have to think -- and it won't be me around having to
16 think about it. But 27 years from now, with 27
17 stations, thinking of somebody having to drive a 27
18 year old truck. So I hope that we can continue on the
19 route that we've gone with the funds that we need.

20 I just want to mention right quick that our fire
21 commission wholeheartedly supports this GO Bonds issue.
22 We wholeheartedly support it. We have looked at it, we
23 have studied it, analyzed it and this would be the
24 cheapest way we could go. Now I say that to say this.
25 Yes, we probably did jump the gun, Mr. Chairman, on
26 withdrawing. But contacts have been lost. And
27 communication was not occurring and as Mr. Moon said it
28 could have been on both parts. I'll assure you that.
29 We take blame for it, too. And as you. Because we
30 waited for some answers that we thought were coming
31 because we were told that within certain periods of
32 times that we would be hearing more. And we should
33 have been in better contact with you so we'd have known
34 that there was a reason for these not to occur. So we
35 take blame along with you on that.

36 We have always had a great working relationship
37 with County Council and this is not going to stop.
38 Whatever the results are here, if you all determine
39 that this is not what you would like to support us
40 with, we go on. I personally am of a mind that I don't
41 like too many things going on at one time. That was
42 one reason that the letter was sent was because we felt
43 like there was a bit of a break down there and we knew,
44 with the figures that we've given you here, we needed
45 to begin and we desperately need to move on in a way
46 that we know that funding is going to be available. We
47 as a commission and I say the total commission, are in
48 full support of the GO Bonds. And we believe that this
49 gives us a plan that stabilizes the fire system for the
50 next ten years. We believe that this method is going

1 to be the cheapest and could be the cheapest.

2 So, Mr. Chairman, we extent our hand to you and I
3 hope you extent your hand back to us. But if that not
4 be the case, then we will move forward and we'll do
5 what we can in funding the fire system. Appreciate you
6 listening to us. And if anyone has a question for any
7 of us commissioners, we'll be happy to hear them.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it, Mr. Holiday.
9 I think time we've gone over a little bit. I
10 appreciate it.

11 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.

13 GRACIE FLOYD: All right. The three things
14 that you said to me that made a big difference just
15 hearing it, number one, was that the bond that you're
16 trying to float was structured based on the fire
17 commission borrowing capacity and not Anderson County.
18 In other words, this would not be on Anderson County's
19 borrowing capacity. But you guys were going to do
20 that. All you needed from us was a letter saying that
21 you got from the legislative -- you got a letter from
22 them saying that you could proceed with this and you
23 got a letter from somebody -- the Anderson County
24 delegation and the Anderson County Fire Chief.

25 The second thing was that you have not had
26 adjustment in over thirty years. So we're running the
27 fire department, our fire system, from 30 year old
28 money, how it was back then.

29 The third thing that really made an impression on
30 me is that because of fee-in-lieu of taxes which is a
31 good thing for Anderson County because it does give us
32 jobs and everything else. But it also cut into the
33 needs that we have. You guys lost eight hundred and
34 fifty-five thousand dollars because of fee-in-lieu-of
35 taxes. But yet, when the thing catches fire you are
36 expected to go down there and put it out and do
37 everything else you can.

38 I think that we need to give this some kind of
39 consideration as a Council -- not one person but as a
40 Council, we should have been able to get together to
41 decide what we are going to do and if we needed to call
42 you in for more questions or whatever. We should have
43 had the opportunity to do this.

44 But I am not the Chair, nor do I want to be the
45 Chair, but I want to apologize for my part of what has
46 happened here through the county. It has taken you so
47 long to do something that is so needed because of
48 whatever reasons. But any part that I might have
49 played in this delay I apologize because I know how
50 important how you are. And we know, too, because

1 almost every other time we have fire people come up
2 here and we give them awards and we pat them on the
3 back and we tell them how wonderful they are. But when
4 it comes down to supporting them financially we're
5 looking the other way.

6 And I thank you all for coming.

7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. My fellow
8 Council members, can I ask to extent the time? Let me
9 talk for three minutes. Put that in the form of a
10 motion.

11 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

12 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
13 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
14 carries.

15 I want to say I appreciate the fire commission and
16 all the firemen. I am one of those firemen. Been over
17 35 years. Know exactly what goes through and what the
18 firemen need. But I want to say this, Mr. Holiday.
19 Known you a long time. You known me. Know I ain't
20 never lied to you. I'm a phone call away. I told you
21 in that conversation we had that all you had to do --
22 we had to wait on that -- and it wasn't Tommy Dunn,
23 wasn't Ray Graham. This went through the proper
24 channels of full Council and voted on this about this
25 opinion, and I'll get -- from the Attorney General --
26 which we have now.

27 I want to touch base on something about the fee-in-
28 lieu-of we're kicking around here. Since 2008, I
29 believe, y'all got an average of a hundred and forty
30 thousand dollars on average in fee-in-lieu-of money. I
31 know it sounds -- but there wouldn't be no companies
32 here if we didn't do these fee-in-lieu-of agreements
33 and people having good paying jobs to be able to buy
34 stuff to put tax things to get these things. Fee-in-
35 lieu-of is a very important tool that we use.

36 Just for one sense, down at First Quality down
37 there -- was an old empty vacant building which would
38 have paid no taxes in a few years and now we got
39 something down there and it's over what, seven, eight
40 hundred jobs. So that's what -- fee-in-lieu-of is not
41 a dirty thing. It's a very important tool for our
42 economic development thing. Now I challenge the Fire
43 Commission -- y'all send a letter withdrawing this.
44 Y'all send one back saying y'all want this reinstated
45 and we'll sit down with other things and we'll get
46 something started. You got my word on that. Thank
47 y'all.

48 Moving on to Item number 7(a) this is third
49 reading. Be 2018-002 a Supplemental ordinance to amend
50 to Ordinance -- I'm sorry, I just told y'all we weren't

1 going to do that until we got to the Finance Committee.
2 So we'll be moving on to 7(b) 2018-003 an ordinance
3 authorizing a fee-in-lieu-of-Tax agreement on behalf of
4 Opperman Webbing, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to a
5 fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement between Anderson County,
6 South Carolina (the "County") and the company;
7 authorizing a 5-year extension of the investment period
8 for all investments over the statutory minimum
9 investment; authorizing the execution and delivery of
10 an Infrastructure Financing Agreement (IFA) granting
11 certain infrastructure credits to the company.

12 This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
13 speak to this, step forward, state your name and
14 district and address the Chair. Anyone at all?
15 Hearing and seeing none, public hearing will be closed.

16 Mr. Burriss you got anything you'd like to say?

17 BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, nothing other
18 than this is a great company. It's established, it's a
19 European company with their ownership a hundred and
20 seventy years old. Very stable, very sustainable
21 company and they'll be generating about sixty-five
22 thousand dollars of new property taxes each year for
23 the next however many years, thirty years in the
24 agreement. But they are already paying taxes of about
25 that amount each year as they exist today. So a good
26 opportunity for the aggressive and support of Anderson
27 County Council in recruiting companies like Opperman to
28 bring jobs and money to our tax base. This is a great
29 opportunity for us. It's 71 new jobs.

30 Thank you and members of Council for your support
31 and we certainly ask for your consideration of third
32 reading. Thank you so much.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We have a
34 motion?

