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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
APRIL 16, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
TOMMY DUNN, CHAIRMAN
RAY GRAHAM
BRETT SANDERS
CRAIG WOOTEN
CINDY WILSON
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call to order the April 16 Anderson County Council meeting of proclamations and resolutions. First we’ll be having resolution R2019-015. Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a stellar group of thespians here tonight. This is a resolution to honor and recognize the Mill Town Players for their exceptional theatrical performance and other matters related thereto. Whereas, the Mill Town Players Community Theater was founded in 2014 by Will Ragland whose purpose was to entertain, inspire and enrich the community with a quality, affordable live theater; and,

Whereas, Mill Town Players hosts a variety of shows year round to include: American musicals, dramas, Southern comedies, themed concerts and youth shows. The season attendance has grown to over 34,000 patrons from all over the Upstate and surrounding areas; and,

Whereas, in 2016, the Mill Town Players received the prestigious Founders Award that recognizes an organization that has made the most significant contribution to theater in South Carolina; and,

Whereas, in November 2018, the Mill Town Players performed at the South Carolina Theatre Association 52nd Annual Convention at Anderson University. After their performance, the Mill Town Players were chosen as the State winner in the SCTA Community Festival for their production of Romeo and Juliet. They also received honors for Best Ensemble, Best Costumes and Best Director, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress; and,

Whereas, the 2019 Community Theatre Festival was held on February 28 through March 2, 2019 in Knoxville, Tennessee. During this festival the Mill Town Players competed against nine others states and were chosen as Best Production for their performance of Romeo and Juliet; and,

Whereas, the Anderson County Council is grateful for your willingness to share your talents to entertain, and inspire our citizens, bringing a positive impact to our community. We wish the Mill Town Players great success as you represent the Upstate in the upcoming national competition at the American Association of Community Theatre in June 2019.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 16th day of April 2019.

Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a second?
JIMMY DAVIS:  Second.
TOMMY DUNN:  Second Mr. Davis.  Any discussion?  Go ahead, Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN:  I’d like to add, my family has attended a Mill Town Players production.  And I love sports, but I think so many times we talk about sports and its impact on the community and people don’t realize how art and culture not only brings the community together but it enhances the lives of the people who live here.  And when you look at it, it brings people from outside this county here at the same rate that some of the other things that we support.  And so I thank you for what you all are doing.  And it’s known across, I know the upstate, as a quality presentation by talented people.
TOMMY DUNN:  Thank you, Mr. Wooten.  I wholeheartedly agree.  Anyone else?
CINDY WILSON:  May I quickly point out, this group has brought about the beginning of the renaissance of Pelzer.  It is amazing to see what has transpired in just a few years and imagine what’s about to take place over there in the next two to three years.  So thank y’all very much.
TOMMY DUNN:  All in favor of the motion show of hands.  All opposed like sign.  Show the motion carries unanimously.
CINDY WILSON:  If we may have my fellow council members and this wonderful group of actors ...

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

WILL RAGLAND:  We just want to thank y’all for recognizing us.  We know that community theater is all about community.  And that’s where our mind and our heart is.  And we love Pelzer, we love Anderson County, and we’re so proud to be the first team from South Carolina to go to Nationals since 1985.  So this is going to be a lot of fun.  And we hope to bring back another award for you.  Thank you so much.

APPLAUSE

WILL RAGLAND:  Oh, sure.  You want to hear about the sign?  We’ve got concrete pouring on April 22nd.  They’re going to put a curb and a sidewalk in there and St. Clair signs has already made it.  They’re going to install it.  And it’s going to be ready for the next production.  We can’t wait.  We’ve been waiting for this for years, to have a real proper sign that lights up at night where folks can actually see where we are.  And we’re so thankful for y’all for helping us finish that goal.  It has been a long time and so many people gave.  And we’re just so excited that this was a community effort.  And so ten thousand
cars a day will now see us on Highway 8. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

WILL RAGLAND: Sure. Listen, you don’t have to make me talk. A Pelzer Gospel Homecoming is happening for one weekend only May 10, 11 and 12; followed by a Southern comedy called the First Baptist of Ivy Gap, which will open in late May and it’s perfect for the whole family. And if you haven’t come to see us we’d love to have you. Tickets are very cheap; twelve dollars and ten dollar discount for seniors, military and students. So we like making our plays affordable, less than a movie, so that anybody who wants to see one can see one. So come see us in Pelzer, South Carolina.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to move on at this time to proclamations (b). This will be Honorable Councilman Sanders will be giving this out.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

A proclamation to recognize and honor Darien Rencher for his personal achievements and as a member of the 2016 and 2018 Clemson Tiger National Champions.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council considers it a privilege to recognize those who have excelled in particular areas of personal achievement, especially the youth of Anderson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council considers it an honor to recognize its young athletes who have distinguished themselves as leaders academically and athletically; and,

WHEREAS, Darien Rencher is a graduate of TL Hanna High School, earning his letter in football for the TL Hanna Yellow Jackets; and,

WHEREAS, Darien is currently a junior at Clemson majoring in elementary education. Darien has followed his father’s path to Clemson athletics. Darien's dad, Darwin Rencher, lettered in Clemson track and field, and is still sixth in Tiger history for outdoor long jump; and,

WHEREAS, Darien Rencher is a walk-on player in the Clemson Tigers Football Program, and he has earned a record 10 career games with 24 carries thus far in his Clemson career; and,

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council wishes to congratulate Darien Rencher for his academic achievements and his remarkable athletic career; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed by the Anderson County Council: The Anderson County Council commends and congratulates Darien Rencher on his personal achievements both academically and
athletically and for representing the youth of our community by bringing the honor not only to himself, his family, TL Hanna High, but to Anderson County. We, the Anderson County Council, are proud of your outstanding representation of our community and wish you well as you continue to pursue your degree and athletic dreams at Clemson University.

Mr. Chairman, I’d like to put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Sanders; second by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Councilman Sanders.