35 KEN WATERS: Mr. Chairman, can we have
36 questions now or we ---

37 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Well, let's get a
38 motion on the floor and get the discussion. Motion
39 Mr. Allen. Have a second?

40 CINDY WILSON: Second.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now Mr.
42 Waters.

43 KEN WATERS: Okay. Just looking at this.
44 You mentioned the sixteen -- seventy-one dollars --
45 seventy-one jobs at sixteen dollars an hour. Can we
46 give the annual payroll on that? Can I say that?

47 BURRISS NELSON: The annual payroll,
48 certainly. That's just on this portion.

49 KEN WATERS: The annual payroll is two
50 point two million dollars almost two point three

1 million dollars per year.

2 BURRISS NELSON: That's right.

3 KEN WATERS: And that's of new jobs,
4 right?

5 BURRISS NELSON: Correct.

6 KEN WATERS: Brand new. I know we have a
7 map of all of the new stuff that we have. And I'll
8 have to say just one job is important to me, because
9 that's one job that somebody's not on the welfare or
10 depending on the government to -- for their living.
11 And so I appreciate everything y'all have done. And
12 you know, this is just one of the many things. And I
13 like the way you explained the -- do you happen to have
14 the taxes before?

15 BURRISS NELSON: No, sir, not in front of me.
16 I can get a list for Council.

17 KEN WATERS: Okay, that'll be fine. But
18 I just wanted you to mention that because this is very
19 good news. I mean this is very good news. And a lot
20 of times we take for granted, you know, just that one
21 job is important to us. And so we take for granted
22 what we're getting. And so we still have that same
23 vision. Just one job is important and you and I have
24 talked about this many times. I appreciate what you
25 guys have done to get this here and thank you very
26 much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

27 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?
28 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
29 like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

30 Thank you, Mr. Burriss.

31 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
32 members of Council.

33 TOMMY DUNN: There is no 8 or 9, second
34 or first readings on ordinances. There are none.
35 We're moving on now -- there are no resolutions in Item
36 10.

37 We go now to Item 11, Report from the Cheddar
38 meeting held February 27, 2018. Honorable Cindy
39 Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

40 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 Anderson County was represented by Greg Smith, Solid
42 Waste Director, Holt Hopkins, Director of Public Works,
43 Roads and Bridges engineers Matt Hogan and Megan Young
44 and our county attorney Leon Harmon and District 7
45 Councilman, South Carolina DOT, District engineer Kevin
46 McLaughlin, Cheddar Fire Department volunteers. And
47 Tim Fadul, the regional director for Waste Connections
48 also participated, along with approximately forty
49 residents. You have before you a list of complaints
50 and concerns that were voiced in the 30th of January

1 meeting. And in working together there has been some
2 progress made in several areas. Greg Smith is placing
3 a trash dumpster and a recycle bin at the MRF in front
4 of the landfill entrance for the local residents'
5 convenience. Mr. Ray Graham, District 3, is meeting
6 with our tax assessor's office to address tax
7 assessment issues in that area and we will have a
8 report on that soon. The community members are setting
9 up a facebook site as a method to share photos and
10 complaints with appropriate authorities. Our county
11 has initiated a new effort working with Big Creek Water
12 Company to obtain grant funding for waterlines and fire
13 hydrants in the area that are desperately needed.
14 Kevin McLaughlin of South Carolina Department of
15 Transportation addressed issues relating to the Big
16 Creek Road. The huge pothole in front of the Cooley's
17 homes which had a full depth rebuild two summers ago,
18 has now developed a new hole. He said a new fix, after
19 a temporary fix, after a short repair will be made and
20 then when the weather warms up there will be a
21 permanent fix.

22 Mr. Hopkins and Mr. McLaughlin are working on the
23 site distance issues where Big Creek, Hamilton, Cannon
24 Bottom Road and Mahaffey Roads all intersect. Mr.
25 McLaughlin gave brief updates on Highway 29, the Jockey
26 Lot and Highway 29 Cherokee Road bridge projects and
27 intersections. Highway 247, Shady Grove Road and
28 Murphy Road had flashing lights and 35 mile an hour
29 speed limits installed not too awful long ago. But the
30 truckers and others are continuing to break the speed
31 limits and ignore other issues. Murphy Road has had
32 four tanker wrecks and spills within the last 18
33 months. South Carolina DOT expects funding for Big
34 Creek Road within the next 5 years. Big Creek Road has
35 been on the list to be resurfaced numerous times in the
36 last 20 years. However, funding was never completed.
37 Now it looks like it needs to be rebuilt instead of
38 just resurfaced from all the heavy traffic. Mr.
39 Hopkins and Mr. Hogan reviewed the Rector Road flooding
40 issue and will send crews to re-ditch soon. Mr.
41 Hopkins is working with SCDOT, Cheddar Fire Department,
42 the neighborhood road committee and local industries to
43 coordinate better route, public safety for trucks and
44 public safety for truckers and some funding for the
45 fire department from the local industries that expect
46 fire protection from all the volunteer fire
47 departments. Cheddar is trained and equipped to fight
48 residential fires, not ethanol, fuel, pipeline and
49 landfill fires. According to the fire chief, only
50 Colonial and Marathon have given a hundred dollars

1 each. Kinder-Morgan had promised a foam buggy not long
2 before -- had issued a date and place for the fire
3 department to pick it up and when they called to
4 confirm the date and the place, they had reneged.
5 Transportation police will be called again to deal with
6 overweight trucks and highway patrol for the speeders.
7 District -- Direct landfill complaints that are being
8 dealt with right now are that the landfill company has
9 gotten a federal permit to shoot and to kill the
10 hundreds of buzzards that create health and sanitation
11 issues. The landfill company will pick up trash daily
12 on Big Creek Road and Rector Road when they're open.
13 Santee Cooper Generators that are so loud will be gone
14 in 5 years and in the meantime the landfill manager is
15 requesting that smaller, less noisy generators will
16 replace what is currently in place.

17 There are ongoing issues centered on the contract.
18 Number 1, permit operating hours for the landfill are 6
19 AM to 4 PM per contract, but the DHEC permit indicates
20 6 AM to 6 PM. However, residents have complained since
21 1997 of trucks coming and going all hours of the day
22 and night, loud clanging, bright lights on top of Mount
23 Trashmore. The residents require that we enforce the 6
24 to 6 measure. The horrible stench that residents
25 endure has gotten far worse since SC DHEC permitted the
26 dumping of auto shredder fluff from a local industry.
27 The residents nor this Councilman were advised of this.
28 The use of alternate daily cover and truck hours are
29 required by residents to be changed and adhered to as
30 they currently are. The pricing of county solid waste
31 disposal has been agreed on and several other important
32 points. It is hoped that our work will be completed
33 soon for final approval. Mr. Harmon, Mr. Hopkins, Mr.
34 Graham, does anyone have anymore to add? We're
35 definitely a work in progress and process. There's a
36 lot to be worked on. We do have a new regional
37 representative from the landfill who is actually
38 attempting to do some better things over there. It's
39 going to take a while before we come back with our
40 contract. So thank y'all for the opportunity.

41 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. If
42 there's no objection, we're going to take about a five
43 minute break.