Now, we’ll be moving on to proclamation (c), Councilman Craig Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Chairman.

This is a proclamation to commend and honor Kendall Joseph for his personal achievements and to specifically congratulate Kendall Joseph as a member of the 2016 and 2018 Clemson Tigers National Champions.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council considers it a privilege to recognize those who have excelled in particular areas of personal achievement who have distinguished themselves as leaders academically and athletically; and,

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council strives to encourage initiatives, activities, and programs that foster leadership, citizenship and life skills, which often are facilitated through our local education system and sports programs; and

WHEREAS, Kendall Joseph is a graduate of Belton-Honea Path High School and he is a multi-sport athlete. Before arriving at Clemson, Kendall Joseph ranked 18th as inside linebacker in the nation by ESPN, ranked 17th player in South Carolina by 247Sports.com, selected for Shrine Bowl and three time state weightlifting champion; and,

WHEREAS, Kendall Joseph began his time with Clemson Tigers Football as a red shirt freshman in 2014. Kendall Joseph demonstrated dependability, leadership, and his desire for team success giving way to his teammates naming Kendall as permanent team captain; and,

WHEREAS, Kendall Joseph completed his college career at Clemson playing in 48 games with 40 starts. Kendall received various accolades for his athletic abilities, receiving team awards, nominated as an NSCA Strength All-America, 2018 rankings: as the 57th player in the nation (preseason) by Sports Illustrated and
WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council wishes to congratulate Kendall Joseph on his remarkable high school and college athletic career; and,
WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council and the residents of Anderson County are pleased to acknowledge and congratulate Kendall Joseph for his achievement as a 2017 Clemson graduate with a degree in health science; for his outstanding career on the field as a dependable and selfless teammate and a champion athlete; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed by the Anderson County Council: The Anderson County Council commends Kendall Joseph on his achievements, both academically and athletically; for exemplifying the youth of our community.
We, the Anderson County Council extend our warmest wishes for much success to Kendall Joseph in future endeavors.
PROCLAIMED this 8th day of April, 2019.
I put that in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN:  Have a motion Mr. Wooten; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion? Opposed? Show the motion carries unanimously.
I want to thank my fellow council members for making that official. They was giving those awards the other night at the Touchdown Club. Appreciate that.
This will be adjourned. We’ll meet back and reconvene here at 6:30 for our council meeting.
(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of April 16th, 2019 to order. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Graham to lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Before we do that, thought, I’d like for us to all rise and have a moment of silence, please, for Mr. Grady Phillips, who passed away. Please be with him and his family as they go through this for all he’s done for Anderson County. Let’s have a moment of silence for him and his family, please. Amen.

Mr. Graham, if you would.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let us pray.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY RAY GRAHAM

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll move on with a couple of things. I’d like to welcome and say hey to Mr. Allen back in the back, back there. A former councilman. He can’t get enough of us. Glad to see you here, Mr. Allen.

Also, if y’all will turn to the second page, 8(b), some changes, 8(b), 2019-014, it reads: An ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, so as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential zones. That actually should read: An ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify our storage of personal property in residential zones. Just want to make sure we’ve got things right. Coming to that in a little bit.

So moving on, are there any corrections or changes to be made to the March 19, 2019 minutes? Anyone have any? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 20, line 43, the word and, A-N-D, should be O-N, on. That’s all I’ve got on that particular set of minutes. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a motion to move these forward with that change?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Ms. Wilson to move forward with that change. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Sanders. All in favor show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

We’ll be moving on now, are there any corrections to be made to the April 2, 2019 regular Council meeting?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: On page 25, line 33, it says on F-O-Is. And I don’t know if I said that, but I certainly meant FOIAs, F-O-I-A. And that should follow through the paragraph there, F-O-I-A for FOIA, instead of F-O-I.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Do we have a motion to accept the minutes with that correction?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Thank y’all very much.

Now we’ll be moving on to citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please, for the record, state your name and district. You’ve got three minutes. For agenda items only. And address the Chair, please.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m speaking on ordinance number 8(b) and (c), about the personal property.

I understand that some subdivisions don’t want junk in people’s yards. I’m saying that wholeheartedly and if you’re an HOA, homeowner’s association, you have rules as to what you can park and what you can’t. I have friends who are in them and they can’t even park a trailer behind your car to take the trash to the dump or something. It has to be hidden somewhere, where it can’t be seen in the front. But I hope you’re going to do due diligence on this. This is second reading on this thing tonight, and I see all kinds of problems with this, and I see limiting people’s freedom and the use of their property. If there’s got to be something where you hide this stuff or whatever, maybe there could be some sort of fencing or tarp, whatever. But there are a huge number of people in Anderson County that make their living by stuff that they do from out of their backyard, whether it be hauling gravel, doing lawn work, painting trucks, roofing; just any number of things. And I think we’re getting into an area that we have no business being in.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5, Appalachian Council of

STEVE PELISSIER: (Inaudible at beginning).

Thank you. Mr. Chairman, members of council, here this evening first of all to say thank you for Anderson County’s support to the Appalachian Council of Governments since 1965. And we’ve always enjoyed a really good relationship with County Council, your staff and other entities within the county. And also I’m here to give my return on investment report, as well as my annual report of services from Council of Governments to Anderson County.

I do want to thank Ms. Wilson and Mr. Graham for serving on our Board of Directors. I realize with your service on County Council, and Mr. Graham running a business and Ms. Wilson running a business, as well, that you probably don’t have a hard time filling up your days with activities. So I certainly appreciate you taking extra time out to serve on the COG board. In that same vein, Ms. Floyd, thank you, as well, for your many years of service on the Appalachian Council of Governments board, also.

Prior to the meeting I distributed copies of our annual report and stuffed in the front an insert that gives some specific information for Anderson County. And I think a good measure of performance is return on investment. And Anderson County’s annual investment in the Appalachian Council of Governments is ninety-three thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars ($93,885.00). In 2018, the money that came back to Anderson County or your municipalities or the people of other organizations in the county was four million four hundred fifty-four -- four million five hundred forty-five thousand dollars ($4,545,000.00). That’s a return on investment ratio of forty-eight dollars back to the county for every dollar you investment; a little over two and a half million dollars on grants for community and economic development projects; a little over eight hundred thousand for services to the seniors; through our partners over at WorkLink, seven hundred twenty-seven thousand for workforce development and training; three hundred fifty thousand for the rural transportation improvement program; and a hundred and five thousand for transit. We were able to work with the county to secure a five hundred thousand dollar Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for your airport terminal project. We were able to work with Honea Path on the Chiquola Mill brownfield project, a half million dollar Community Development Block Grant; Powdersville Water District, SC 153 waterline project, another half million dollars; Sandy Springs Water Company line
replacement three hundred seventy-two thousand dollars;
and the Williamston/Belton Drive Sewer Project six
hundred ninety thousand dollars.

The money for seniors provides money for meals,
both home delivered and congregate dining, senior
activities, home healthcare, transit, transportation,
and limited medical services.

The main purpose of those funds is to keep seniors
in their homes. They do better. They enjoy it better.
They do well staying in their neighborhoods and their
communities rather than going into an institution. And
it saves taxpayers a lot of money that way. And so if
we can get somebody a ride to dialysis or to physical
therapy or get them a meal so they don’t have to go to
an institution, that just wins for everybody.

The Workforce Development provides skills for
people who maybe didn’t complete high school or needs
some training to match up with the needs of industries
in this area, for folks who wind up losing their jobs
or plant closings, as well as internships and incumbent
worker.

Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in
transportation improvement program. That was for
engineering and right-of-way for the U.S. 29 Jockey Lot
access and safety project. And that project and a
couple of other projects are coming up where we
actually have a lot more money programmed for
transportation in Anderson County, I’ll talk about in a
minute or two. And a hundred and five thousand dollars
for transit. We were able to purchase an ADA compliant
bus for Anderson County DSN board and also an ADA
compliant van for Senior Solutions.

So in addition to the dollars, I list in my report
several other services we provided to the county. I
know you have a long agenda, so I’m not going to read
all of those to you. But we would encourage you to
take a look at them in your free time and maybe a
couple of highlights. In addition to the new grants
this year, we continued the administration of several
ongoing grants in the county. We work with you all,
the town of Belton and the city of Anderson for the
HOME program. This is a program for the elderly folks
and low and moderate income people to fix up their
houses if they have safety or code issues. Provides
funding to improve those. And Ms. Floyd, you have been
a real hero on this. You have referred numerous folks
to us over the years to take advantage of this program.
And I would encourage all of county council to. We’re
actually seeking people for this project. As I
mentioned, elder or low and moderate income. If you
know of some communities, that’s great, because it’s efficient and I think has a bigger impact if you can get several houses on the same block or the same neighborhood. But we do individuals, as well. If you know of someone contact us or Steve Newton is your staff member who we work with most closely on this. Mr. Newton also can provide information and get information to us.

We’re working with the county to do an update of your land development regulations. Working with city of Anderson to update comprehensive plan and Pendleton to update their zoning ordinance. Continue to work closely with Mr. Nelson and your economic development folks on our Infomentum Program. Enjoy that partnership with them very much. Do board and commission training. We provide the mandatory training for your Planning Commission and Board of Appeals to keep them in compliance with state law and other local government support. Just have lots of projects there listed with communities throughout the county.

Mr. Dunn, that completes my prepared comments, but I’d certainly be glad to respond to any questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it, Mr. Pelissier. Anyone have any comments or questions? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: (Inaudible at beginning) grateful for all that the COG does to assist our county in all these different areas. But there’s going to be a section of -- two sections of Highway 29 North that are going to be eternally grateful, especially the Cherokee Road bridge that stops so many transfer trucks from coming under. If you’ve ever been that route, some of them try to wiggle under and it’s somewhat detrimental sometimes. And there’s so much economic development waiting to happen in that area that can’t until they can get eighteen wheelers in and out safety. So that project alone will mean so much to the county.

And down the road toward Anderson in front of the Jockey Lot, there have been three fatalities, people crossing that road, in the last, I think, twenty-four months or thirty-six months. It’s just so sad that even the owner of the Jockey Lot, trying to be the good Samaritan to help a lady out got hit going across. So getting that intersection changed around so there’s a good line of sight, that will be so -- people will be so grateful there. And to also express gratitude to our SC DOT secretary, Christy Hall, she came up and in person looked at it. So it’s so nice to have the COG because y’all engender so many ways to communicate with all the different jurisdictions and also the
partnerships needed to make some of these projects happen. So I’m very grateful, and I greatly enjoy working with all of you. Thank you.

MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, Ms. Wilson, and I forgot to update the Cherokee project. But absolutely, preliminary engineering is complete. The right-of-way is ongoing. And construction is due to start in 2021, a total of thirteen million dollars. And what I’ll also mention, Ms. Wilson is your representative on the Council of Governments Rural Transportation Committee. We get about four million dollars a year for projects to be spent outside of the ANATs or GPATs area. But over the next eight, nine months, Ms. Wilson and that committee will be updating that plan. So if you know of a need, you may want to talk to Ms. Wilson. And the Cherokee Road bridge project, really that got to the top of the list when Mr. Crowder was in that position. He’s a tough guy and he just made it happen.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Just want to commend Steve and his staff mainly for the commitment that they have continued to do with Anderson County, and basically this partnership, basically bridging the partnership with all the entities that continues to move these programs forward. A return on forty-eight to one, that’s pretty outstanding on any type of investment, but it’s really a core group of individuals that, again, brings partnerships together. It really makes things happen. Definitely been a pleasure being a part of you guys and learning and looking forward to continue working with y’all. Thank you for everything you guys do.

MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

Mr. Sanders.

BRET SANDERS: I would like to thank you, as well, for the projects in District 4, the Pendleton/Sandy Springs area. There’s a lot going on and we appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: I’d just like to thank you for what ACOG has done in the past and continues to do now and what it does in the future, especially our relationship we have with WorkLink and what all it’s done with that. Appreciate it very much. Thank y’all.

MR. PELISSIER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate y’all’s support.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.
Now we’ll be moving on to Item number 6, commendation, Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I want to give a big ole shout-out to the department that’s headed by -- can’t think of his name. The other day I had the opportunity and the privilege to go over to the McCants building to look at some things there. And the building is absolutely awesome. We have one spot that we’re working on, but it was clean, the landscaping was pretty, the yard was all picked up. It was really, really nicely done. I asked about the cleaning and they explained that to me. And they told me about the people there who are making sure that it’s everything we want it to be. Mr. Burns, what was the -- who is the department head over there?

RUSTY BURNS: Brian Richardson.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s right. Brian Richardson is our department head over the buildings and the grounds and everything else. And when somebody is doing a good job, you have to say, good job and a pat on the back. And today I would like to give Brian Richardson and all of his staff, every member of his staff, I like to call it an attaboy. That’s the way to go. He’s doing a good job over there, and we can see it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on to Item number 7, ordinance third reading, 7(a), 2019-006, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park, Project Pak. Like I said, this is our third reading. Mr. Nelson, would you mind just touching on this for just a second before we go into our public hearing in case anybody wants to talk so they’ll know what they’re talking about.

BURRIS NELSON: Sir, I’m happy to do that. This is a courtesy to Greenville County on a project that they have. They announced this project on the 2nd of April, a company called Multi-Pak Solutions. And it gives them an opportunity to position the company for some state incentive programs. And this is a reciprocal agreement opportunity between us and Greenville County to include this project in a multi-county park agreement. And they -- of course, Greenville County Council sends their thanks for our assistance, and they look forward to our next project that they can help us with.

TOMMY DUNN: Now we’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter,
please step forward, state your name and district for
the record and address the chair. Anyone at all?
Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be
closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
second?
JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Show the motion carries.
Moving on to Item number 7(b), third reading, this
will be 2019-009, an ordinance authorizing the
execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax
agreement by and between Anderson County, South
Carolina and COI Anderson Industrial, LLC with respect
to certain economic development property in the county
whereby such property will be subject to certain
payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of
certain special source credits. Project 20190114.
Mr. Nelson, do you want to touch base on this
before we go into public hearing?
BURREIS NELSON: Yes, sir, thank you, Mr.
Chairman. And before anybody asks, COI stands for
Columbus Ohio Industrial. Van Trust is the development
company and they have five locations across the U.S. in
five different cities. This project is worked out of
Columbus, Ohio. And I had to call and ask. I had no
idea what COI stood for. But this is the first time,
and a great first for Anderson County, where we have an
industrial developer willing to come in and build a
spec building using only their money. We don’t have to
spend any money for infrastructure, land, building, any
of those things. We simply discount the property tax a
little bit to help them offset their infrastructure
costs. And it keeps us from being a landlord and
building builder and many other things that I’d rather
not be involved in. And I appreciate that opportunity.
But this is a great opportunity for Anderson County to
get a two hundred square foot, plus, size building.
They’re talking about two thirty to two eighty thousand
square feet of building. But they’re getting ready to
start. They’re waiting on us. And thank you for the
opportunity. And this is a good opportunity for the
county. Thank you, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
We’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
speak to this please step forward, state your name and
district and address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing
and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Do we
have a motion to put this on the floor?

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second

Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just wanted to give you a
little amusement here, COI and you had to figure that
out. The nice thing about this project is that it’s
using OPM, that’s other people’s money.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: I’d just like to express my
appreciation for staff. This is a project we look
forward to it and I think the surrounding neighbors are
excited that there is commercial property being put on
this property. It’s a welcome sight.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. I
appreciate the job the Economic Development Department
is doing. I know this is a good project for District
6, but it’s also a good project for Anderson County,
and we appreciate that.

Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion
show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion
carries.

Moving on to Item number 7(c), again third reading,
2019-012, an ordinance authorizing the execution and
delivery of fee in lieu of ---

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: You going to step outside?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s all right. --- fee
in lieu of tax agreement by and between Anderson
County, South Carolina and Tile Council of North
America, Incorporated with respect to certain economic
development property in the county, whereby such
property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of
taxes, including provision of certain special source
revenue credits, Project 20180801.

Mr. Nelson, again, would you be so kind to give us
some information on this?

BURRIS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you so much. This is a project with the American
Tile Council and in collaboration with Clemson
University in advanced materials research, mostly in
ceramics. And the Tile Council has been -- was formed
over fifty years ago. Our relationship in Anderson
County with them is almost twenty years old. And this
is an expansion of the Tile Council property in the
Clemson Research Park. They do extensive research with
all kinds of ceramic materials. And some of it looks
like plastic. It’s pretty amazing all the things that
they do. But they’ll be hiring a minimum of twelve
employees that will all be paid in the sixty, seventy,
eighty thousand dollar range. Great job opportunities.
Young people that are scientists will have an
opportunity for a job. A good project for Anderson
County. And of course, it comes with a recommendation
from staff and Advisory Board for council’s
consideration. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

Now we’ll go into a public hearing. Anyone wishing
to speak to this, please step forward and state your
name and district and address the Chair, please.
Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing no one, public
hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to put
this on the floor?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second

Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries. Let the record show Mr. Sanders
recused himself.

Mr. Davis, do you mind asking him to come back
inside?

Moving on to Item number 8(a), 2019-013, second
reading. Ordinance authorizing the execution and
delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and
between Anderson County, South Carolina and a company
or companies known to the county at this time as
Project Azul with respect to certain economic
development property in the county, whereby such
property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of
taxes, including the provision of certain special
source revenue credits. Mr. Nelson.