44 **(RECESS 7:29 PM TO 7:34 PM)**

45 TOMMY DUNN: At this time we'll be moving
46 on with the Report from the Planning and Public Works
47 Committee. Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

48 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 Please find enclosed in your agenda packet an extensive
50 report by Mr. John Batson of our Stormwater Department

1 regarding issues at a development off Long Road. There
2 have been many complaints over the years about this
3 specific property and many other tract home builders
4 and projects in the county. At our meeting we had
5 directors from all the county departments related to
6 these concerns to discuss what could be done from
7 county permitting and enforcement to ensure better
8 quality development and building in our county. Omega
9 Farms is currently under a cease and desist order put
10 into place by our Stormwater Department requiring them
11 to make corrections as noted in the complaint. There's
12 been extensive flooding; even basements flooding and
13 water going over the road, muddy water going into the
14 pond, the retention pond not actually working. A lot
15 of issues there.

16 Mr. Burns, Mr. Hopkins and Chairman Dunn and I met
17 out there to check on progress last Thursday and it was
18 noted that while work remained to be done, there has
19 been noticeable progress. In our meeting we discussed
20 the difference between cease and desist and stop work
21 orders. The stop work orders would be served by the
22 Sheriff's Department. We asked if there was anything
23 further that could be done by the county to encourage
24 more solid quality development and building and our
25 Building and Codes director indicated to us that
26 inspections by his department are governed by state law
27 based on the international building codes which are
28 minimal. So we kind of didn't accomplish a lot except
29 that I think things will improve in some of these
30 developments because there are civil matters that a lot
31 of the people who live there are beginning to demand of
32 their builders. And one of the advantages those type
33 development have that we don't -- I should say the
34 regular builders and developers in our county don't
35 have is that most of them are large out-of-state
36 builders and developers and they can finance their
37 product to people who perhaps would not be able to
38 qualify for a bank loan under the current banking
39 industry.

40 So there are a lot of issues in this area and it's
41 important that we all share information and that we
42 advise people that caveat emptor, buyer beware. A lot
43 of buyers just simply don't know what they're looking
44 at. If a new house looks cute and they can get
45 financing for it, they may not notice that it's down in
46 a hole and water's flooding into it. So we're going to
47 continue to monitor this with everybody's help. Mr.
48 Batson with our stormwater has done everything that he
49 can and continues to do to make sure that the runoff
50 and other issues is properly managed.

1 So thank y'all very much.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
3 Moving on to the report from the Finance Committee.
4 Ms. Davis, we'll do the Executive Session before we get
5 to the amendment of the supplemental budget -- in the
6 supplemental budget.
7 Moving on first will be Grant Community Development
8 Block Grant. Chairman Waters.
9 KEN WATERS: Ms. Rita, you want to go
10 over the grant for the Community Block?
11 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Sandy Springs
12 Water Company is just asking that we act as a pass-
13 through for a community development block grant. This
14 is no financial obligation on the county's behalf.
15 This will be the second type grant that we have acted
16 as a pass-through for them.
17 KEN WATERS: Okay. And all of the
18 motions are passed by Finance Committee with full
19 support.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance
21 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion? All
22 in favor of the Grant Community Development block grant
23 for Sandy Spring Water show of hands. All opposed like
24 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
25 Moving on to Item number 4(a)Bid #18-043
26 Agricultural Cab two wheel drive type tractor with
27 tiger side mower attachment. Mr. Chairman.
28 KEN WATERS: Yes. That's a new tractor
29 that they'll be needing and also (b) is an attachment.
30 I don't know if we can group those together.
31 TOMMY DUNN: We can, if y'all would like
32 we can do that.
33 KEN WATERS: Okay. And then we can bring
34 both of those in the form of a motion.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance
36 Committee doesn't need a second. Ms. Rita, this money
37 is coming from capital; right?
38 RITA DAVIS: That is correct. It was a
39 budgeted item, sir.
40 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.
41 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
42 CINDY WILSON: I did have a question. On
43 the two agricultural cab two wheel drive type tractors
44 and the tiger side mower attachments. There was only
45 one bidder and we requested to know if, I think it's
46 Ag-Pro, it's the John Deere dealership that had
47 received a request to participate and do we know that
48 yet?
49 RITA DAVIS: No, ma'am. Did he ---
50 RUSTY BURNS: We do know this, we do know

1 that this was publicly bid. It was on Fiz-bow and
2 other sites. Since that event we have reached out to
3 Ag-Pro and we've had contact with an individual who we
4 can send those things to directly.

5 CINDY WILSON: Oh, good. Because we didn't
6 know if maybe there was a service issue that we didn't
7 reach out to them or not. Thank you.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Thank y'all. All in favor
9 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
10 Show the motion carries unanimously. That was 4 (a)
11 and (b).

12 Now Item number 5 a Memorandum of Understanding
13 between South Carolina DHEC and the Anderson County
14 Environment Enforcement. Mr. Burns, you want to ---

15 RUSTY BURNS: Part of a project that we
16 undertook last year, a pilot project. This applies to
17 Narcan. If someone takes an overdose, this reverses
18 the effects. This will be a continuation of that.

19 GRACIE FLOYD: An overdose of what?

20 RUSTY BURNS: Prescription drugs, heroin.

21 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, you got
22 anything?

23 KEN WATERS: No, that's all. Bring that
24 in the form of a motion as well.

25 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance
26 Committee again doesn't need a second. Any discussion?
27 All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed
28 like sign. Show the motion carries.

29 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I abstain.

30 TOMMY DUNN: I said it carries. I didn't
31 say it was unanimous.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: Oh. Thank you.

33 TOMMY DUNN: Let the record show that Ms.
34 Wilson -- I mean Ms. Floyd abstained.

35 Moving on to Item number -- now we'll be going on
36 to Item number 7. We have a motion -- do we have a
37 motion to go into Executive Session to talk about
38 contract ---

39 RITA DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, if you don't
40 mind, did we cover the mower and those eight Dodge
41 Chargers for the Sheriff's office?

42 TOMMY DUNN: We did the mower but we
43 didn't do the Dodge Chargers.

44 RITA DAVIS: So we did the tractor and
45 the mower?

46 TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Did them at the same
47 time.

48 RITA DAVIS: And the ---

49 TOMMY DUNN: Didn't do the Dodge
50 Chargers.

1 RAY GRAHAM: The Chargers are ---
2 RITA DAVIS: Would you mind -- they did
3 them in the agenda, if you don't mind, to cover that.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Yep. You want to hit that,
5 Mr. Chairman? The Dodge Chargers for the sheriff's
6 office.
7 KEN WATERS: Would be there -- here we
8 are. The twenty-five ---
9 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis, you got that?
10 RITA DAVIS: Oh, yes, sir. It's eight
11 Dodge Chargers, Performance Auto Group, two hundred and
12 forty-five thousand and zero four zero. That comes out
13 of the one point nine million that's been set aside for
14 the Sheriff's capital, his vehicles.
15 TOMMY DUNN: And how many cars is that?
16 Eight?
17 RITA DAVIS: Eight, yes, sir.
18 TOMMY DUNN: Eight Dodge Chargers.
19 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
20 TOMMY DUNN: It's what the Sheriff's
21 thing -- what he has spec'ed out and what he's asking
22 for.
23 RITA DAVIS: And they're in critical need
24 of these. That's why we're asking to amend.
25 TOMMY DUNN: That's the reason it was
26 amended at the Finance Committee; right?
27 RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir.
28 TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Finance
29 Committee doesn't need a second. Any discussion? All
30 in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
31 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
32 Now, do we have a motion to go into Executive
33 Session to talk about potential land contract?
34 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen. Second
36 Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
37 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
38 unanimously. We'll go right back here.
39 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**
40 TOMMY DUNN: Council meeting will be back
41 in session. We have a motion to come out of Executive
42 Session?
43 TOM ALLEN: So moved.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
45 CINDY WILSON: Motion to come out of
46 Executive Session having received information with no
47 action taken.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. All in
49 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
50 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

1 Now we'll be moving on going back now to 7(a).
2 This will be 2018-002 a Supplemental ordinance to amend
3 to Ordinance 2017-016, the operating and capital budget
4 of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July
5 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. This will be a
6 public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this,
7 please state your name and district and address the
8 Chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public
9 hearing will be closed. Go back -- do we have a motion
10 to amend?