BURREIS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
This is a solar project. It doesn’t create any jobs,
but it’s taking a property that’s about forty acres
paying sixty-one dollars in property tax. And once the
operation is completed, construction is completed,
operation is in place, they will be paying
approximately seventeen thousand five hundred dollars a
year. And of course, over a twenty year period that
will generate more than three hundred and fifty
thousand dollars in property tax for Anderson County.
If it had stayed that way it would have generated in
twenty years about thirteen hundred dollars total. A
great opportunity for investment and return on a dollar
for Anderson County. This comes to council as a
recommendation from staff and from the Advisory Board for your consideration.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion, questions, comments for Mr. Nelson? Anything at all? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Thank you, Mr. Nelson. Appreciate you and your team.

BURREIS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you so much for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to Item 8(b), second reading, 2019-014, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify storage of commercial -- I’m sorry -- clarify storage of personal property in residential zoned areas. If we move forward, and I talked to (new audio file) attorney about this in the next (c), also Item number (c). Before we can pass these, if we decide to pass these or not and do anything, our ordinance says they’ve got to go before the Planning Commission. I’ve already talked to Dr. Parkey for them to look at this, asked them if they would and not do this at -- they might not be able to do this at a zoning -- I’m sorry -- at a Planning Commission meeting. They might have a special meeting to do this, have some workshops to do it. But it’s my recommendation at this time to send this to the Planning Commission. I put that in the form of a motion.

RAY GRAHAM: I second that.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Graham. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Both ordinance 14 and ordinance 15, both of them, the first ordinance I don’t think there was a real concern about. But the second one, we’ve been struggling with that one.

TOMMY DUNN: It is the second one we’re struggling with, but according to our ordinances, this has to come as a recommendation from the Planning Commission, both of them.

CINDY WILSON: Well, I did want to give you an update on the second one. One of the two
properties that was used for an example of concern, the
neighbor has come to the aid of that particular young
man who has probably less than an acre, and it’s zoned
R20 and he has all the equipment. But she has offered
to allow him to put all of his equipment and the mulch
and everything onto her property tucked in behind
everything because she has a big farm adjoining it. So
that issue, that immediate issue, is going to be
resolved pretty shortly. But we do need to figure out,
maybe with the help of the Planning Commission and
other communities a way henceforth on these issues.

TOMMY DUNN: Also keep in mind, these
two things only pertain to zoned areas. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I just want to clarify.

With your motion we would be sending this to Planning.
Once they come back with a recommendation, at that
point we would move forward with the second reading?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: I’m going one at a time.

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I guess my concern is
(inaudible). I guess what I was thinking is what could
the Planning Commission do to this ordinance so that if
it came back I would be supportive of it? And I’m not
really -- I can’t really think of what they could do to
it that would make me comfortable. And therefore I
feel like I’m sending them something that I already
know the answer to. And -- but not to say that they
could not bring things to light that maybe I’m not
seeing. But I guess that’s my only concern. I mean I
don’t mind a fresh set of eyes on it, but I worry that
we’re sending them something troublesome that we might
already sort of know where we’re going with it.

TOMMY DUNN: And I can -- if I may, I
may can agree with a lot of that statement, Mr. Wooten,
but also I think it don’t hurt to have some more eyes
on it. They may very well come back with a
recommendation that it’s no good. They won’t move it
forward. They’ve got that option after they give some
thought to it.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

BRETT SANDERS: (Inaudible) agreeing with
Mr. Wooten.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, when is the
next Planning Commission meeting?

TOMMY DUNN: They meet the second
Tuesday of the month, if I’m not -- that’s right, yeah,
that would be the second Tuesday of the month. Now
they may have a committee meeting before. You know, they can have a called committee meeting. Because they’re their own -- got their own rules and their own leadership and all. But I expressed to them, this is something I don’t think can be done one night at a zoning -- I keep saying zoning -- I mean at a Planning Commission meeting with a lot of zoning issues on it. This needs to be something done at a workshop, to start with anyway.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: The thing that gets me is -- I agree with Mr. Wooten, as well. But the thing that gets me is you’re talking about a fresh pair of eyes on it. The Planning Commission, you’re talking about the Anderson County Planning Commission; right? Okay. The three people on that committee is sitting up here now.

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. There’s seven on the Planning Commission, our appointees.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, okay. Mr. Chairman, it’s my mistake and I apologize.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, ma’am. This is our Planning Commission that we appointment. Each member has got one appointment. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. To me it looks like we’re getting ready to open up a can of worms. Next time someone comes in with a complaint, it could be something as simple as they don’t like the color of someone’s mailbox. And I don’t -- I mean it’s getting a little tricky here. And I hate to see people get upset or discouraged about things going on, but I also hate to put unnecessary work on Dr. Parkey and his staff, already as busy as they are.

TOMMY DUNN: I understand.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: I’m not going to continue to voice my concerns from last meeting. I mean I think everyone knows how I stand on this. I guess the reason I support this is knowing that the Planning Commission, for one thing, they’re more knowledgeable as far as what’s -- what is allowed and what’s not allowed. And I’m not too sure with their expertise and the knowledge that they have on this subject that they’re not going to be able to come back and basically enlighten us that, you know, basically some of your subdivisions has already got things in place as far as whether to sue the homeowners or whatever, and they manage that, and we’re basically overstepping our bounds trying to do
something different. I guess we’re putting that extra
set of eyes. I don’t want to be dumping it on their
plate to make a decision for us, but in the same
respect I do want to rely on their expertise and the
knowledge that they do have. I do not support neither
one of these. And I don’t want to say I won’t change
my mind. But it’s definitely going to have to come to
us with a completely different mentality than what I’m
seeing at it right now. But I definitely feeling like
relying on the Planning Commission as far as with their
knowledge would hopefully bring back some insight to
all of us.