11 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
12 ---

13 TOMMY DUNN: I'm sorry. We need a motion
14 -- Finance Committee did not -- we got to have a motion
15 to move this forward, the original thing being caught
16 up here. We got a motion to move the ---

17 RAY GRAHAM: Make a motion to move.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion to move
19 forward the supplemental budget orders. That's 2018-
20 002. We have a second?

21 KEN WATERS: Second.

22 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
23 discussion?

24 CINDY WILSON: May I quickly, Mr. Chairman?

25 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

26 CINDY WILSON: You know I was very
27 concerned in our supplemental budget that we didn't
28 identify funding for our roads and bridges. And I want
29 to report that we're working really hard on that. We
30 made a motion in our Finance Committee meeting to come
31 up with a million and a half dollars in the new budget
32 for roads and bridges. And possibly set up special
33 appropriations for the municipalities for the stipends
34 that we've given to them in the past to continue under
35 separate account so that they have that funding. They
36 can go to the Transportation Committee with that small
37 amount of money to get matches.

38 For example, in Honea Path they had a forty-eight
39 thousand dollar appropriations. It's been two years
40 ago since we've had money for paving. And they took
41 that to the Transportation Committee and got about six
42 hundred thousand dollars worth of road work. So that's
43 the philosophy behind that. Anyway, I have assurances
44 we're going to work on that. Thank you.

45 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. Mr. Graham.

46 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
47 put this in the form of a motion that we amend the
48 supplemental budget to include that we allow Mr. Burns
49 and Mr. Harmon to go into negotiation for the purchase
50 of the former Glen Raven Equinox Mill site.

1 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we
2 have a second?
3 KEN WATERS: Second.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
5 discussion? Vote on the amendment. All show of hands.
6 Show the motion carries unanimously. Now back to the
7 original motion. Any more discussion for the original
8 motion? All in favor of the original motion show of
9 hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
10 unanimously.
11 We're moving on now to Item -- is that all, Mr.
12 Chairman, out of the Finance Committee?
13 KEN WATERS: That's all.
14 TOMMY DUNN: Be moving on to Item number
15 14, Road Acceptance into the county inventory, Avendell
16 Drive. Mr. Burns.
17 RUSTY BURNS: ????
18 TOMMY DUNN: Been through the whole
19 process and everything meets standards and everything
20 approved and all. We have a motion to move this
21 forward?
22 KEN WATERS: So moved.
23 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
24 Mr. Allen. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
25 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
26 carries unanimously.
27 Moving on now to Item number 5, Appointments. I'd
28 like to make a motion to nominate Mr. Ted Wentzky to
29 the Neighborhood Centerville Zoning Board. I put that
30 in the form of a motion.
31 CINDY WILSON: Second.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
33 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
34 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
35 unanimously.
36 Anyone else have any appointments that I've
37 overlooked. Hearing and seeing none.
38 Now Requests from Council members. Mr. Waters.
39 KEN WATERS: I have none.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen?
41 TOM ALLEN: You caught me off guard.
42 There's three of them I'd like to do them all at once
43 if that's okay.
44 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
45 TOM ALLEN: For the Foothills Alliance
46 I'd like to donate a thousand dollars out of my
47 recreation fund to support their programs for sexually
48 abused men and women and children. Also for the
49 National Archery Competition that's being sponsored by
50 both Department of Natural of Resources and District 4

1 here, as I did last year, I'd like to donate two
2 thousand dollars to them to go to both the state
3 championships and the national championships which will
4 be held up in Louisville, Kentucky. And the final one
5 is for the New Light Community Center for their
6 recreation center out there, I'd like to donate a
7 thousand dollars out of my recreation fund. And I'll
8 put those in the form of a motion.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Allen any
10 second?

11 KEN WATERS: Second.
12 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any
13 discussion?

14 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Allen, on the Riverside
17 Middle and Pendleton High School Archery Teams, is that
18 a school related activity?

19 TOM ALLEN: That portion of it is.
20 They're in conjunction with Department of Natural
21 Resources and run this thing. They just had a
22 competition here at the Civic Center with four hundred
23 and seventy kids from all over the Upstate area in
24 that. But they're kind of the local conduit here, if
25 you want to, for that whole process; DNR and District
26 4.

27 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
28 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
29 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
30 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Allen?

31 TOM ALLEN: That's all.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
33 GRACIE FLOYD: No, I don't have any
34 tonight.

35 TOMMY DUNN: District 5 would like to
36 appropriate five hundred dollars to the Foothill
37 Alliance out of its rec account. Put that in the form
38 of a motion.

39 CINDY WILSON: Second.
40 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
41 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion
42 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
43 carries unanimously.

44 I'd also like to take two thousand dollars out of
45 District 5's rec account and transfer it into District
46 3's rec account. Put that in the form of a motion.

47 TOM ALLEN: Second.
48 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Any
49 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 All opposed like sign. You opposing, Ms. Floyd?

1 GRACIE FLOYD: I was trying to make up my
2 mind on that one, but I will agree to that.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries
4 unanimously. Moving on Mr. Graham?
5 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
6 I'd like to request -- put this in the form of a motion
7 -- to allocate three thousand dollars to Belton
8 Alliance which is primary responsible for putting on
9 the chili cook-off for the Belton area. They are
10 actually bring in a lot of tourism and people as far as
11 putting heads in beds and definitely a good avenue.
12 Somehow due to some change of positions as far as with
13 them, they were unable to get the correct application
14 and get other funding, so I'm doing this through the
15 rec fund. Three thousand dollars. Thank you.
16 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
17 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
18 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
19 unanimously. Mr. Wooten?
20 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, I would like to make a
21 motion to allocate twenty-five hundred dollars to the
22 Foothills Alliance for their trauma outreach
23 activities, but most importantly for their recreation
24 activities, I guess a Walk in Her Shoes, that's coming
25 up. I put that in the form of a motion.
26 CINDY WILSON: Second.
27 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten, second
28 Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the
29 motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
30 motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wooten, anything else?
31 CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.
32 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
33 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, there are many
34 worthy projects, but District 7 is broke.
35 TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 17.
36 Administrator's Report.
37 RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
38 Chairman.
39 TOMMY DUNN: Number 19 -- I'm sorry,
40 moving on to Item 18. Make a motion we go into
41 Executive Session to discuss legal matters and this
42 will involve opium litigation matter. Put that in the
43 form of a motion.
44 CINDY WILSON: Second.
45 TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in
46 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
47 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
48 **(EXECUTIVE SESSION)**
49 TOMMY DUNN: Call the meeting of County
50 Council back in session. Ms. Wilson.

1 CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make the
2 motion that we come out of discussion in Executive
3 Session regarding the opioid litigation matter, with no
4 action taken.

5 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
6 second?

7 RAY GRAHAM: Second.

8 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any
9 discussion? I'm sorry. No discussion. All in favor
10 of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.
11 Show the motion carries unanimously.

12 To clear the record up, what Council intends to do
13 is meet several attorney groups, let full Council meet
14 with them, talk to them, ask questions, get
15 discussions, then we'll hopefully decide no later than
16 by next Council meeting. Mr. Harmon will be in touch
17 with these attorneys in setting up the meeting for them
18 to come and we can talk. And actually, just for the
19 record, these meetings will be announced to the public,
20 but by taking legal advice and discussions will be in
21 Executive Session.

22 Moving on now, Item number 19, Citizens Comments.
23 Mr. Harmon calls your name, state your name and
24 district, address the Chair, and you have three
25 minutes.

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

28 FRANK PRESSLY: Frank Pressly, District 2
29 again. Back to the contract on the landfill. Just
30 heard the full report from the committee Chair.
31 Committee Chair doesn't even have a copy of the
32 contract. What's up with that? I mean, this amendment
33 that they're passing around specifically refers to
34 section 11 being taken out of that contract. Do any of
35 y'all know what section 11 of that contract says? Does
36 anybody? I mean we're acting and operating on
37 something that's air. I mean, if we can't find it,
38 then we need to do something. We need to do another
39 one or whatever, but these references to this
40 amendment, I don't know who is writing this amendment,
41 but he's making references to specific sections in the
42 contract. So I mean, if the writer of this amendment
43 can refer to sections in the contract, where is the
44 contract? Where is it?

45 Mr. Chairman, you can ignore us, but ---

46 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Pressly, let me tell you
47 something and get it straight right now. You know how
48 the Council meeting works, and how it's set up. It's
49 not an answering questions thing. That's in our
50 ordinance. But I'm listening. I can do two things at

1 one time. I'm listening to every word you say. So
2 carry on.

3 FRANK PRESSLY: Okay. You don't need to be
4 upset.

5 TOMMY DUNN: I'm not upset. I said carry
6 on.

7 FRANK PRESSLY: The important thing is, this
8 is a big deal to this county. I mean we're talking
9 about spending a hundred million dollars here in the
10 next fifteen years. That's a lot of money. And if we
11 don't have a contract in front of us, what are we
12 dealing with? Everybody's talking about it, but
13 nobody's showing it to us. So we're on the record
14 asking for it. And it may take a while to figure out.
15 It took ten years to figure Mr. Preston out. But
16 something's up with this landfill deal and y'all need
17 to take a closer look at this.

18 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

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

21 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
22 I have something on my mind that I want you to look at
23 that has nothing to do with anything that we've talked
24 about tonight. It's the weather. It's almost spring.
25 We're going to be moving back -- moving forward with
26 our time. Days are getting longer. I've already got
27 my garden plowed the first time. Can't wait to get out
28 and dig in the dirt. But I notice when I go by the
29 Farmer's Market, that it's looking pretty raggedy. Mr.
30 Burns, we need some help out there. Needs a fresh coat
31 of paint around the facing. Needs some updates. We'll
32 be soon having groups that will be out there in May
33 with their items to sell before we get to the
34 agricultural part. And that really is a jewel. And
35 I'd like to see that it really gets used this year.
36 Hopefully we'll have a good growing season.

37 And I hesitate to say it, but I'm going to say it.
38 Wow. Mr. Dunn, you really need to get some anger
39 management under control. There is not any reason to
40 lash out at people out here in the audience. There are
41 few of us who even come. You did it to Mr. Pressly
42 tonight. You did it to him the last time he was here.
43 He doesn't deserve that. And every time you do that, I
44 get so embarrassed. The meeting was going real well
45 tonight. Real well. And then you have to end it on
46 those kind of notes. And I know you're going to always
47 have the last word.

48 TOMMY DUNN: That's right.

49 ELIZABETH FANT: Yep. He's already telling
50 me he's going to do that. But it's not necessary.

1 Only people who feel like they have to be the big dog
2 and have to stomp on little people have to have that
3 attitude. For once, I wish you would say nothing.

4 TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
5 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
6 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
8 GRACIE FLOYD: Before we go into the
9 remarks from Council, I'd like to ask you if you would
10 clear up something you said earlier that I really
11 didn't understand.

12 TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: You want to do it now?
14 TOMMY DUNN: It's up to you.
15 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, is it the proper time?
16 TOMMY DUNN: Well, it would be better to
17 do it on your comments.

18 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
19 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
20 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
21 do appreciate everyone's efforts dealing with the
22 landfill issue. It has been a nightmare of historic
23 proportions in our county. Everybody knows there was
24 no public competitive bidding for the gift of the
25 landfill to the company or the disposal or hauling
26 contracts at the time. And we have indeed been taken
27 pretty hard. But in the interest of not having an
28 interruption of service, which could be a pretty rough
29 deal in our county, even though we couldn't find the
30 real contract, what we had was -- there were some
31 signatures on it. There were a lot of blanks. There
32 was only one attachment, and that was the operating
33 agreement. Schedules like who got royalties and
34 commissions, that was not in it, not attached or
35 incorporated as it should have been. We did find out
36 that the engineering reports were available from DHEC.
37 So all we really had to deal with was the draft. The
38 proposal from Greenville County would have cost the
39 county a fair amount to set up a transfer station. And
40 it would have taken more time. There were a lot of
41 considerations that I personally waded through on all of
42 this, along with people in the community and the staff.
43 And one of the considerations is with the landfill that
44 no longer belongs to us, it's in our county and should
45 we have gone to Grenville, which would have been less
46 expensive on burial, but more expensive on hauling, and
47 some other complications that would have been
48 difficult. But with our having some agreement with
49 that landfill and continuing to use them, if we had
50 stopped in mid stream and said we're no longer working

1 with them, can you imagine the out of state garbage
2 that would have come in? That element of our contract
3 would have been null and void. And things are awful
4 over there for the people living there. But there
5 would have been no control. No leverage to help those
6 poor people at all. As it is, we have an opportunity
7 that we haven't truly had in the last twenty years and
8 I'm so grateful Mr. Graham has been working on this.
9 Y'all have all had to sit through many meetings. And
10 Mr. Gregg Smith has worked on it. I can't say enough
11 for everybody working on it. And it's still not
12 exactly what I would like. I mean, I wish the landfill
13 had never been sold. If we had kept the landfill and
14 run it properly ourselves, that was an agreement that
15 shouldn't have been done twenty years ago. And yes,
16 indeed, you're correct, it's cost this county two
17 hundred and fifty million dollars. You're right on
18 that.