TOMMY DUNN: Let me say this. I know
it’s just a play on words, but this is not something
that’s being dumped on the Planning Commission. This
is a -- we passed this. It can’t go into effect before
it goes before the Planning Commission. That’s our
ordinance and our state law, plus the ordinance. Also,
we’ve got a professional staff that’s went to school on
this and hopefully they can look at this and they can
put some eyes on this and have a recommendation, too.
And they very well -- the ultimate decision is going to
be this body right here.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, how did this
come to be? I mean how did the whole start to do this?
TOMMY DUNN: I think it come out of the
Planning and Public Works Committee.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
CINDY WILSON: May I add to that?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: There were a lot of
citizens who showed up and were very anguished over a
situation in one neighborhood. And then another
gentleman in reference to the second item that we think
we may have a resolution, he and his neighbors on the
other side were really upset because it was so junked
up. It was formerly a very pretty little ranch house
and it’s the worst mess you’ve ever seen. So it’s
zoned out there and there’s no homeowner’s association.
So anyway, we think we’re going to get that particular
situation resolved. But henceforth it would be good to
have some kind of decent rules for the zoned areas. He
knew when he purchased the property what it was zoned,
and that’s -- it kind of comes with the land. But
anyway thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion
show of hands.
GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible.)
TOMMY DUNN: To go to the Planning
Commission. Show the motion carries.
Moving on to Item number 8(c), again second reading, 2019-015, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 6 of Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential zones. This is the one here we had a lot of concerns with, talked about last meeting, and this is the one that, again, I make the motion we send this to the Planning Commission.

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

Moving on now to Item number 9(a), this is first reading, ordinance 2019-016, an ordinance authorizing the transfer of a tract of real property located within the city of Belton, South Carolina municipal limits to the city of Belton for use by the city for municipal purposes. Mr. Burns, do you have anything? Or Mr. Harmon? I didn’t mean to wake Mr. Burns up. I apologize.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman and members of council, this is a matter that came out of a committee to donate a small lot and building in the city of Belton to the city.

TOMMY DUNN: We was not using this building; right?

LEON HARMON: We are not using the building. It had been rented out at one time, and the lessee moved out.

TOMMY DUNN: I think Belton requested the use of this building; right?

LEON HARMON: Pardon me?

TOMMY DUNN: Belton has requested the use of this building?

LEON HARMON: They have; yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: I think it’s in here or it should be in here somewhere, if it’s ever sold the money comes back to us, the money or whatnot, the council -- when I say us, I’m talking about Anderson County.

LEON HARMON: It will. And that will be part of the deed when the deed is drawn. The reason we have to do this ordinance is because of state law, we’re required to do an ordinance to sell, lease or donate property.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions or comments? Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham; second
Ms. Wilson. Anymore discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 10(a), R2019-016, a resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month, and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to obtain decent, safe and sound living environment; and
WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council rejects discrimination on the base of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or family statute in the sale, rental and provision of other housing services; and
WHEREAS, the state of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and
WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as the Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, may it be resolved that Anderson County does hereby designate April 2019 as Fair Housing Month.

RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled the 16th day of April, 2019.

I put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

Moving on to Item number 10(b), a resolution expressing intent to cease county maintenance on and to authorize county consent to judicial abandonment and closure of Abner Place designated as C-16-0069, in District 3. Do we have a motion?

RAY GRAHAM: Motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Graham to approve this. Do we have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion. Do we have any discussion?

GRacie FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRacie FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, have we informed or put up signs or something so the people in that area will know that this is going to be a chance here?

TOMMY DUNN: Have we, Mr. Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns says yes.

GRacie FLOYD: Okay. All right. Mr. Burns, have we had anyone to object to this?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.

GRacie FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me, Ms. Floyd. Ms.

CINDY WILSON: There’s one objection in
the backup material.

TOMMY DUNN: Did you see that, Mr. Burns? While he’s looking for that, Mr. Graham, I think it’s his district, I think there’s three property owners?

RAY GRAHAM: That’s correct. There’s actually three property owners. And this is literally a triangle. One of the property owners owns the house on one side of the road, and plus the triangle. And when I say triangle, the cut-through road is probably from here to the wall. At one time it was utilized for school buses. But as they redone the road and the main highway that runs down through there, that’s not even a necessity no more. And I apologize, I did not realize that anyone did request it not be closed. But all the residents that’s actually surrounding this property is basically the ones that brought it before council. I done like we always do, send it to Holt’s staff and they done their due diligence to ensure that there was no type of issues with the closure of that road.

TOMMY DUNN: Do you recognize the person or people that -- the person that objected, do they live around there?

RAY GRAHAM: No, actually he lives in the town of Iva. He’s a prior council member for the town of Iva. Great gentleman. Talk with him on a regular basis. It says he uses the road often. I’m definitely not going to go against what he’s stating, but it literally -- it’s almost a circle that comes through there. And you almost have -- it’s almost more aggravating to come through Abner Place versus doing a complete circle. But, you know, I’m sure he has his reasons for utilizing that road. I didn’t realize he had objected to that until tonight. Thanks, Ms. Wilson, for pointing that out.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. This is the same type of problem that was brought to county council, I think it was last month. There was some folks who wanted to shut down Diana Street because of the same problems. And I think one of the council members chaired -- I mean took over on that one. But it’s the same thing. There was only two people that lived on Diana Street, and they were having the same problem; speeding on the road, disregard of the stop signs on the road, and the big heavy trucks coming through at all hours of the night that disrupted their sleep. And it’s almost the same thing. And yet we would not even listen to the people -- those ladies when they came here, but now we have another one in a different area.
And it appears to be all right, we’re going to close it down. We even had a list of people who agreed to close it down, but none of that was considered that night. And I didn’t really have a chance to speak on it. The ladies were sitting there and they were just overwrought. And to this date they are still -- I talked with them yesterday. I talked with them today on this same issue. They are still trying to get something done. Lady sent me a picture of a school bus coming up that way on Diana Street, and it ran the stop sign there. Of course, I sent that on to the school district. And then there was a big truck that came that way. It ran the stop sign, too. That was sent to Mr. Hopkins. But what’s the difference between what we did on that road and what we’re doing on this one?