19 But going forward, I had to personally weigh all
20 these other factors. Other people had to weigh those
21 factors, too, and it has been heartrending. But we do
22 have the opportunity to right some wrongs and make it
23 better over there. And we're also getting a less cost
24 for the county taxpayers. And there will be efforts
25 with the meeting that's being set up with the
26 Transportation Departments and the industries and
27 others, to get funding for the fire department over
28 there. And to have a better routing. Murphy Road may
29 not continue as the desired and approved road. That
30 will take place in the upcoming meetings.

31 But thank you all for hanging in there with us.
32 It's not real pleasant, but I greatly appreciate
33 everybody's effort. Thank you.

34 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

35 CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. A couple of months ago
36 on Oak Hill Drive I had some residents where people
37 were coming off the Connector and driving pretty fast
38 and going through people's yards and spinning out and
39 taking out mailboxes and actually wrecked a couple of
40 cars. And so, we were able to sit down with county
41 staff, SCDOT, at Ingles one morning and it worked out
42 wonderful. We worked out a plan that I hope is going
43 to work well. SCDOT actually slowed the speed limit
44 coming off the Connector. County staff was very prompt
45 and got up a flashing sign with a speedometer. And
46 then also were able to put in some reflectors in the
47 road and also some turns on the lane. And so residents
48 are extremely happy. It seems like it's having an
49 effect and people are slowing down. And I was just
50 telling somebody, you know, we spend so much time

1 talking in meetings and rightfully so, we've got to
2 hash out, it's always great to see that the state and
3 county and even city came together to just correct some
4 wrongs at the request of the taxpayer. So those --
5 just good news to share. That's it.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Mr.
7 Graham.

8 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 I've got a couple of things. I want to apologize right
10 off the bat for the length of it, but I just want to
11 share a couple of things. I went to the Association of
12 Counties meeting this past week, week before. And one
13 thing that seems to be brought up every meeting, and
14 Ms. Fant, I'm surprised you have not brought it up
15 tonight because normally you bring it up every meeting.
16 And that's the litter in Anderson County. Coming from
17 law enforcement, we've always been known to steal good
18 ideas from other people. And while I was sitting in
19 one of the meetings, it was actually on opioid, is what
20 the meeting was concerning, we was kind of in the
21 middle of a break, Pickens County was sitting behind
22 me, a couple of their Council members. And they were
23 talking among themselves and they had stated that they
24 have a date scheduled in Pickens County for the county
25 employees to -- and it's the non-essential county
26 employees -- that could basically leave their station
27 and that day go and actually pick up litter throughout
28 the county. Well, that automatically just caught my
29 attention and I turned around and said, do what? I
30 said that's a good idea. I said, do you think it's
31 going to work? And we got to talking and, you know,
32 there's so many values there. Because number one, as
33 we -- I'm saying we as county employees as well,
34 because I feel like that's what we are. We are here to
35 serve the citizens of Anderson County, even as County
36 Councilmen. But with that being said, you know, if the
37 citizen sees that type of action being taken from
38 employees, people that's, you know, going out in this
39 county every single day and they see a day that's put
40 aside strictly for that, I think there's some huge
41 actions that can be received on that. And I hope, you
42 know, we can get report back on this. I've asked Mr.
43 Burns to speak to Samantha Porter -- I forget her
44 married name now -- but Ms. Porter about seeing if we
45 could get something like that established in Anderson
46 County. And you know, in talking to some of the other
47 Council members, even possibly do some type of reward
48 benefit for the employees to take -- that's willing to
49 take that action. So hopefully we can see this coming
50 to fruition in the very near future. We have got a

1 major litter problem. Just this past, I mean couple
2 weeks, I mean it seems like just about every day I'm
3 getting a call from someone complaining about this.
4 And you know, there's times that we scratch our heads,
5 and say really, did they waste their time doing that?
6 But I'm telling you, ride out in the county, you're
7 realize real quick, it is a legitimate complaint. And
8 I mean, it's not on this side, it's not on this side,
9 it's throughout the county. The great thing is, I mean
10 we're got litter control to carry some inmates out and
11 they might pick up this road today, but next week it's
12 going to be dirty again. So hopefully we can get some
13 type of action in the near future on that and get a
14 report back with the possibility of moving forward with
15 that.

16 My next thing is kind of addressing the landfill.
17 Mr. Pressly, you throw accusations on a regular basis
18 as far as on how we're handling that. I personally had
19 nothing to do with the original agreement. And neither
20 did no one else up here. Maybe one of them was here at
21 that time, but I mean, that was beyond our time. With
22 that being said, what I do have something to do with
23 and my fellow Council members, is we've negotiated that
24 price down. Our county employees negotiated that price
25 down. Is it where it should be? No, it could always
26 be better. I mean, I think we always have room for
27 improvement. But we've negotiated that price down
28 cheaper. In fact, at the end of this contract, that
29 gets signed, it will be cheaper than what we're paying
30 today. So we've made progress. Is it where we need to
31 be? Absolutely not. Ms. Wilson, along with other
32 Council members, along with Mr. Harmon, along with
33 county employees, has led numerous, numerous meetings
34 in the community to try to get what is the answer?
35 What are some solutions that we can make your quality
36 of life better in your community? And as Ms. Wilson
37 read earlier, I mean, it's numerous, numerous things on
38 the list. We didn't take that and stick it back into a
39 file. We have been working on that, along with the
40 county employees. And it continues daily. We're still
41 not where we need to be and I will be the first to
42 admit that.

43 But what I would like to do is challenge you to
44 focus on improving the quality of life and come back
45 with some solutions. Because the old contract I can't
46 do nothing about. We can do something about the new
47 one. We can do something about improving the quality
48 of life for the citizens that's in Anderson County,
49 even though they're in the Cheddar community, they're
50 in Anderson County. We represent every bit of Anderson

1 County. It does not matter what district we have. And
2 I feel comfortable in saying that my fellow Council
3 members feels the same. We represent every one in this
4 county. I will not support sending trash to Greenville
5 County. Now that's my opinion. But part of our
6 complaint is people bringing trash into Anderson
7 County. So how can we reverse that role and say let's
8 send it to Greenville. That's the reason I fought so
9 hard and I stood my ground on trying to get a better
10 rate with the only option we have. Should we have more
11 options? Absolutely. But again, that was beyond our
12 control. Because that happened years ago.

13 So I mean, I would definitely encourage you -- I
14 appreciate your comments but I definitely encourage you
15 to come to me with solutions. I'll listen to you. And
16 if you've got a solution, we'll see what we can do.
17 But pointing fingers and directing it towards the
18 previous contract, it's a waste of time. I mean, it
19 truly is because that's beyond our control. And I
20 don't want my time wasted. I'd rather focus on
21 something as far as improving Anderson County. And Ms.
22 Wilson, along with other Council members, along with
23 the County staff, has worked tirelessly on improving
24 the quality of life for that community over there. Are
25 we where we need to be? Nope. But we're heading there
26 and we're going to continue to fight for them. I
27 assure you of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Ms.
29 Floyd?

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, I had
31 a constituent to call me today and he was talking about
32 phone numbers for the county. He can't find them when
33 he needs them. They're not listed in the phone books
34 and he's asking for a way -- he's asking you to please
35 do something so the public can find different
36 departments when they need it, okay? Years ago I
37 printed them out, so I will let you look at what I have
38 to see if you could use it as well. Okay? You could
39 probably reproduce it and get it out.