TOMMY DUNN: Are you asking me?

GRACIE FLOYD: No. I was just looking at you. But I ask council, what’s the difference? And you all voted against it. What’s the difference?

TOMMY DUNN: I think, Ms. Floyd, the difference is, if I’m not mistaken, county staff recommended denying that road closure versus they haven’t on this one. Another thing, this road is sort of out in the country. The road you’re talking about is right on the corner of -- there’s some business corners right there on 28 Bypass. There’s a big difference; isn’t there?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, not really. On 28 Bypass you’ve got a store there that’s empty.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. But that’s a business.

GRACIE FLOYD: They’re trying to rent. And they asked that we not close the road until they rent the property. So who are we pleasing here? Somebody is being pleased. Not the homeowners. But are we waiting for the business to do what they said they’re going to do before we can close it. But listen, my only thing is you did it that time without even giving any full consideration. And just that one person said well, I don’t want it closed. But here we’ve got something here now that’s different, and we’re going to close it. But anyway, I only have one vote.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I understand Mrs. Floyd’s position, but I do understand also that the county went out, roads and bridges went out, and they recommended one not be closed and they’re recommending the other one to be closed. I’m not a
road expert by any means, but they are the experts that
the county hires and pays them. And I think that they
do a fair job. I hate that Ms. Floyd’s got -- she’s
upset about her’s. I think there was some confusion
about the district at the time. And someone had
brought it up on council, and the thought was that was
their business.

But I support what our county employees do. I
respect them. I think they are experts in their field.
And I also would support Councilman Graham, it’s in his
district and the ultimate call, I think, would be his.
And the county will vote on it. It’s his district.
Roads and Bridges went out and looked, said they would.
Roads and Bridges actually looked at Ms. Floyd’s, said
to leave it open. But on her behalf a council member
came up and spoke, recommended, and I was under the
assumption that was their district and they wanted it
open, and went along with what the county employees
said.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Sanders, thank you.
Mr. Chairman, may I? Mr. Sanders, let me tell you
something; okay?
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: All right. I represent
twenty-two thousand people. They voted for me. They
did not vote for Roads and Bridges.
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Now I do think that they do
a wonderful job. I’ve worked with them explicitly for
the last twenty years. I have worked with them. I
have taken their advice. But there are some times when
you have to make a decision what’s best for Roads and
Bridges or what’s best for the people that you serve. N
ow, I went along with it. I went along with it. I did
not like the way it was presented or who presented it.
I should have been given the courtesy to present that
because it was my district, like everybody else. But I
know fully well what Roads and Bridges do. And I do
support them. But in your political lifetime, you will
not do everything somebody else tells you to do. You
will be making decisions that’s best for your people
because you are the people that represents them. If
that wasn’t the case then we would not have voted for
council people; we would have voted for Roads and
Bridges. And I thank you for that. Mr. Chairman, I
yield.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. All in favor of
the motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstains.
Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in
favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.

Moving on now, Item number 11, road acceptance into
the county inventory, Magnolia Farms Subdivision,
Magnolia Farms Way, Sparrow Drive. Do we have a motion
to put this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson, second
Mr. Graham. Now, discussion.

JIMMY DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: Do we have anybody here
that’s qualified ---
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, he’ll do for the time
being, I guess. We’ll have to take what he says.
RUSTY BURNS: Everything has been
inspected by Roads and Bridges Department and they are
acceptable to be accepted into the county system.
JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Burns.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else have any
questions or comments? All in favor of the motion show
of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Now moving on to requests by council members.
Anyone have anything. Mr. Davis, do you have any?

JIMMY DAVIS: No, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?
BRETT SANDERS: None at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have any?
GRACIE FLOYD: Not at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: None at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir, not at this time.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?
CINDY WILSON: No.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to
administrator’s report.
RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on, citizens
comments. Please when Mr. Harmon calls your name,
please address the chair. You’ve got three minutes.
State your name and district for the record, please.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, we have one
citizen signed up. Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
Signage is real important. Today coming in from I-85,
I again looked at our new sign kind of near
Powdersville and it’s really nice; showing where we
are. And also to tell people what we want, just like
the Mill Town Players, their sign. You want people to
know who you are, where you are, what you are. You
need to have a good sign. I’m amazed at how many signs
there are out here, though, that are in such poor
condition. And I don’t know whether there’s an
ordinance or something that should deal with that. But
I see so many signs out here, commercial signs,
property for sale and the sign is falling over or the
sign is falling off of its frame, or the grass is a
foot high. How in the world do you expect to sell a
piece of property if you’re not representing it in the
best manner.

Two things that I picked up in the last week; one
was at the museum, Anderson County Events April of
2017; another one is for Belton Events. These are the
kind of things that people pick up, they file and then
they go to these things. That and Facebook. If you
don’t advertise you’re having these events, they’re not
coming. I’ve been digging in some of my resources. I
have Anderson County operations from 1970. Real
interesting some things in there. 2001, Anderson
County Report to the people, I think. Also some
interesting things. And then the Anderson County
Courthouse addition, 1991. New courthouse was 1991?
That’s almost thirty years ago.

There’s not much information out there, but you
need (inaudible) if they’re going to do something with
it.

Now, Ms. Floyd, I’m going to agree with you. I
think I saw that same road on Facebook. Somebody was
on there and they were talking about and showed
pictures of how that big truck came through and another
car. They’re not heeding the stop sign. It’s not just
about the road. Somebody needs to get out there and
give them a ticket. Which leads me to the Sheriff’s
report.