40 Also, this same person is complaining -- now you
41 can't do anything about about this and I told him that,
42 but he complains that after the meetings you don't have
43 anything -- not you -- but there's nothing in the
44 papers that will dictate what happened at the meetings.
45 He doesn't know what ordinances have passed, he doesn't
46 know what's going on. And I noticed that as well in
47 the newspaper. We're getting less and less stuff about
48 County Council. We used to get at least something
49 about the wolf. But we don't get hardly anything now
50 that I know. I quit taking that paper. So I'm just

1 passing this on to you.

2 Mr. Pressly, I might be able to help you. If I can
3 get out in my back building, my husband was on that --
4 well, we didn't have committees then. Whole Councils
5 worked together on our situations, but I will go
6 through his box and see if I can find the contract.
7 Okay? I know that he worked diligently -- what's
8 wrong? He worked diligently with that landfill
9 commission, okay, whatever they call themselves. But I
10 will see if I can find the original contract. I
11 haven't been able to get myself to go through his
12 things. His sons took all his clothes, so that's gone,
13 but his papers and all of his stuff is downstairs -- I
14 mean outside in that building. And if I can get in
15 there before the next meeting, I will look see if I
16 can't find that for you. And I will give you a phone
17 call. Okay?

18 Secondly, you have a right to speak. You have a
19 right to speak.

20 Thirdly, Mr. Chair, right before the fire people
21 came up to present their thing, present their situation
22 here, you mentioned something about you were waiting
23 for the -- I didn't understand what you were saying.
24 Would you please pass that by me again?

25 TOMMY DUNN: I said, when they first
26 asked for a four mill tax increase, it was put in
27 committee of Public Safety. Then the Public Safety
28 made a recommendation to full Council, which was voted
29 on by full Council, to get -- wait before we took any
30 action until we got the opinion back from the Attorney
31 General of South Carolina. That's what I said.

32 GRACIE FLOYD: The opinion for what? The
33 opinion to ---

34 TOMMY DUNN: For several questions, legal
35 questions that was asked.

36 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Sir, I don't really
37 understand.

38 TOMMY DUNN: I didn't think you would.

39 GRACIE FLOYD: I beg your pardon.

40 TOMMY DUNN: I said I didn't think you
41 would.

42 GRACIE FLOYD: Why?

43 TOMMY DUNN: Because you didn't. You're
44 telling me you don't.

45 GRACIE FLOYD: No. But anyway. Do you
46 know what the questions -- I don't understand the
47 questions. What type of legal questions?

48 TOMMY DUNN: Well, one of them would be
49 how much could that bond go for? How much taxes can we
50 raise? What's the legal -- who has the legal authority

1 over the fire commission to raise taxes? Some of them.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now -- that came up
3 in that meeting?
4 TOMMY DUNN: What came out in that
5 meeting?
6 GRACIE FLOYD: The one that they voted on?
7 TOMMY DUNN: They voted on it to come to
8 full Council and full Council voted on it.
9 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Were the
10 questions in the minutes at that time?
11 TOMMY DUNN: I don't think so, no,
12 ma'am.
13 GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Because I
14 don't know if I were here or not.
15 TOMMY DUNN: I can't remember. You
16 probably wasn't, but I can't remember.
17 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, this came about last
18 year. It started right there.
19 TOMMY DUNN: That's exactly right.
20 GRACIE FLOYD: And last year I think that I
21 was on that committee. And I was ---
22 TOMMY DUNN: No, ma'am. You were not,
23 not on Public Safety Committee.
24 GRACIE FLOYD: Maybe I wasn't. But still I
25 was a member of Council. And I didn't ---
26 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma'am. And this was
27 before Council. This was voted on in full Council.
28 GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I'll see if I can -- I
29 asked for everything that has come up on the fire
30 commission in session, but I didn't see that. But
31 maybe I'll just look again. Maybe I just overlooked
32 it. Yeah.
33 Okay. But the fire situation, folks, belonged to
34 all of us. We're going to have to decide what's going
35 to happen. If my house burns down I don't want to see
36 a fishing boat coming to my house to put it out. I
37 want to see a fire person. We are not doing well by
38 them. We can -- the airport's getting a new airport
39 because they wanted one. Getting a new terminal,
40 excuse me, because they wanted one. We have other
41 people getting everything they want because they wanted
42 one. But now our fire people are coming to us asking
43 for help.
44 Now, I've talked to several of them and they have
45 complaints, too, about things that they are doing
46 within the department. Well, that's something that
47 they're going to have to work out among themselves.
48 And I believe that they can do it. But that's not our
49 concern. Our concern now is to pave the way so they
50 can get the funds they need to build a bigger and

1 better department, fire department. Not a building,
2 but the structure of how it's going to be done. Also,
3 please remember that these men and women are working as
4 volunteers. If they walked off the job because they
5 don't have what they need, or they fear for their life
6 because they don't have what they need, who is going to
7 put out the fire? Who is going to put out the fire?
8 Now, I don't know how many of you all got the message.
9 I know they talked to some of you. I know they talked
10 to some of you. But the -- this situation doesn't
11 belong to only one person who makes the decision. It
12 belongs to all seven of us.

13 I think that's all I have to say. And I thank you.

14 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen.

15 TOM ALLEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 Just wanted to make note that this past weekend over at
17 the Civic Center, for those of you who didn't see it,
18 they had a Junior ROTC drill competition over there.
19 And they were just three teams short of having the
20 largest meet in the nation and it's really interesting
21 to see these kids in high school going through the
22 drill competition, army, air force, navy, marines, it's
23 a very good program. They'll have it again next year.
24 And by that time I think it's going to be the largest
25 in the nation. And I would encourage people to attend.

26 Second item, litter. We have worked -- since I've
27 been on Council, and I know Ms. Wilson knows, too, and
28 everybody else, we have worked and worked on different
29 ideas regarding litter. We've tried everything. We've
30 caught a lot of flack sometimes for things that we
31 proposed, rewriting ordinances, trying to keep things
32 clean. Bottom line of the whole thing is, I don't care
33 how many times all of us go out and pick up the roads,
34 and I pick up Ashley Drive quite frequently where I
35 live, it's going to get dirty again. We have people
36 from the county here that go into the schools to try to
37 educate the kids. Don't throw litter out. We've tried
38 everything. Until the mindset can be changed, I don't
39 know what's going to stop litter. We can go out here
40 and clean up a road, and as I think Ray said, it's
41 going to be dirty next day, next week. It's going to
42 be dirty again. I don't know how we change that
43 mindset. If anybody has suggestions -- we get letters
44 all the time about litter. We need suggestions on what
45 to do to clean it up. We don't have enough people in
46 the detention center. Okay? And there's two people
47 with ideas. Good. Give them to me. But that's what
48 we need. Logical ways that we can do that and then
49 ultimately in the long range is changing a mindset.
50 And I don't know how we do that.