Litter crew picked up one thousand eight hundred
and forty-one bags. I participated in the Belton
clean-up. I participated in the Anderson County clean-
up. My contribution to Belton was cleaning up the
Farmers Market by myself and also the sign that’s
coming into Belton, real nice rock sign, the weeds were
so high you couldn’t see it over the growth. I paid
somebody to go out there and mow it and weed it down so
you can see it. There’s absolutely no point in putting
signs out there advertising things if nobody can see
them.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

At this time we’ll move on to comments from council
members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
just want to say a great word of appreciation for Mr. Burns and all of the county staff that participated in the town hall meeting we had just a few short days ago in Powdersville. I think we had fairly good participation, and we look forward to more meetings in District 6, but the county staff was absolutely amazing to have there. They helped me immensely. I just wanted to say a word of appreciation. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Nothing.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, I do. Thank you. If you would look around you don’t see a group of people that have been coming to council meetings religiously, and I want to tell you why. They are in Alabama visiting the new black statue down in Alabama. They took a group of kids. And this was the money from their -- District 2's recreational account so they could do that. They’re gone there for the, yeah, for the holidays. And I think they took about fifteen kids there. Uh-huh (affirmative). And we’re really excited about them and we wish them well and that everybody has a really good time.

Now, on Friday when they -- they get back on Wednesday or Thursday, I can’t remember, but they have another group that they’re taking to the Civic Center to see the rodeo. This is a younger group. So they’ll be going there to see the rodeo. And they’re really excited about that. And again, thanks to the recreational fund from District 2.

And we would also like to thank Brett Sanders, Mr. Sanders, for helping with the transportation. He arranged the transportation for the children to go to the Civic Center to see the whole thing. And they’re taking the little fifteen younger kids there. They’re just boys, just a group of boys. They’re black and they’re white and they’re all the colors of the beautiful rainbows. And they’re down there hoping that they’re safe because of this weather. But District 2 and I are very, very proud of the fact that these kids could do that.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Just want to mention one thing to kind of give fellow council members a little heads up. There will be a
Public Safety meeting April 23rd at 10:15. There’s going to be a gentleman from FAA that will be present that’s going to be providing some training and basically some knowledge of dos and don’ts as far as on drones and, you know, basically what counties can do to enforce the different law on that. So anyone that wants to attend that, hopefully there will be some good information shared there.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. Just real quickly. My family and I went to the Spring Jubilee a couple of weeks back and on the way back out of town we took the kids to Barrett’s Park to hang out for a little bit. And I looked out over the fields because it’s hard to believe more than thirty years ago, I played for PYAA, Pendleton Youth Athletic Association. And those fields meant a lot to us and we spent a lot of afternoons on those fields. Quite honestly they looked a little bit sad. And I don’t think it’s any fault of the folks that work out there; they’re trying to do their best.

So you know, I was going to say, Councilman Sanders and David Taylor at Stack (phonics), I don’t know how all this came about, but when I got that memo, that means a lot to a lot of people out there, the fact that this gentleman would step forward with his own to make improvements out there, because I know a lot of kids in that area still use it. The timing of that was just incredible and really encouraging.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our county is so rich in entertainment and recreational opportunities. We are so blessed from the river in the northeastern part of the county, to the lake in the south part. For example over last weekend the South Carolina Upstate Equine Council hosted their charity horse show that funds vet tech scholarships and the training work and a lot of youth opportunities for equine education and so forth. There were over four hundred entries. And there were people from four hour drives away. Even a very courtly European gentleman showing his horse who has moved to the area. So that was really cool.

The note of speeding vehicles and reckless driving, Ms. Floyd, you may want to give Mr. Dale McCarley a call. He has worked magic, although it’s temporary in nature, apprehending the speeders and the traffic violators around the Big Creek Landfill out in the Cheddar area, and then on Midway, Stringer and Traynum.
He’s caught people going sixty-five miles an hour in thirty-five mile zones and not stopping at stop signs. But he is a wonderful county employee and he’s done a lot to help those areas out.

But anyway, we’re very blessed in our county with good folks and beautiful places.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you for allowing me to come back. Ms. Wilson, we have turned it all over to the folks who are trained and paid to take care of traffic. We have called the state and we have called the county. And I thank you.

But there was something else I have to say that I wanted everybody to know. I want you to know that this is my first full day of leaving my house without my rollator. Yeah, I’m on a new type medicine and I think it’s going to work. The only thing I have now is my cane. I haven’t gotten rid of it yet, but that’s the only thing I’m walking with now. So keep me in your prayers. Keep me able to do this longer. But when I fall, if I fall, I won’t be down long. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson -- pardon -- Ms. Floyd, that’s good news to hear. Glad you’re feeling better.

I’d just like to take a quick few minutes to thank all the volunteers, not only last Saturday’s clean-up, but Saturday before last. We had a group of people that I think worked up in Pendleton. I know Mr. Sanders and Mr. Wooten was there. We also had a group, a bunch of folks at the Civic Center. These people spread out mulch, cleaned up. I know there was several organizations out there. New Springs Church had about two hundred and fifty volunteers out there. Those people -- that’s what makes Anderson County -- I’ve always said when I go somewhere to talk, that’s what makes Anderson County special, I think, is the citizens. They’re going out and doing action and doing things and not just talking about it.

Also, I want to thank Mr. Burns, his staff, and hope to do something for them very soon for all the hard work they done at the two Bass Tournaments this past week. I know Greg Smith and his folks and others were over there at the CVB, they just worked tirelessly. And been a big success, a lot of good things. And appreciate all that we do.

I want to echo Ms. Floyd. You know, we’ve got a rodeo coming up this weekend at the Civic Center. Hope we go out and support that.

And last but not least, working with Ms. Davis
trying to put the final touches. She is the administrator as far as the budget. As soon as they get that, and I think it’ll be next week, we’ll be having a budget workshop. I’ll be getting a schedule and getting y’all -- letting y’all know, the full Council.

Thank y’all. Meeting be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.)