1 The third item I think Ms. Floyd kind of touched on
2 something there and I'm going to call it communications
3 in general. And that's one of the toughest things
4 since I've been on Council, one of the toughest things
5 to do in Anderson County is to get the word out to
6 people. Was the newspaper here tonight? Okay. I know
7 some of our meetings are kind of boring, but as the
8 gentleman apparently said, he doesn't know what goes on
9 in the Council meetings. It doesn't get in the
10 newspaper. There might be one story and it might be
11 many times the story that's put in the newspaper is
12 something that was ten seconds worth of the meeting
13 where somebody said something they shouldn't have said
14 or got mad or whatever, that's what will be in the
15 paper. Not about what actually happened in the
16 meeting. Not everybody takes the paper. Not everybody
17 has a computer so they can follow this on the internet.
18 Not everybody is on Charter cable where they can watch
19 what's going on in the county on channel 193. There is
20 no good way to communicate with everyone in Anderson
21 County. Again, if somebody's got some ideas on that,
22 let me know. Short of sky writing out here with an
23 airplane, I don't know what else to do. But that is a
24 difficult thing to overcome is the communication and
25 trying to do something with litter.

26 And I'll shut up now, Mr. Chair. That's all I've
27 got.

28 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Ms.
29 Floyd had one other thing she wanted to mention.

30 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman has allowed me
31 to go back to one more thing I did forget. I want to
32 talk to y'all about litter. Let me introduce to you
33 Mr. William Meredith. Bill, stand up please. All
34 right. William -- I call him Bill -- Bill is -- came
35 to me about some ideas he had for littering, to stop it
36 or to control it or to make people aware. He and I met
37 with Greg Smith this week -- last week, I don't know
38 when it was, last week. We met with him and Greg
39 seemed to like some of the ideas we had and you'll be
40 hearing more about this. I am on the litter waste
41 committee. And who else is on that committee with me?
42 You are? Oh, great. Who else? Okay. All right. I
43 will be calling a meeting. I didn't do it last year.
44 But this year I will be calling a meeting because I'm
45 really excited about some of the things he said. And
46 please know that I have been picking up trash. I have
47 been picking up trash in Anderson County for a long
48 time. I have picked up on the alphabet street. I have
49 picked up in my neighborhood. And I have picked up on
50 Booker and Susan Street. And I have picked up on

1 Broadway Lake. Nobody up here can match that. I know
2 the litter problem. Okay? And I thank you, Mr. Chair.

3 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Waters.

4 KEN WATERS: Can we take a break because
5 I have a good bit on here. Just listening to
6 everything that's been said, you know, all of this has
7 been good. I can't think of how busy we've been
8 because I get tired. I mean, this is a lot of stuff
9 that's been done. In the last year I'd love to just
10 see what all has been done. And I've got different
11 stuff to talk about, too. Orange bags. We supply
12 those orange bags so people can come get them and they
13 can pick up trash. I saw about 8 of them on the side
14 of Mountain View Road today. An 80 year old lady and
15 her granddaughter has been picking that up for about
16 three years. Now, you know, an 80 year old woman and
17 her granddaughter can pick it up I don't see why
18 somebody else can't pick it up, too.

19 Now, not only is Bassmaster coming, can we talk
20 about the baseball? Can we talk about that? The thing
21 about that is, we just sit back and listen to that.
22 Somebody else put that together. It's the citizens of
23 Anderson County and the employees that work here that
24 do this stuff. We actually have a -- is it three --
25 they only went to bid for two youth league tournaments
26 to come to the Civic Center and play and ended up with
27 three because they heard the gentleman that run it was
28 so good so they went ahead and gave him that one, too.
29 And that's not bass fishing.

30 Wrestling. We just got finished with wrestling.
31 ROTC. You know, we could keep going on and on. I mean
32 the good stuff that's happening. We joke and have a
33 good time. We're friends and Councilmen that have been
34 elected to do this. I'm okay, you know, these are my
35 friends. When Mr. Allen, you know, he said he wasn't
36 going to do it anymore. And so, but he's not going to
37 quit. And the employees, the citizens, the Councilmen,
38 you know, we're citizens, too. Sometimes people don't
39 believe that, but we're citizens, too. And even
40 talking to another county about doing something. Man,
41 we're looking at Upstate now, instead of just Anderson
42 County. We're spreading our wings out and we're
43 communicating with other people.

44 Now y'all know I'm going to say something about the
45 Bass Tournament. I can't wait until that comes to the
46 TD Center. I have been saving money so I can go buy
47 some new toys. And I just wish, you know, when this
48 happens, the TD Center, how busy it is over there. And
49 then they got Krispy Kreme right on the corner, too.
50 So, you know, all of this is working together. I

1 remember when we couldn't hardly find anything to do
2 and now we've got so much to do. We've even got Ron
3 White coming to the Civic Center. I mean, just sitting
4 back and looking at the fruits of our labor, I'm really
5 impressed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.
7 Just like to say, appreciate the words of Mr.
8 Graham said. Also people said, you know, you got a
9 right to talk. There's no doubt about it. But when
10 you get up here and you want to start making
11 accusations about county employees being lazy, crooks,
12 county Councilmen crooks and all that, that's your
13 privilege but be very careful because when you dish it
14 back, if you're going to dish it out, you ought to be
15 able to take it. When you make faces at Council
16 members and tell them they talk too much, shut up.
17 Dish it out, you ought to be able to take it. Be a big
18 person.

19 I want to thank all the volunteers and county
20 employees last Saturday that picked up litter in parts
21 of the county. Also, you know, we talked about here
22 about picking up trash. People, that ain't the
23 problem. Not people picking up trash. We need to stop
24 people from littering. We got to educate, whatever we
25 got to do to get better off because like they said
26 about our jail. You know, if you build a jail big
27 enough to hold a thousand beds, you'll fill it up. If
28 we put out ten crews picking up trash, we could always
29 use two more. We've got to stop. We need to stop the
30 problem. One way to stop that problem, talk to our
31 folks, is work with the magistrate court system. You
32 know, I don't care how financial strapped you are, if
33 you can throw a bottle or beer can or something out a
34 window, at least you can go on the side of the road and
35 pick it up for a day. Courts ought to adhere to that.

36 I want to -- the fire department is a thing. Keep
37 in mind, we don't have absolutely no control over the
38 fire department. I've been one for thirty-seven years.
39 But there's two sides to every story. There are good
40 people on that fire commission board. But good firemen
41 out here. Just got to find a happy medium. Just
42 because the firemen want something -- lot of people
43 want a lot of things. And believe you me, I've talked
44 with the fireman. All the firemen ain't wanting this.
45 But we got to listen to the citizens out here. Come
46 for four mills on our taxes what that will do. Find a
47 happy medium somewhere. Them eight hundred volunteer
48 firemen that's talking about now, it's up to nine
49 hundred. They volunteer. Ones that was here tonight
50 was talking, the chairman, he gets paid a salary. The

1 backbone of the fire service are the volunteer firemen.
2 Want to appreciate all the hard work county
3 employees are doing about the economic development.
4 Really want to appreciate Mr. Burns, Terry Gilstrap.
5 They're going to be -- they've been working for quite
6 some time. I brought this up some time ago with Dr.
7 Booth and Mr. Burns and talk about this. It's going
8 out in the community and giving people -- hitting
9 another group of people for employees and job training.
10 I'm really excited about this and moving this for
11 Anderson County. Think it's going to be great for the
12 citizens of Anderson County and look really forward to
13 Mr. Burns and them rolling this program out and getting
14 this started. My hat's off to them. And talking to
15 Terry, she's just a real passion for a job and we're
16 real lucky to have a lot of the county we got.
17 Meeting be adjourned -- be over. Thank y'all.

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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:46 P.M.)